

and down the earth a raving maniac. Asylum reports show three-fourths of all the insane to have been the victims of intemperance,* while one half of all the idiots born in the United States are, according to Dr. Howe, the offspring of drunken parents.

When I pause to contemplate its work; the crime it has occasioned; the disease it has wrought. When I recall to mind the poverty, misery, and wretchedness, solely attributable to drunkenness; when I remember the almshouses, charity hospitals, gaols, mad-houses, inebriate asylums, and penitentiaries, which this alcohol is always filling; when I think of young men with ruined constitutions, it may be the poor victims of delirium tremens, raving in all the mad-man's frenzy; when I see, as I have seen, parents bending over them with blighted hopes, and aching hearts; when I thus contemplate the direful effects of this great evil, I cannot help exclaiming—"accursed fiend, what hast thou done? the blood of murdered millions rises to the Creator's throne against thee."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Burns, seconded by F. W. Sheriff, M. D., and supported by T. D. Reed, M. D., the thanks of the League were presented to Dr. Bessey, and he was requested to place his paper in the hands of the Executive for publication.

The Secretary then announced the arrangements for the public meeting in the Mechanics' Hall, and read a letter from the Right Rev. Bishop of Ontario, regretting his inability to be present.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES.

The Rev. J. J. Hall, one of the delegates from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, and James Boutelle from the Grand Temple, Independent Order of Good Templars, then addressed the League, as did also T. W. Casey, G. W. Secretary I. O. G. T.

RAILROAD LIQUOR LICENSES.

Moved by C. G. Jones, seconded by Rev. J. J. Hall, and

Resolved,—That the Executive be instructed to forward a petition to the Lieut. Governor, praying him not to grant Railroad Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Moved by the Secretary, and

Resolved,—That all business remaining unfinished at the close of this session be referred to the Executive Committee.

THANKS.

Moved by Rev. S. J. Hunter, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of the League are due, and are heartily tendered to those public journals that have gratuitously granted the use of their columns for the purpose of advertising, &c., and other matters connected with our work; and in this connection we wish to give special prominence to the "Montreal Witness," through which we have been enabled to reach a very large portion of the population of our country free of charge.

* On this point I may quote Lord Shaftesbury, who says:—"From my own experience as a Commissioner of Lunacy for the last twenty years, and as chairman of the commission 16 years, fortified by inquiries in America, I find that fully six-tenths of all the cases of insanity to be found in these realms, and in America, arise from no other cause than habits of intemperance." Quoted from Dr. Belcher's "Reformatives for Drunkards," p. 9, Dublin, 1862, and "How to stop drunkenness," Sir Charles Buxton, M. P., London, 1864—North British Review of 1855.