

MANIA A POTU.

The New Orleans Picayune, after some thrilling remarks on the awful misery to which men subject themselves by drinking spirituous liquors, adds the following dreadful description of a person whom the Editor had seen rendered demoniac by excessive intoxication :

"By an accident, we yesterday stood with chilled veins and startling eyes, witnessing a spectacle of this kind. We were in company with a physician at the moment he was called to administer relief to the victim. In a corner of the room we found the tortured wretch, crouching and peeping fearfully through the rungs of a chair, at a swarm of flying snakes which he said were darting through the room in all directions. Bloating terror was in his countenance. He sprang from the corner, and flew from one position to another in agonizing alarm. Devils were pursuing him ; behind, before, above, below, and all around him, objects of terror and danger appeared, and instruments of death menaced him on every hand. His eyes seemed starting from their sockets. His exclamations were so full of misery that the heart ached to hear them. Then again his fit assumed another form, and he ran about the room, jumping over the chairs, and calling us to see him walk upon the ceiling. Then he raved, screamed aloud, cursed, and again sunk into grief and tears, complaining that all the world was leagued against him, and even devils were employed to persecute him. Suddenly he fell into a sort of waking trance. He was lifted on the bed, and there he lay grasping at the air, with horrible contortions of countenance which made our flesh creep upon our bones.

The unfortunate wretch has recovered, as our friend, the physician, said danger was past when we left him ; but who may form a conception of the anguish endured during that horrid paroxysm ? Years of severest trials and misfortunes, should he considered luxurious ease, in comparison with one hour of such frightful torment of soul and body.

TEMPERANCE IN WINDSOR.

Extracts from a Letter in the Morning Post, dated Windsor N. S., May, 1842.

It must be pleasing to every temperance man, and especially every tee-totaller, to hear of the prosperity of a work so beneficial to the human race. . . . Most happily at this time the Wesleyan Conference appointed the Rev. Mr. Strong to Windsor, who had not been here long before he observed the state of things, and announced from the pulpit that there would be a Temperance Society formed on the principle of total abstinence, and that a meeting was to take place the next evening in the Methodist chapel. This meeting was well attended. I do not know the number that joined that night, but it was considerable. Happy would it be for this Province if there were more of the Rev.

gentlemen that would make a like sacrifice for their congregations and the public, by their examples. We have continued to hold our regular monthly meetings, which have been very numerously attended. When we consider that this society has only been in existence about seven months, and now numbers about 426 members, it appears almost incredible ; but it is true. The Catholics have one on the same principle, which numbers 200—which makes the number of tee-totallers in and around this small village upwards of 600.

I have much pleasure in stating that, on Monday and Tuesday, the 28th and 29th of March, the Society had two most interesting tea-meetings. A Committee of Management was appointed to prepare a room for the occasion, but not finding one large enough to accommodate all, it was thought better to exclude all those under a certain age till the night following. Although the room was in an unfinished state, it was fitted up in most splendid style, and displayed a good deal of taste. It was hung round with green baize, and decorated with green boughs and thirty beautiful pictures ; among which was one of our most gracious Queen, one of his late Majesty, one of Queen Adelaide, and one of the Duke of Wellington. Overhead was an arch covered with flags and mottos, with a variety of birds. There were seven chandeliers tastefully fitted up, and lighted with mould candles, which gave the room a beautiful appearance. There was a committee of seventeen ladies appointed to furnish a tray each for twelve or fifteen persons, and a greater profusion and variety of luxuries is but seldom put on a tea table. The members were admitted by ticket the first night. They numbered about 207, and with a few friends from other places made the number 215. After the trays were removed, the National Anthem was sung by the whole company, after which some excellent speeches were made by the Rev. Messrs. Strong and Pope, Charles Harris, Esq., of Horton, and by several others. At ten o'clock the meeting was concluded by prayer, and the meeting separated truly gratified and pleased. The next night was occupied in a similar manner, by 150 persons ; and I will venture to say that two more agreeable and happy evenings were never spent in Windsor. Our tickets for gentlemen were 2s ; for ladies, 1s. 6d. ; young persons 7½d. We have it in contemplation to have a similar meeting at our anniversary in the fall.

From the N. Y. Express.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON SOCIETIES OF NEW YORK.

The Methodist chapel in Greene street was crowded on Thursday evening to its utmost compass, it being announced that Mr. Marshall, of Kentucky, and Mr. Briggs, would deliver addresses in favour of the Temperance cause. A large portion of the audience were ladies—indeed it was composed of all sexes and all ages.

Engine Company No. 33 attended, and were ranged in front of the gallery, with their fireman's garb and lantern, presenting quite an interesting and rather a picturesque appearance. In the course of the evening they sung a temperance song, solo and chorus, with a very pleasing effect,—and one stanza introducing Mr. Marshall was received with much applause and unanimously entered. The gentleman woke up suddenly at the sound of