

are held in the evening, and are always opened with prayer—after which, any member present may address the meeting. A rule has been lately adopted which is, that the President shall appoint, before the close of a meeting, the one that is to give the introductory address at the ensuing meeting. This fixes the duty upon one at least, and we seldom part before two or three have made their remarks on the subject. Six persons subscribed for the *Temperance Advocate*, to be directed to Mr. D. Lockwood our President.—R. CAMPBELL, Sec.

**CELEBRATION!—TO AID THE QUEBEC SUFFERERS.**—On Tuesday last, the "Perth Howard Temperance Society" held its promised celebration, in a grove on Victoria farm. The weather had been very unfavourable for it—during the night and part of that morning considerable rain fell, which prevented many from attending who otherwise would have been present. About noon the procession was formed, and marched from the appointed place through the own to Judge Malloch's farm—headed by the Brockville Amateur Band. It was an imposing sight to witness in our quiet little town such a display of music—Temperance flags and banners, with appropriate devices inscribed on them. We had not reached the ground when the celebration commenced. Seats were prepared for the audience in semi-circular form, and immediately in front, a platform was erected upon which sat the musicians, the officers of the Society, and the gentlemen appointed to deliver addresses on the occasion. There were a goodly number of persons present, notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the weather—we should say about 500. We believe John Bell, Esq., presided on the occasion, and the speakers were the Rev. Mr. Boyd, Brockville, the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, of the new connexion Methodist Church, and Mr. Parkhurst, of Lanark, a reformed drunkard; each of whom did ample justice to the subjects on which they treated. Mr. Boyd spoke on two different occasions—we were particularly pleased with his remarks; they were to the point and very forcible. The interval between the rising of the speakers, was occupied in the performance of delightful pieces of music by the Band, or the vocal singers, who did their respective parts in a most satisfactory manner. When the band struck up its lively notes, it was considered by many a fit time to adjourn to a neighbouring tent, where refreshments could be had, and the music heard with better effect than when near it. We were amused with the sign which was stuck up on a pole at the end of the tent—it was that of a whisky barrel with both ends knocked out, and bearing the inscription, "We see through it." Had the day been fine the celebration would have gone off with admirable effect, and we doubt not upwards of one thousand persons would have been present. Perfect order was preserved, by those appointed for that purpose, and the whole went off, we believe, with satisfaction to the audience and credit to the managers and officers of the Society.

A vote of thanks was given to Judge Malloch, for the use of the ground, and to the Band for their gratuitous attendance on the occasion. After prayer, a procession was formed as before, and they marched through the town the band playing appropriate airs. Satisfaction and gladness seemed to rest on every countenance; and we doubt not that when they separated for their respective homes, they felt the assurance within them, that their money had been well and profitably spent—to aid suffering humanity.—*Bathurst (C. W.) Courier.*

#### UNITED STATES.

**DECREASE OF INTemperance IN BOSTON AND VICINITY.**—A writer in the July No. of the N. American Review states that the expenses of Houses of Industry (the Boston Almshouse) fell from over \$30,000 per year, to \$14,779,080 in the financial year ending April 30, 1843, and to \$14,082,090 in the year ending April 30, 1844; while the Overseers of the Poor, instead of spending twelve or thirteen thousand dollars a year, distributed but \$8,720,063 in the former year, and \$7,337,046 in the latter.

**JUVENILE BAND.**—On returning to this city, a short time ago, we found on our desk the following note of invitation. We should have been happy to have accepted it. Nothing, in our estimation is of more importance than these juvenile meetings:—

REV. MR. MARSH:

DEAR SIR.—On Monday evening next, I propose to have a full meeting of my Juvenile Temperance Band at the Brainerd Church

Lecture Room, Rivington St. The Band now numbers some five hundred, and some of the parents and friends are expected in. The exercises will consist of singing, dialogues, &c., together with an address from yourself, if you can meet with us.

Yours respectfully

D. B. HASBROOK, President.

—*Journal Amer. Temp. Union.*

#### SCOTLAND

**EDINBURGH.**—A numerously attended meeting of the Edinburgh Total Abstinence Society, and others friendly to the principle of abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, was held on Friday evening, in Argyle Square Chapel, for the purpose of passing resolutions disapproving of the system of licensing parties to sell intoxicating liquors. Mr. A. D. Campbell, President, occupied the chair, surrounded by a number of the zealous friends of the cause. Resolutions and memorials were unanimously agreed to. One of the resolutions was:—

"That this meeting, solemnly impressed with the immoral tendency of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the dreadful havoc they have made of social order, domestic happiness, intellectual energy, and moral improvement, memorialize the Justice of the Peace, at the sitting of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, to refuse to grant certificates for obtaining excise licenses to sell intoxicating liquors."

#### ENGLAND.

**DR. GRINDROD.**—The temperance world has for some time past watched with intense interest the progress and success of the author of "Bacchus." His lectures have attracted public attention in a very extraordinary degree. It would be a useless recapitulation of names, to go through the list of places which he has visited during the past few months. It is, however, clear, that in every place his audiences have been both numerous and highly intelligent. His success has been correspondingly great. Upwards of 20,000 members have, within a brief space of time, been added to our societies by his exertions.

#### INDIA.—MADRAS.

(Extracts from the South India Temperance Journal, organ of the South India Temperance Union.)

**SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION.**—This came the 17th January, 1845. It was held in Mr. Waddell's commodious room, most obligingly granted for the occasion. Though so very large, it was well illuminated, and supplied with seats from Davidson-street chapel. The seats were crowded, and many scores, we regret to say, were obliged to stand during the whole meeting. Our blessed cause never before called together so great an assemblage of people. It was delightful to see so large a number of females also present. But while so many parishioners were present, how sad to state that only three ministers of the gospel (and they Tamil missionaries) were to be seen at this interesting anniversary.

The Seventh Annual Report of the South India Temperance Union (embracing 15 months ending 31st Dec. 1844,) says:—The whole number of members received during the fifteen months is 75. Leaving 164 as the present number on the list.

The members in H. M.'s 57th Regiment in the beginning of May, formed themselves into a Regimental Association, and thenceforward acted independently from ours, though on most intimate terms—members of both committees meeting regularly for mutual benefit. The association has had varied success, and now numbers 191. It has an excellent reading room, where coffee and tea are also provided.

**PUBLICATIONS.**—The Journal has been continued in an edition of 700 copies monthly, and has had an increased circulation from Louisiana in the north to Ceylon south and Burmah in the east.

It is a gratifying and encouraging fact, that three Societies (H. M.'s 84th Regimental, Bangalore Total Abstinence, and H. M.'s 25th Regiment) have abjured the ardent spirit pledge, from conviction that it was of no use, but injurious in its tendency.

Four new *teetotal* societies have been formed. One at Vizianagram, one in the 1st European Light Infantry, Subathoo; one in the right wing 2d Bengal European Regiment, Loodiana, and one in the 2d Queen's Royals, Bombay. Another with both pledges has been formed in the left wing 2d European Regiment, Meerut.

Alcohol's doings have been murderous as in former years, and perhaps more so. *Thirty-two* cases of death in India, from drink.