

—the 5th to the supervision the Society shall have over the measures pursued—the sixth defines the duty of the President—the 7th those of the Executive Committee. As there is nothing peculiar in the duties they describe, we omit them for the sake of brevity.]

ART. VIII. The Secretary shall be required to devote himself with diligence and fidelity to the business of the Society. And in execution of his office, it shall be his duty, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to make appropriate communications, by pamphlets, correspondence, and personal interviews, to ministers of the Gospel, to physicians, and others, and to consult and co-operate with them for the purpose of guarding those under their influence against the evils of intemperance; to take pains, in all proper methods, to make a seasonable and salutary impression in relation to this subject, on those who are favoured with a public and refined education; and are destined in various ways to have a leading influence in Society; to make it a serious object to introduce into the publications of the day, essays and addresses on the subject of intoxicating liquors, and to induce teachers and those concerned in the support of schools, to labor diligently to impress the minds of the young with the alarming and dreadful evils to which all are exposed who indulge themselves in the use of strong drink; to make affectionate and earnest addresses to Christian Churches, to parents and guardians, to children, apprentices and servants, and all other descriptions of persons, and to set clearly before them the effect of spirituous liquors on health, on reputation, and on all the temporal and eternal interests of men, and to urge them by the most weighty arguments, drawn from the present & the future world, to keep themselves at a distance from this insidious and destructive foe; to do whatever is practicable and expedient towards the forming of voluntary associations for the purpose of promoting the ends of this Society; and in general, to labor, by all suitable means, and in reliance upon the divine blessing, to fix the eyes of persons of both sexes and of all ages and conditions, on the magnitude of the evil which this Society aims to prevent, and on the immeasurable good which it aims to secure, and to produce such a change of public sentiment, and such a renovation of the habits of individuals and the customs of the community, that, in the end, *temperance, with all its attendant blessings may universally prevail.*

And it is always to be kept in remembrance by the Secretary and by the Executive Committee, and to be adopted as a principle to regulate their measures, that while they are to make use perseveringly of all fit and promising means for the reformation of those who have already, in different degrees, contracted habits of intemperance; the utility of the Institution must chiefly consist in guarding against danger those who are yet uncontaminated by this loathsome and fatal vice.

The meeting then proceeded to choose the following men to commence the proposed Society, according to the 2d Article of the Constitution, viz.

Rev. Dr. Woods, Rev. Dr. Jenks, Rev. Justin Edwards, Rev. Warren Fay, Rev. B. B. Wisner, Rev. F. Wayland, Rev. T. Merritt, Hon. Marcus Morton, Hon. Samuel Hubbard, Hon. William Reed, Hon. George Odiorne, John Tappan, Esq. William Ropes, Esq. Dr James Chaplin, and S. V. S. Wilder, Esq.

The Society thus formed, then held their first meeting, and made choice of Hon. Marcus Morton, for President, Hon. Samuel Hubbard, Vice President, Wm. Ropes, Esq. Treasurer, John Tappan, Esq. Auditor. *Executive Committee*, Rev. Dr. Woods, Rev. Justin Edwards, John Tappan, Esq. Hon. Geo. Odiorne, and S. V. S. Wilder, Esq. At a subsequent meeting, March 12th, the Society proceeded to choose 84 men, residing in the Northern and Middle States, as additional members. [Address of the Executive Committee next week.]

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE.

It is now some weeks since we announced that the formation of such a Society was contemplated. The first public meeting on the subject, was held Jan. 10th of the present year, in the Vestry of Park Street Church. It was there resolved, after due consideration—

1. That it is expedient that more systematic and more vigorous efforts be made by the Christian public to restrain and prevent the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors.

2. That an individual of acknowledged talents, piety, industry and sound judgment, should be selected and employed as a permanent Agent, to spend his time and use his best exertions, for the suppression and prevention of the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors.

A committee of ten was appointed to devise a plan for carrying into effect the design of these resolutions, and report at a future meeting. Accordingly, on the 13th of Feb. at a meeting held as above, the Committee reported the following Preamble and Constitution:

WHEREAS the improper use of intoxicating liquors has been found by experience to be the source of evils of incalculable magnitude both as to the temporal and eternal interests of individuals, families, and communities; and whereas the prevalence of this vice has such a fatal efficacy in hindering the success of all the common means which God has appointed for the moral and religious improvement of men; and whereas the various measures which the friends of Christian morality have adopted, though not altogether unsuccessful, have been found quite insufficient to give any effectual and permanent check to this desolating evil; and whereas some more vigorous means are evidently required,—some system of instruction and action, which will make a steady and powerful impression on the present and following generations, and will in this way ultimately effect a change of public sentiment and practice in regard to the use of intoxicating liquors, and thus put an end to that wide-spreading intemperance, which has already caused such desolations in every part of our country; and which threatens destruction to the best interests of this growing and mighty Republic;—therefore the friends of domestic and social happiness, now present, wishing to do all in their power to promote the welfare of their fellow men, resolve to form a Society, with the following Constitution; namely:

ARTICLE 1. The Society shall be called, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE.

[The 2nd article relates to the formation of the Society—the 3rd gives power to elect additional members—the 4th relates to the holding of meetings and choice of officers]