

Previous to the retirement of the company, the chair having been vacated by Mr. Ketchum, Thomas Ewart, Esq., was called to preside, when the Rev. Mr. Richardson (after pronouncing a becoming eulogium upon the founder of the hall), seconded by the Rev. A. Lillie, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Ketchum, which was carried unanimously and with great applause. Mr. Lillie afterwards called the attention of the assembly to the valuable services which Mr. A. Christie (now one of the Vice-Presidents) had rendered to the Society during his ten years' labour as Secretary; and moved, seconded by Mr. Wixon, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the late Secretary, for his faithful and efficient services, which was unanimously carried.

After singing the Doxology, the party separated about 10 o'clock.

P.S.—The proceeds of the soiree amounted, we learn, to about £15. This together with the sums which may be raised from the occasional renting of the hall, will, we suppose, be devoted to the payment of the debt still due upon the building. —*Examiner*.

EXTRACT FROM NOTES OF A DISCOURSE ON THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF THE YOUNG.

By the Rev. J. C. Warren, Secretary of the New York State Juvenile Temperance Society.

I would now call your attention to another feature of education. It has been my privilege for some years to lecture on Temperance, but yet, considering it only in a secondary light, I would not be satisfied if I were not enabled on Sabbath to hold up Christ to my fellow-men. I look on Temperance as tending to lead men to him. We are now making systematic efforts to reach every village—to have all to kneel around the family altar, and, at the same time, have their names on the Temperance roll, that they may thus be bound together. We have felt more and more need of this, since of late years, boys have been seized on by the emissaries of Satan to make drunkards of them. There must, therefore, be corresponding efforts on the part of the friends of truth. It has been ascertained that in the United States, in the course of 40 years, 1,500,000 have fallen into the drunkard's grave. Let any one look back on his companions and he will find that the fairest and most promising of the flock have been swept away by this sin. My heart was pained very lately, to see at a Hotel in Albany, a lawyer, who was qualified by his talents to shine at the bar, in a state of drunkenness, leaning against the wall, holding a tumbler in both hands. This was at 10 o'clock at night, and, by two o'clock next morning, he was ushered into eternity under the influence of delirium tremens. One of our best clergymen, Dr. Sprague, while visiting the jail, found a man who had been committed for riotous and boisterous noise on the streets. He told him that he had been a pupil of Dr. Chalmers, and had followed him in the same pulpit, "Take my key he said, and go to my boarding house and you will find proof of the truth of what I say." It was all true. He was persuaded to sign the pledge, and was taken from prison, and, from that day to this, has been faithful to his pledge. At the request of Dr. Sprague he prepared some notes respecting Dr. Chalmers, which were found to be sheets written in a style worthy of the great man himself. Do we err on pressing the claim of Temperance when we find such things? Is there not reason for effort? Mr. W. added, he would return home with hope if he could do something towards saving children in this Province. "I would urge on you," said he, "systematic, combined effort—may God bless you—may he enable you to train up your children in his fear, fit them for honour and usefulness on earth, and finally, for glory beyond the skies."

Education.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

TO THE YOUNG MEN OF ENGLAND.

DEAREST HOPE OF THE FUTURE!—In commencing our promised series of Letters on *Self-improvement*, we cannot better introduce ourselves than by laying before you the admirable, the inimitable Address of the Rev. Thomas Binney to the Young Men and Boys of the Grammar-school, Mill Hill. It is studied throughout with golden truths and great principles. It supplies the elements of a voluminous treatise. It deserves your perusal twenty times over. Read it, we beseech you; read it—read it—read it! And we will proceed another stage in our Elysian march next month.

MY DEAR BOYS,—You have heard what I have been saying about learning and religion; you see how we attach importance to both. Knowledge is good—large information is very desirable;—but *religious* knowledge is absolutely necessary. Science, literature, and elegant accomplishments—all that gives to the intellect greatness or refinement—if possessed apart from religious faith and holy character, are only as flowers that adorn the dead. There is a knowledge which purifies while it expands—which is life to the soul as well as light to the intellect—which will go with you to any world—and *prepare* you for any, by guiding you safely through the dangers of this. Seek that knowledge where you know it is to be found—in those "holy Scriptures," which you are here taught, and "which are able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith that is Christ Jesus." Cultivate, dear youth, piety towards God, deep reverence for his presence, his service and his name. Pray to him for that pardon of sin which boys need as well as men, and for that grace which children as well as adults can receive. The promise is to you as well as to us.

In relation to your general conduct, I should like you to associate real nobility and greatness of character with what is *moral*, with habitual obedience to the law of conscience and the dictates of duty. Vice is mean and degrading as well as wrong. In the Bible, sinners are represented as objects of contempt as well as of condemnation. A bad boy knows well enough that he deserves to be despised, for he can't help sometimes despising himself. Do bravely and manfully everything that you feel you *ought*. Cultivate a generous, open, unsh suspicious temper. Despise selfishness; hate and loathe it in all its forms of vanity, self-will, oppression of the weak, harshness to the timid, refusal of help which it would be proper to render, or of little sacrifices to serve others. Detest everything like duplicity and deceit. Don't go within a mile of a lie. Value your honour, truthfulness, and integrity. When you have misunderstandings, do not be ashamed of acknowledging error, or apologeting for wrong. As soon as possible get rid of grudges and resentments, and live together in cheerfulness and love. Be in manners at once frank and courteous—in act and conversation delicate and pure. In one word, desire in all things so to behave yourselves, that, as you "grow in stature, you may grow in wisdom, and in favour with God and man."

One word in relation to your studies—*work*. Work well, hard, cheerfully. Don't wish just to get through or to get off easily, or to be indebted to any one for anything whatsoever that you ought to know and to do yourselves. Everything depends on your diligence and industry. Let none of you fancy that because you have genius you may dispense with labour. No boy ever translated Homer by inspiration. Nothing will come to you in this way. Nothing valuable is in this world either done or got without effort. "Nature gives us something at first"—something to start with—our original capacity, whatever it may be. "Everything after this she sells,"—sells always, sells to all, and sells dear. You must pay the price. By intellectual labour you may purchase for your elves attainments and distinctness; happiness and respect come by virtue. If you like, you may be idle, thoughtless, wicked; the price is ignorance, contempt, hell. Recollect, also, that, in the long run there can be no mistake. No boy or man can ever really get what he has not purchased or, carry away what belongs to another; or, if he does so, or appear to do so, he cannot keep it for any long time without being detected. Every day is a day of judgment—a day of reaping as you have sown—of revelation of what you are. "No man is