

this great country! Can anything, then, exceed this infatuation? Setting aside religion, is this like a nation of rational men? Truly might Britain be denominated the Bedlam Island! Sixty-five millions sterling! O'h, what this sum, wisely employed, might have done to mitigate the sufferings, and promote the comfort of the impoverished masses of the whole empire! Compared with this prodigious mass of gold, how pitiful—how contemptible the pittance devoted, in all shapes and forms, to promote the cause of humanity, of education, and of religion! The united income of all our principal denominational and general societies comes to little more than the *one hundred and thirtieth part* of this mighty sum—the various items amounting to only £505,264 1s. 8d. Protestant and pious Britain is annually spending *half a million of money on the world's salvation, and sixty-five millions on strong drink!*

But, as the writer of the admirable tract on the Temperance Movement, lately published by the Messrs. Chambers of Edinburgh, truly says, "We obtain but an imperfect idea of the annual loss entailed on the country from intemperance, by a mere recital of the expense of the intoxicating agent's consumed. Such is only the first loss. The secondary losses are summed up as follows: a large proportion of pauperism; loss of health and character; premature death, widowhood, and orphanage; abandonment to vicious pursuits and crimes: an enormous outlay in supporting judicial tribunals, police establishments, jails, and penal settlements; the abstraction of land from useful crops for food; and the distraction of capital into wrong channels. Of the evils ensuing under the head of public morals and religion, the picture is too appalling to be dwelt upon."

Christian Englishmen, are these things so? Yes, this witness is true; and the good of these nations, the diffusion of the Gospel, and the welfare of a world, demand attention to the testimony. It is no longer meet for you to stand aloof from this great movement. It is time for you, in the fear of God, to approach the subject, to survey it on all sides, and sift it to the bottom. Let no good man henceforth be deterred from the discharge of this great and paramount obligation by vulgar prejudice, by ignorant clamour, by extravagances of opinion, or indiscretions of expression, which at any time may have attended the advocacy, or marked the movement. Truth compels us to say that the wildest of the advocates have acted a part far more rational than the bulk of their censors; and that the most extravagant opinions that have ever been propounded concerning even the wine question, have been wisdom itself, as compared with the most discreet and dignified attempt, whether medical or theological, to build up the fearful, the fatal abomination, whereby a nation's wealth is being destroyed, its religion blighted, its morals corrupted, its honor tarnished, and the souls of its people, in myriads, hurried to perdition.—*Friendly Visitor.*

THE TWO PICTURES.

Here is a Town or Village in which vice and immorality abound to an alarming extent; & the same had gone out over the country, until it was looked upon as the Sodom of the State of North Carolina, and justly so, for the spark of temperance had well nigh gone out, and gambling and debauchery had taken its place. But now all is well, all is peace, all sobriety and industry. That town is improving rapidly; and its prospects are good. The drunkard is not seen in the street as before; we see but few innocent children in rags; we hear no reports of the abused wife. The grogeries have been closed for want of custom, and there are only two or three stores that keep liquor.

What has wrought this change?—The same people are there, and they are living under the same laws. But a new era has commenced, and things are changed. The Sons of

Temperance have accomplished it; for only a few years since the jail was filled with drunkards who in their rage would even disgrace that dark dungeon; but now, through the workings of the holy fraternity of Love, Purity and Fidelity, the sky is bright and all is happiness, joy and peace. Can any good man be opposed to an Institution that produces such fruit?—*Raleigh (N. C.) Spirit of the Age.*

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

We were present at the last meeting of Warrior Division, and were much gratified at the reports of the several officers. One of the reports pleased us so well, that we publish the following extract:

"I would respectfully suggest, that not only does the activity of the Order depend on the full attendance of members at the Division room, but the safety of our reformed Brothers usually hinges upon the same cause. The universal experience is, that neglect of the Division Room is a symptom as dangerous to the Order and its members as the results are often startling and painful. To promote, therefore, additional good to the Order and cause, and to increase the pleasures of the sessions, I would earnestly suggest the revival of the intention to establish a Temperance Library, to be composed mainly of good works, newspapers, tracts, essays, and descriptive histories and tales in reference to the cause. This idea, supported by formal or informal addresses, as contemplated in by-law, 25th Art, would not fail of the most healthful effects on the meetings, and the intelligence and profit of the members."

We take great pleasure in stating, that before the close of the evening's session, a proposition, in accordance with the suggestions above alluded to, was submitted and adopted, appropriating ten per cent of the funds on hand, and five per cent of those accumulated in the future, for the purchase of books, papers, &c., and appointing a committee to take charge of the same, and carry out the design of the resolution without delay.

We look upon this as a very important movement. If it meet with the favor which it deserves at the hands of the membership, its beneficial fruit will be exhibited in the new interest and zeal which will be displayed and the whole-soul devotion to the noblest of causes, which shall mark the character of the pledged friends of our Order.—*Crystal Fount.*

THE DIVISION ROOM.

That there is a mysterious charm about a Division room to a true Son of Temperance, no one will deny. And as we suggested in our last issue the utility and importance of increasing and strengthening this attractive power, which every Son has felt more or less in entering the Division room, allow us to mention some means at present by which this object may be accomplished. The ordinary ceremony, and the order of business through which we pass in our regular meetings, are imposing and interesting as a general thing. But from the frequency of their repetition, must lose, in the course of time, more or less of the interest and amusement which they at first awaken. Now, if any thing could be devised by which the minds of the members of a Division would be improved and amused, and at the same time the principles of the Order more fully instilled and deeply fixed in their hearts, we think that it would have the tendency of alluring the members more punctually to the stated meetings, and throw around their proceedings a new and an additional interest. There is something like a mind sharpening process, in the exercise of discussing and dissecting a subject into its different parts and elements. There is a vast fund of topics connected with our Order, its principles and