

BRADFORD:

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1868.

GRAND TEMPERANCE SOCIAL.

Yesterday evening the Bradford Division Sons of Temperance held a grand Social Party in the Town Hall, here. The attendance was not as large as we had anticipated, there being not more than 200 present. After the good things of the table, provided by Mr. Edmanson in his usual successful style, had received due attention, the company retired to the hall up stairs when T. Drifill, Esq., was appointed chairman. After the chairman had informed the audience of the nature of the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Bielby was called upon to speak, which he did with great spirit and effect, portraying the evil effects which arise from the use of intoxicating liquors, and the evil end which is sure to be the fate of a confirmed drunkard. Mr. Ritchie next read a humorous selection, which was well appreciated. Rev. Mr. Young followed, and gave several very interesting anecdotes, which were not only instructive but amusing. The last speech of the evening, but not the least, was made by Mr. W. Turner, the sentiments of which were highly creditable, and will be a benefit to the village if acted upon. The remark of this gentleman, when he spoke in reference to our laws, we think were good, especially those referring to the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays. He stated that it laid with the Temperance public to see that the Inspector did his duty in this matter, and he for one, should not be the last to move in the matter. He did not wish to injure any person in their lawful business, so long as they conducted it in a lawful manner. The singing by the choir was first class, and clearly proved that they had been well drilled by their leader, Mr. W. M. Stevenson. Indeed we might remark, that this part of the evening's entertainment tended to enliven the proceedings as much, if not more, than any other portion of the programme. After the literary part of the programme had been finished, the young folks remained to enjoy themselves, and kept up a continual stampede until 12 o'clock, when the assembly dispersed.