

new one on the principles of Total Abstinence. Accordingly a few (of the staunchest friends of Temperance) assembled on the 9th January, 1839—at which time a new Society was formed as aforesaid. But having many prejudices to contend with, the society increased slowly for the first two years; and when Mr. McDonald visited us on the 15th January [42], our society only numbered 35. But through his, and the exertions of a few of the members of the Society the number has been increased to 110—thus you will perceive our Society is gaining in numbers although we have neither the influence or assistance of Minister, Deacons, or Magistrates, to assist us. At a meeting held yesterday at the Baptist Chapel, it was unanimously Resolved, that £3 should be paid towards the support of a Travelling Agent, on or before the first of January next, £1 11s. of which was paid at the time to Mr. McDonald. This Society meets quarterly. The officers for the present year are as follows:—Mr. James W. Stevens, *President*; Messrs. Matthew Gibbon, and William Sibley, *Vice-Presidents*; Mr. John Richardson, *Recording Secretary*; Mr. William Faulkner, *Corresponding Secretary*; Mr. Joseph Sibley, *Treasurer*; Messrs. Abner Polley, Asel Woodworth, Robert Wright, and Joseph Pulsifer, *Committee*.

I have the honour to be, &c.

WILLIAM FAULKNER,

Corresponding Secretary, Lower-Stewiacke T. S.

PITHY LOGIC.—If there be any man who opposes the cause of Temperance I will ask him, and I will endeavour to convince him of his error; I will bring him to a garret in a loathsome lane, and I will show him a corner where I and my wife and family used to lie on a wad of straw almost naked, without wood or fire for days; and then I will lead him to a respectable street, and on arriving at the drawing room, I will show him a well dressed female and two children fair and healthy, surrounded by all that can produce human happiness, and I will tell him these were the people who lived in the garret I showed him; teetotalism took them by the hand and brought them here; and would you advise them go back again?

CHARACTER OF A SOT.—He is like a statue placed in moist air—the lineaments of humanity are mouldered away, and there is little left of him but the rude lump of the shape of a man. He has drowned himself, as it were, in a butt of wine. He has disfigured his humanity and drank himself into a beast.

Talents give a man a superiority far more agreeable than that which proceeds from riches, birth, or employments, which are all external: Talents constitute our essence.—*Rollin*.

Calmness under contradiction is demonstrative of great stupidity; or strong intellect.—*Zimmerman*.

A spark will go out of itself, if you do not blow upon it. Turn an indifferent ear to false reports, or reflections upon others, and the retailer of it will soon find he brings his wares to the wrong market.

The Visitor.

HALIFAX, N. S.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1842.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

BRITISH.

The steamship Caledonia brought intelligence to the 4th of June. Much excitement had been occasioned in the United Kingdom by an attack on her Majesty, while proceeding in her carriage through the Green Park. A madman, or villain, presented a pistol and discharged it. He was immediately secured. His name is Francis, his father held a place about one of the theatres, and himself had been out of employment, and acting incoherently, for some time previous to the occurrence which has excited so much detestation. He asserts that the pistol was not loaded. We can scarcely imagine that any sane mind in her Majesty's extended Empire would have conceived any design to injure her person. Her Majesty may be considered the most beloved and popular of British Sovereigns, and one whose acts give continual cause for the affections of the people. Congratulations on the escape were presented from all parts of the kingdom. Demonstrations of affectionate loyalty were made in every direction.

Social incendiaries were endeavouring to affect the ranks of the Irish Teetotallers. Their abominable efforts were met by counteracting energetic steps; and the people stood firm. He that is in favour of the virtuous is greater than all they who are against them. Nothing can materially hurt those who are true to themselves.

"DESTRUCTION OF AN INDIAMAN."—The ship Georgia, an Indiaman, Captain Mitchell, bound to London, between 800 and 900 tons burthen, was destroyed by fire at sea on the 1st April. She was valued at £7,000, being splendidly fitted up for the accommodation of passengers. She had a rich cargo on board, consisting of jewellery, merchandise, &c., total loss, nearly £20,000. It appears that early on the morning mentioned, the 'watch' on deck, when off Madagascar, discovered a strong smell of burning about the ship. On the main hatches being taken off, the burning was found to proceed from the cargo, when orders were given to remove a portion of it so as to get at the fire. The crew, however, had not proceeded far before a volume of smoke burst upon them, which became so intense that they were forced to desist. In about two hours the flames broke through the cabin windows, and the hatch-