

their inhabitants; and the metropolis itself is amongst those which are most defective in this respect.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI:
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 22, 1842.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.
The Courier with the Southern Mail, arrived on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock.

CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

At a numerous Meeting of the Members of the Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Association, held at the house of Mr Mark Byrnes, in Chatham, on the evening of the 7th ult—

Mr MICHAEL DUNN, in the Chair, Resolved unanimously, That all persons present contribute whatever sums their means will allow, to raise a fund to purchase Banners, &c.; and that the Association walk in Procession, on the 17th March next, the Anniversary of Ireland's Tutelar Saint.

THE PROCESSION.

We do not recollect of a more pleasing duty devolving on us, during the whole course of our Editorial career, than that of giving our distant readers a description of the *Temperance Procession* on St. Patrick's Day, which in our last, we announced was to take place, although we fear it will afford but a faint idea of a scene, which has given universal satisfaction. Great preparations had been made by the Miramichi Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Association, to celebrate the cause of Temperance on that day, and great expectations had been raised, and we may safely say—notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather—they were more than realized.

At day break the good people of the Town of Chatham were aroused from their slumbers by a discharge of cannon, which reminded them that the day about to be ushered in, was to be celebrated in a totally different manner to that which the Sons of Erin had been in the habit of celebrating the anniversary of their Tutelar Saint. About 7 o'clock numbers began to arrive and assemble at the Roman Catholic Chapel, and continued to do so until 10, the hour appointed for the service of Mass.

After this religious rite, the Procession formed three deep, in the following order.

THE SOCIETY'S GREEN FLAG,
Supported by three bearers.
Motto—Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Association.

THE INDIANS,
Being the original proprietors of the soil, took the lead—headed by a BANNER.

Full length Figure of St. Anne, Supported by three bearers, with Scarfs and Rosettes.
Immediately after followed the Reverend Mr Egan.

CHATHAM AMATEUR BAND,
Consisting of Eighteen performers—who had kindly consented to render their services. They were seated in a very handsome and comfortable Vehicle, prepared for the occasion, which was drawn by two Grey and two Black Horses; on the leaders were two Boys as Postillions, with green silk Scarfs, hat bands, and rosettes. In the car was the BANNER of the Band, and in the rear, floated the ROYAL STANDARD, which had been kindly lent by a Gentleman for the occasion.

At each side of the Car walked three of the Committee, with Green Scarfs trimmed with white fringe, and white rosettes on their shoulders.

Each of them carried a White Wand.
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT,
three deep, consisting of the following individuals—

For Chatham—M. Dunn, M. Furlong, Adam Kerr, E. Phalen, W. Currie, T. Lynch, Peter Dunn, D. Creman, M. Dwyer, John Curran, John Fitzpatrick, P. Walsh, Pierce Butler, and Terrence O'Neill.

For Newcastle and Nelson—Thomas Drynan, E. Farrell, John Hamilton, John Dalton, P. Wheeler, T. Crookes, P. Morrissey, P. Clooney, R. Quigly, M. Sutton, J. Kenny, and P. McGraw.
BOY'S BANNER.

Motto—Train up a Child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Three Hundred and Twenty Five Boys followed three deep.

WHITE SILK BANNER,
The Very Rev. Theobald Mathew, in the attitude of administering the Pledge to a kneeling audience.
Supported by three bearers, with white

scarfs, green rosettes and fringes.

GREEN SILK BANNER,
St. Patrick, in full robes, Mitre, &c. Supported by three bearers, with green scarfs, white rosettes and fringes.
Flag Motto—Sense to win a cause, and merit to keep it.

BLUE SILK BANNER,
St. Andrew—in purple robes, and supporting the White Cross. Supported by three bearers with blue scarfs, with red rosettes and fringes.
Flag Motto—A Life ill spent, makes a sad old age.

PINK SILK BANNER,
The Drunkard reeling in a Tavern. Supported by three bearers—with pink scarfs, rosettes and fringes.

PINK BANNER,
Motto—We hail the auspicious day, When Temperance leads the way.

Long Life to the man who gave the death blow to Intemperance.

PINK BANNER,
Motto—Temperance exalteth Virtue, and suppresses Vice.
Combines Industry and Virtue.

It is estimated that about 1,800 persons walked in the procession.

There were twenty four Conductors, who walked at stated distances, to keep order.—Each had a green Scarf, trimmed with white fringe, and a white rosette on his shoulder. Each carried a white staff.

A very large portion of the procession had scarfs, with the words "Total Abstinence" printed on them.

The procession then moved along St. John Street, along Wellington Street, down Peabody Street, up through Water Street, and halted in front of the establishment of Messrs. Cunard's, where they gave three cheers. They then proceeded through the town, along Douglas Street, to Coulson's Slip, where they took the ice to Douglstown, through which they passed, as well as Newcastle. At both these places they were received and cheered by the assembled inhabitants, under a salute of cannon. After passing through the latter town, they again took the ice and proceeded to St. Patrick's Chapel, at Nelson, for the purpose of presenting their beloved and respected Pastor, the Revd. Mr Egan, with an Address.

The assembled multitude having with much difficulty crowded into this capacious place of worship, a Deputation from different parts of the county, consisting of—M. Sutton, M. Dunn, E. Farrell, M. Furlong, and Terrence O'Neill, waited with the following Address on Mr Egan, who received them, standing on the altar.

The following is a copy of the address:

REVEREND SIR,
WE, the Members of the Miramichi Roman Catholic Total Abstinence Association, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Reverence, on this the first occasion in which we are assembled in Procession, to tender you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many spiritual benefits we have received from you, since you first arrived amongst us; and more especially for your unwearied zeal and distinguished exertions in the glorious cause of Temperance, which above all other things, endear you to your devoted flock, and contribute to increase their respect and strengthen their attachment.

We also congratulate you, Reverend Sir, for the unparalleled success that has attended your labours in every part of your extensive mission, in rescuing so many from the bondage of intemperance, which, like a moral deluge, swept with impetuous fury over the land.

We are well aware, Reverend Sir, that the heat return we can make you for all your toil and anxiety, is to persevere in the paths of virtue and morality; that nothing is more congenial to your feelings, than that we should maintain inviolate the pledge we have taken; and we do assure you that you may rely with confidence on our strictly adhering, with the blessing of God, to the obligation we have imposed on ourselves, and that we shall faithfully co-operate with you in every measure you may bring forward for the moral and social improvement of the people committed to your care.

Continue then, Reverend Sir, your exertions in the glorious cause, while a vestige of intemperance remains in the land, and posterity will not fail to appreciate the good you have done, and your name will be received with gratitude and respect by children yet unborn. May you long continue amongst us, Reverend Sir, to guard us against error and vice. We earnestly pray that the same bountiful Providence which placed you over us, will preserve and prolong that valuable life which is so necessary for the improvement and happiness of your most faithful, most obedient, and devoted flock.

The Reverend Gentleman, in a very affectionate manner, replied to it as follows—

MY DEAR FRIENDS,
The charity and kind manner in which you view my services as your Pastor,

since my arrival amongst you, is calculated to arouse the most pleasing sensations and grateful feelings. Next to the primary object I should have in view, in the discharge of my duties as the most humble of God's servants, I assure you, I prize the valuable gift of your approbation, and although up to this moment, a modest reserve kept you back from publicly manifesting your feelings in that respect, I was not the less sensible to your hidden regards and affection. Rest assured of it, dear friends, it was a conscious feeling that my humble services were duly appreciated by that portion of the community of which I had a spiritual charge, that formed the secondary pleasing idea, which rendered my yoke sweet and burthen light. If at times in the discharge of duty, a momentary gloom seemed to impend from the difficulties on my rout, either by land or water, the mist immediately dispelled by the soothing reflection, that I was only the servant of a Crucified Redeemer, who had promised much in return, and as an additional comfort, I well knew my services to be gratefully remembered by a generous hearted people.

I have to return you my unbounded thanks for the kind notice you take of my humble exertions in promoting the glorious cause of Temperance in this district. If I have endeavoured to forward the Heaven born institution, the glory of its promotion is entirely due to God. Our worthy and venerated President, the Bishop of this Diocese, well knew how susceptible the good people of Miramichi were, in adopting any measure proposed for their amelioration. With this design, he strongly recommended us to hoist the holy banner, which was no sooner displayed, than thousands flocked under its protecting influence from the destructive vice of intemperance. To yourselves then the greatest part of merit is due, for the manly way in which you came forward, and pledged yourselves forever to abandon the maddening cup. It is to attest your gladness of heart for the happy step you have taken, that you perseveringly urged me to allow you to manifest to the world by walking in procession this day, the interior joy you possess, by forsaking the destructive vice.

Consider yet, that you have not only secured yourselves from the host of evils with which inebriating drinks are impregnated, but you have, by the power of your noble example, rescued thousands yet unborn from worse than Egyptian bondage. Are not the neighbouring districts, where, happily, Temperance has wonderfully succeeded, indebted to you for your courageous enterprise? To calculate the innumerable evils that arise to soul and body from intoxicating drinks, would occupy much time and fatigue your patience. Suffice it to say, that you have safely escaped that monster, which aimed at the destruction of God's noble work. I have those solid hopes, that the two-tallers of Miramichi, will be found faithful through life in adhering inviolably to their promise, and that, that poisoned cup, will never be sought to pollute their lips. Those faithful servants of the Lord who are represented on your banners, will become advocates in your behalf with the God of Mercy, to strengthen you against all evils. You may safely calculate on my co-operation in any proposed measure, to benefit or advance the good cause. It is only with my departure from this vale of sorrow, that I shall cease to be its advocate and promoter. I assure you, it will be a solace to my declining days, to witness how manfully you will oppose the already prostrate foe, and assist with all your might to extinguish for ever its baneful influences on the human race. Accept then, my friends, of all denominations, my everlasting regard for your welfare, spiritually and temporally, and with fervour I implore, of the Giver of all good Gifts, that your exertions may be remunerated here and hereafter.

As soon as the Procession had again formed—Three hearty cheers were given for—The Queen, St. Patrick, Bishop McDonald, Rev. Mr Egan, Father Mathew, and the Chatham Amateur Band. They then proceeded homeward. In front of Newcastle, the procession halted, and while the Band played an air, the Indians marched out of the line, for the purpose of partaking of some refreshment, which had been kindly furnished for them at the expense of the public. On parting with them, three cheers were given, which was responded to by the sons of the forest. The remaining part of the procession then returned to Chatham. On arriving at the Band Room, the Band played the National Anthem, and the large concourse of persons assembled gave three cheers. When the banner of Father Mathew was being taken into the Commercial Building, a gentleman of the town, not a member of the society, proposed three cheers for this worthy man, which was heartily responded to. The populace then dispersed, and a number of the committee, together with the members of the Band, proceeded to Mr. Hea's Hotel, where they partook of a very sumptuous collation, which had been prepared for them.

The Banners and Flags were painted in a most masterly manner, and the skill and genius displayed, reflect much credit on Messrs. Miller & Bell. The

greatest order and regularity were preserved throughout the day, which must have been highly gratifying to the Committee of Management, who deserve much praise for the great trouble and pains they must have been at, in getting up the affair.

In the evening, some of the Committee, with a number of others, Ladies and Gentlemen, of all denominations, met in the Band Room, which was tastefully fitted up for the occasion, with the Banners and Flags that had been displayed during the day. The Band contributed to their amusement by playing a number of airs. The President early in the evening remarked, that as the proceedings were novel, he was rather at a loss to know how to vary the amusements, and induce some gentleman present to offer a few remarks on the cause of Temperance, and the proceedings of the day, as the good old custom of drinking toasts was nearly exploded; but if any person present would offer a sentiment, he would be glad to hear it.

The novelty of the occasion seemed to keep all mute, and the difficulty arising from breaking in upon old and established usage, appeared unsurmountable. However, after a few minutes silence, and when we began almost to despair of a response to the call, Wm. CARMAN, Jun. Esq., arose, and amid much applause, addressed the company at some length, in a neat and impressive speech, in which he carried back their recollections to the land of their birth, where they must have witnessed scenes of drunkenness disgraceful to humanity. He then spoke of similar scenes that had occurred in the land of their adoption, and compared them with the proceedings of that day. Complimented the committee on the highly creditable manner in which the procession had been got up, and conducted. Spoke in favour of the cause of Temperance, and urged them to persevere in the good work—assured them that they had the good wishes of all classes. Spoke of the exertion of the Apostle of Temperance, and vast credit due him. Paid a well merited compliment to the Rev. Mr Egan and the Chatham Band—and concluded by saying that he could not do better in offering a Sentiment than by adopting one that he saw inscribed on a banner before him—May temperance ever conquer temptation.

Mr Michael Dunn, one of the committee, responded to Mr C's remarks, in a very appropriate manner. Thanked the gentleman for his kind expressions respecting the conduct of the members of the association, and concluded by returning thanks on behalf of himself and the committee, to the Amateur Band, for the valuable assistance they had received from them.

The President replied—and called upon John T. Williston, Esq., who spoke at some length—and detailed the very happy moral reformation which had been effected in the people, since the pledge had been taken. P. Williston, Esq. one of the Vice Presidents of the Chatham Temperance Society, also addressed the meeting. One or two other gentlemen spoke, and several songs were sung. The Band then performed God Save the Queen; the company gave 3 hearty cheers for Her Majesty; 3 for Father Mathew; 3 for Rev. Mr Egan; 3 for the Band, and the company separated, highly gratified with the evening's entertainment, fully convinced that St. Patrick's Day could be celebrated in a becoming manner without the use of ardent spirits, and an evening spent rationally and pleasantly, without the introduction of the bottle.

Total number of persons who have taken the Total Abstinence Pledge in this county, from the Rev. Mr Egan—3,327.

The Halifax Visitor states—that His Holiness the Pope, Gregory XVI. has taken the Total Abstinence Pledge, and has received from Father Mathew, and wears the Medal of the Cork Total Abstinence Society.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

We have made numerous selections to-day from our English papers.

STEAMER TO P. E. ISLAND.

It will be seen by the following paragraph copied from the Charlottown Herald, that there is some faint hopes that we shall again have the satisfaction of seeing a Steamer plying between this port and the Island.

“Since our last Legislative report, the House of Assembly have passed a grant for Five Thousand Pounds, in addition to the £5000 already granted, towards the erection of a