

POETRY.

"If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, behold, we knew it not, doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"—Prov. xxiv. 11, 12.

If men have left, for sordid gain,
Their kindred, home, and friends;
Brav'd danger on the angry main.—
At earth's remotest ends.

If men, to grasp at giddy fame,
Have lost the prize of life,
And sought it 'mong the spoils of death,
And in the battle's strife—

Surely we, despite of scorn,
With one exulting bound,
Shall wake to zeal, when guilty men
Are perishing around.

For us no fires are kindled up,—
No dungeon gates unbarr'd;
Our earnest zeal and burning love,
May flow and spread unmarr'd.

Six hundred thousand drunkards march
To wretchedness and hell:
While loud laments, and tears, and groans,
In dismal chorus swell!

O! shall we not uplift our voice,
To warn them of their fate,—
Before the caverns of the pit
Re-echo "tis too late."

Yes! we will bid them sign the Pledge—
And thrice that sound repeat!
And bear them, on the arms of Prayer,
Before the Mercy-seat.

Christians! we adjure you, sign,
By Jesus' precious blood!
Awake! awake! for deathless souls,
Eternity and God!

Temperance Rhymes.

MINISTERS OF JESUS CHRIST :

LET not prejudice prevent your calm investigation of the claims of this subject (teetotalism) on your attention. Its benevolence, its perfect accordance with the gospel, its influence as an auxiliary in your great work, its efficacy in removing stumbling-blocks out of the way of your success, and in promoting the stability and consistency of your people, I have proved to my abundant joy, and so may you. Let not the errors and rash judgment of its avowed friends operate in your minds to its disadvantage. READ CONSIDER, TRY, I do most respectfully beseech you, and I am persuaded you will add your testimony to that of other ministers of Christ.—
Rev. James Cox, Wesleyan minister.

TEMPERANCE.—*The Duke of Leinster.*—At the Maynooth (Ireland) quarter sessions, on the 7th of January, the Duke of Leinster attended on the bench. The *Leinster Express* says:—"Only five persons applied for liberty to sell spirits, all of which were rejected; one man living at Saltins told the magistrates that a new public house was wanting in that locality very much, in consequence of the Cashel-railway being about to commence. His grace told him to go home, and sink a pump for them."

A LIBERAL RAILWAY COMPANY.—The directors of the Dublin and Drogheda Railway have presented Father Mathew with a beautiful silver ticket, giving him a perpetual free passage in the first-class carriages on the railway. The inscription on the medal states, that it is presented as a tribute of esteem for Mr. Mathew's labours in the temperance cause.—*Leeds Times.*

Our physical well-being—our moral worth—our political tranquillity, all depend upon the control of our appetites and passions, which the ancients designed by the cardinal virtue of temperance.—*Burke.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

HOBART TOWN.—"Total Abstinence Society," Mr. W. G. Walker, President, at the Temperance Hall, Bathurst-street, every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock. At O'Brien's Bridge and New Norfolk, on the Wednesday and Friday nearest the new moon.

LAUNCESTON.—"Teetotal Society," Rev. Charles Price, President, at the Infant School-house, Frederick street, every alternate Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock; namely August 19, September 2.

"Independent Order of Rechabites"—*Star of Tasmania Tent*, Tuesday evenings: August 26, September 9. *St. Andrew's Tent*, Thursday evenings; August 21, September 4.

LONGFORD.—Rev. J. Egglestone, President, Friday evenings, at 6 o'clock, September 12, November 7.

PERTH.—Rev. A. Stackhouse, President, Monday evenings, at 6 o'clock; August 18, September 15, October 13.

EVANDALE.—Rev. George Wilkinson, President, Monday evenings, at 6 o'clock, September 1, November 3.

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