

28th July, 1834, both inclusive, an elaborate Report, from which the following extracts are made, was agreed to by the Committee, which Report in full, was subsequently adopted by the House, and was ordered to be printed among its records.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT, &c.

CONSEQUENCES TO INDIVIDUAL CHARACTER.

“That the consequences of the vice of intoxication among the humbler classes, and the prevalence of intemperate habits, and pernicious customs among the middle and higher ranks, are so many and so fearful to contemplate, that it is as difficult as it is painful to enumerate even the outlines of them.

“That the following are only a few of the evils directly springing from this baneful source :

“1. Destruction of health; disease in every form and shape; premature decrepitude in the old; stunted growth and general debility and decay in the young; loss of life by paroxysms, apoplexies, drownings, burnings and accidents of various kinds; delirium tremens, (one of the most awful afflictions of humanity); paralysis, idiotcy, madness and violent deaths,—as proved by numerous medical witnesses, who have made this the subject of their long and careful investigation.

“2. Destruction of mental capacity and vigor, and extinction of aptitude for learning, as well as of disposition for practising any useful art or industrious occupation.

“3. Irritation of all the worst passions of the heart,—hatred, anger, revenge, with a brutalization of disposition that breaks asunder and destroys the most endearing bonds of nature and society.