

*Society to promote Temperance.*—A meeting for this serious purpose was held in Philadelphia at the session room of the 2d Presbyterian Church, on the 5th of July last. It is stated among the reasons for instituting the proposed society, that most of the poverty, wretchedness, and crime in the United States, arises from the intemperate use of ardent spirits; and that even what is called the temperate use of these, is unnecessary to health, as they contain no nutriment. That as more than three-fourths of the criminal prosecutions and cases of pauperism in the great cities, may be traced to this source; as at least 30,000 persons are annually killed by it; and as this pernicious practice appears to be on the increase, they will by every laudable effort check its destructive progress. Mr. Mathew Carey has been elected president of the society.

The prevalence of intemperance is indeed quite frightful, and disgraces the country. The remedy will not be easy, while foreign wines are procurable only at great cost, and domestic spirits are almost as cheap as water. It is a familiar figure of our rhetoric in July orations, that in this happy country every man sits at peace "under his own vine." We wish he did, in the literal sense; and that he was engaged in preparing its generous juice, instead of the pernicious beverage from corn and rye. But in the mean while, is not a dreadful example set by those whose station and better knowledge we should expect a wiser example? Our young gentlemen of all ages, ought to be shamed out of their frequent potations of *brandy* and *whiskey*. For our part, as a writer in a New York paper says, we detest the habit, as we do the breath of him that drinks; and our ladies ought to be at least as chary of admitting such a one, fresh from his potation, into their company, as a gentleman at an assembly in dirty boots. To our mind, *brandy* and *garlic* are fit associates, and ought alike to be kept out of the drawing room.

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