

Temperance practice both in the United States and in Upper Canada. Mr Roberts explained briefly "the natural philosophy of Teetotalism," the Rev. J. Dosey pointed out "the duty of Sabbath school teachers in relation to the Temperance Reformation;" Mr. G. C. Campbell showed that "the drinking customs of Britain were greatly calculated to retard missionary operations in heathen lands," and Mr. J. W. Green, who occupied the chair during the latter part of the evening, mentioned several "reasons why the friends and promoters of Teetotalism were so anxious to have the Christian community with them." This plan of speaking to given topics works well.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—We have, for ten or twelve years, had a temperance society in Betley. For the first five or six years it was small and feeble, but through the persevering diligence and almost personal exertions of a worthy young man John Cooper, the cause has been kept up, and within the last six years more have enquired into the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, and many have embraced it as one of the greatest blessings that ever visited our land, and we have had a general gathering to our numbers. Mr. James Teare, from Preston, has delivered a course of six lectures, in the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Chapels, which have brought seventy more into the fold. Another branch also has shot out and at their first meeting twenty-two men took the pledge, making the number ninety-two, for which we thank God.

LIVERPOOL.—Mr. C. Edevan, of Plymouth, has delivered a course of three lectures in this town to crowded audiences; his arguments and eloquence were listened to attentively, and on each occasion a number of signatures were obtained. From fifteen to twenty meetings are held in this town every week, besides an open air meeting every Sunday, weather permitting. The cause is rapidly progressing here, we find that the *Teetotal Times* and the *Bristol Temperance Herald* have done much to instruct and benefit the people.

HUDDESFIELD.—A meeting of the members of the Wesleyan Union of Total Abstinents was held in the large vestry of Queen Street Chapel, on Easter Tuesday. About two hundred and twenty-five sat down to tea. After tea, the Rev. George B. Macdonald, superintendent of the circuit, opened the meeting with singing and prayer. He afterwards moved that Mr. S. Booth, surgeon, should take the chair. The secretary read the report, containing the principles and objects of the society, several of Mr. Wesley's rules and opinions, &c.; and stated that they had enrolled ninety members, consisting of trustees, local preachers, leaders, Sunday-school teachers, and tract distributors. Thirty Wesleyan Methodist Ministers were patrons of the union, and about fifty branches were formed in different parts of the kingdom. In Huddersfield sixteen temperance prayer meetings had been held in the vestry of Queen Street Chapel. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Harding, from London; Messrs. Bentley, Semor, Watson, Wild, and Wood.

INDIA.

BOMBAY.—The annual meeting of the *Bombay Teetotal Society* was held in the officers' mess-room, Town Barracks, on Monday evening, 8th January. The Ven. Arcudeacon J. J. J. J., patron of the Society, took the chair, supported by the Rev. A. G. Frazier, the President. The Rev. J. M. Mitchell, D. O. Allen, R. W. Hume, O. French, &c., were present. The attendance was numerous and highly respectable, and the proceedings were eminently calculated to forward the progress of the temperance cause. It appeared from the report that 86 new signatures had been added to the Pledge. But there was reason to believe that the Society was exerting an indirect influence over all classes of the community. The drinking usages were by no means what they used to be. Intemperance among the higher classes was seldom heard of. Many respectable families who had not joined the Society, totally abstained from the use of intoxicating liquors, and several clergymen, as well as members of the civil and military services, had practically adopted the principles of the society. Good had been effected by the circulation of the organ of the society, the *Bombay Temperance Advocate*. A library had been formed of about fifty standard works on temperance, and a further supply was on the way from England. The *Teetotal Times* and other English temperance periodicals, were also furnished to subscribers. In the course of last year a circular was

prepared by the Committee, and sent to all the medical gentlemen in the Presidency, forwarding for their opinion the medical certificate, which had been signed by about 1,407 medical gentlemen in Great Britain. About 30 of the gentlemen sent in and replied, nearly all of whom fully concurred in the sentiments of the certificate.

SOUTH INDIA.—We have just received the report of the South India Temperance Union. The monthly meetings have been held with greater regularity, the attendance being larger and more respectable. A deeper degree of interest in the concerns of temperance appears to have manifested itself at these assemblies, and it has been cheering to witness, on nearly every occasion, persons coming forward to affix their names to the Pledge. The following statement exhibits the progress made during the year in respect to numbers:—Reported last annual meeting, 337; broken pledge, 37; died, 5; transferred to juvenile society, 9; reducing the number to 286; add, joined during the year, 106; total members, January, 1849, 392. The new members are, apparently persons who have taken the step from deliberate and solid conviction. A distinct society has been formed for the benefit of children, with a plain and simple pledge. We find in the numbers of the *South India Temperance Journal* copious extracts from the Rev. W. R. Baker's work, "Intemperance the Idolatry of Britain."

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

With the last mail we have received our file of the *Temperance Herald*, published at Launceston, Van Diemen's Land. This is well got up and very interesting Temperance periodical. We extract from its pages the following intelligence:—

HOBART TOWN.—*The Drunkard's Death.*—A person of the name of Hollings recently died in this city. For years he has been the infatuated victim of strong drink, and was accustomed lately to loiter along the street begging for a few pence wherewith to satisfy his depraved appetite. He was a deplorable example of the danger of indulgence in intoxicating drinks. A man of extraordinary natural talents, he was employed in London for years as a local preacher in the Wesleyan connexion, and was a popular and useful agent. He is the person mentioned in "Mr. Benson's Life" as the friend who assisted him to his home from Holborn when he was taken with his last illness. About two years since he appeared to be at the point of death, and a minister of religion visited him; and to this gentleman he expressed his conviction that he should die, and wished that a funeral sermon might be preached after his death; "and," said he, "I will give you a text"—And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments." Such an awful end as his might be improved indeed.—*Correspondent.*

LAUNCESTON.—We have this month the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the first number of a new temperance periodical, printed in the town of Perth in Western Australia, better known as Swan River. We have been greatly delighted and encouraged by the receipt of this periodical, and by the information it conveys to us respecting the progress of our cause in a new field. The publication comprises eight octavo pages of the usual size of periodicals, at sixpence, and its opening number promises well.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent at Adelaide writes encouragingly of the cause in this province. The Rechabite Tent, which is in connexion with the Van Diemen's Land district, is increasing in numbers; and regular periodical meetings have been held in South and North Adelaide, Port Adelaide, and the neighborhood.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—But a few months ago, the only efforts that were made resulted from the good wishes of individuals; but however ardent those wishes might be, they were rendered abortive from the want of co-operation and the force of example. Now these two desiderata are combined in a society called the Western Australian Total Abstinence Society. The formation of this society was not likely at first to obtain many supporters, but the success its advocates have met with is certainly very encouraging. It appears that some few persons had long been desirous of an opportunity of forming themselves into a society, and were only waiting till the influence of some leading characters in the community could be obtained to give weight to the principles they wished to establish.—*Record.*