

of music at meetings, at a period when the cause had but few public advocates, and continued to assist on every occasion until her death. His remarks on the frailty of man, the pleasures and rewards of virtue, and on the mournful yet pleasing recollections which they have who can enumerate many good deeds done by those for whose departure they are called upon to mourn, were very interesting, and the Dirge which followed, and was joined in by nearly all present, (they having the words handed to them on mourning paper) produced an effect which remained and marked all the subsequent proceedings of the evening. Rev. Mr Crocombe followed the President and Rev. Mr Dewolfe, and an audience more devoutly attentive than that then assembled is seldom seen. There were many ladies present; the chair of the President was handsomely ornamented with Mayflowers and evergreens: and about 25 members of the "Temperance Harmonic Association" were in the Orchestra, and performed the Hymns much to the satisfaction of the listeners; while the darkness and wet that prevailed without, made the indoor entertainments more agreeable. Thirty six persons joined the Association, and a collection was taken which nearly paid off the debts due by the Society.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, ON RETIRING FROM OFFICE, 2D MAY, 1842.

In resigning the office which they have held for the last twelve months, the members of Committee feel that they are relinquishing one of the most pleasing tasks that ever devolved upon them. The success which followed the labours of their immediate predecessors, caused them to enter with alacrity upon the duties of office; and the approval which the enlightened and christian people of this province have given to their efforts, has caused their meetings to be occasions of recounting the victories over intemperance, rather than of laborious and wearisome efforts which former committees despondingly entered upon. In contemplating these results, and the comparatively small means which they have used, it must be acknowledged that the rich blessing of the Most High has been abundantly and signally vouchsafed.

There have been 31 public meetings held in the city during the last year, and eleven committee meetings. 606 names have been added to the list of members, the total number on which is now 1234. Some have withdrawn from the society, and a few have broken the pledge. In most cases, these have been persons who adopted the temperance pledge,—and the fatal appetite, being fed by

the stimulating properties of the permitted indulgence, has produced their overthrow. With these facts known to them, the Committee would earnestly press on the attention of those who may hereafter join the association, the insufficiency of the old temperance pledge to secure the reformation of any who have ever been enslaved by the habit of using strong liquors.

The Committee rejoice that the warm feeling for the cause is such as to allow them to engage Missionaries,—and trust to the voluntary contributions of the inhabitants of the city and country generally, for means to defray their expenses. With his Excellency Lord Falkland as patron, and many of the influential clergy of the Province aiding the missions, they feel confident that the unwearied labours of those whom they have appointed to office will produce results more beneficial, than the same amount of means and efforts, in any other way expended, could accomplish. Of the labours of Judge Marshall, who is now performing a long and expensive journey at his own cost, and lecturing to advance the cause,—and of those gentlemen who have accepted engagements as missionaries at very inadequate salaries, the Committee consider themselves called upon to speak in terms of high commendation.

There yet remains abundant employment for all the time and money which the members of the society can spare for the accomplishment of its objects. A large circulation of temperance publications seems indispensable, that the subject may be made to appear in its proper light to all persons; and but little more than this is needed to secure their aid, or at least their neutrality.

The Committee would not presume to place these institutions on a level with that especially appointed for the salvation of souls, but they may, with propriety, esteem them as the offspring of that noble principle of charity which the Spirit of All Grace implants in the hearts of those who are the subjects of its influences. Intemperance produces many of the evils with which society is afflicted,—and to labour for the prevention and suppression of these is surely an honourable work. The human mind, aided by the moral tendencies that exist among us, is known to possess social and benevolent feelings; to promote the growth and development of these is one of the objects of temperance associations,—and in endeavouring to do this, members realize an abundant reward for themselves.

The Committee feel particularly grateful