

be to break up all similarly constituted benevolent Societies. It is not claimed for Dr. McQuesten that he has been a total abstainer from intoxicating drinks, but the tee-total pledge is not a term either of membership or office in the Bible Society. Many of its officers indeed, are tee-totallers, a majority of whom have expressed their confidence in Dr. McQuesten. The only charge against Dr. McQuesten of intemperance, has been adjudicated upon by the proper authorities of the church to which he belongs, and deciaired by them to be unfounded, and here, as in the case of Mr. Walker, the Committee are surely justified in withstanding the attempt to dismiss a faithful officer of the Society, on the ground of such a charge; though Dr. McQuesten has expressed his readiness to retire from office, the Committee have felt bound to protect his personal honor, and to resist the attempt made to stigmatize him as a drunkard.

We must add a few words in reference to the public meeting.—The attacks made upon the Treasurer and Secretary at the Anniversary meeting, are not only of an entirely novel aspect, but they give rise to alarming forebodings. That men should, under any pretence whatever, make the Bible Society's meeting a place of strife, is surely a breach of decorum; but that a promiscuous assembly is to sit in judgment upon the moral character of members and office-bearers in Christian Churches, and to settle questions of the greatest difficulty and delicacy, is surely a still more alarming innovation. To avoid this, as far as possible under the circumstances, after the charges had been made in the meeting, the following resolution was moved, seconded and agreed to :

“That, whereas this Branch of the Bible Society has been accustomed to accept the nomination to office made by the Committee, to whom the conduct of its affairs has been committed; and, inasmuch as it is impossible, in a meeting like the present, to arrive at a just conclusion of the matter aimed at in the amendment now proposed :—Be it resolved that that part of the resolution appointing the Officers of the Society be not now considered,