

Society. They, accordingly, under the auspices of Lieutenant-Col. Fleming, formed themselves into a Committee, and commenced their labours, by framing an Address to their fellow Soldiers, and drawing up Rules, &c. for the management and guidance of the intended Society. These were embodied, printed and circulated in the month of March, 1832, and on the 23d April following, the Committee held its first meeting, and, finally, established a *Temperance Society*!

Having given a short narration of the origin and formation of the Society, the Committee now proceed to give a detailed account of the Society's proceedings for the past year; and in the first place, would beg to refer to the admission of Members. The total number that have joined our ranks since the formation of the Society in April, 1832, is 100; of whom, from a variety of causes, 49 have been discontinued, leaving our present number only 51. It may be remarked, that out of the number who have left the Society, 6 have been discharged, 2 have been transferred to the Depôt, 3 have paid the debt of nature and are gone to render an account of their Stewardship; the remaining 38, from their vitiated habits and want of resolution, have returned to their former practices of intemperance, "like the sow, to her wallowing in the mire." And here it may not be amiss to inform the reader, that it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee, that had their constitution been based on the principle of a *moderate use of Spirits*, instead of *total abstinence*, their numbers would have been *triple* what they now are; but so fully were the Committee convinced of the fallacy of such a principle, that they determined on striking at the root of the evil, and, that no one should be ignorant of that principle, the Committee, at their meetings, on the 21st of each month, (except when that day may happen to fall on a Sunday,) held for the purpose of receiving the names of applicants for admission, or enrolling such candidates as may have completed their period of probation,—the Declaration and Rules are invariably read to every member joining the Society.