

respect. It has pleased the Sovereign dispenser of life and death as yet to avert the plague from our coasts ; but it is greatly needful that this signal judgment with which a righteous God is visiting the sins of a wicked and perverse generation, should lead every soul to humble and searching self-examination. It is a judgment which wherever it has prevailed has, with wonderful and unerring precision marked out for its prey, the drunkard and the profligate ; with such a fact before us, alas ! what possible reason has our polluted land to hope that we shall be exempted from its fearful ravages, nay, rather, looking at the yearly sums that are expended in the purchase of the poison that is prostrating the strength and debasing the morals of our population, what reason have we to fear, lest the wrath should come upon us to the uttermost, and we should be swept away as with the besom of destruction. How could the voice of God be more clearly expressed than in this visitation, in favour of Temperance Societies ? How could his anger be more awfully denounced against their opposers ? We trust that that voice may be equally heard and obeyed by its friends and its foes ; inciting the one to increased zeal in expelling the unhallowed pest of intemperance from our land, and warning the other of the dreadful judgment which God has pronounced and is ready to inflict on them even in this world.

Entire union prevailed among the Brethren during the meeting, and afforded a most satisfactory pledge of the success of their united exertion in the holy cause of truth :—It is ever delightful to observe, and is indeed one of the purest evidences of genuine christian character, when brethren come together on such occasions, some of them at times influenced perhaps by hard feelings, which the collisions of life will sometimes unavoidably generate, to see them meet in a spirit of conciliation and forgiveness ;—willing to *hope all things and believe all things*, and ready to sacrifice all minor feelings and interests to the all important objects of brotherly union, and the success of the cause of Christ.

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