

led the way; and that to the full and comprehensive Report presented to the Convocation, they have had access, and the study of its pages has confirmed the convictions already mentioned. That report—a digested mass of evidence, drawn from every department of Church and State—concludes, with one mind and with one mouth declaring, that *the beverage use* of intoxicating stimulants is a moral, social, and religious evil, second to none of the many prevailing in the mother country.

The last Report of the Bristol and Clifton Ladies' Auxiliary, states: "Your Committee feel, that every day, the conviction is being more and more forced home upon the minds of all, that some organization is needed to grapple with the deadly evil of the prevailing intemperance in our land."

That eminent philanthropist, the Rev. W. C. Fox, of Durham, on taking the chair at a meeting in Mitcheldean, gave as his reason for doing so, "*the alarming extent of Intemperance*, not only there, but throughout the country at large; and by the crime attendant thereon."

Last year, the Mayor of Bristol presided at the anniversary of the B. & C. L. Auxiliary; besides a number of pulpits being occupied with the subject.

Mrs. Wightman, the authoress of "*Haste to the Rescue*," and other books of the same kind, celebrated the 12th year of her most successful labours in the Workmen's Hall.

English fellow-labourers draw attention to that, of which your Committee is fully apprised, of *the debasing influence* of intoxicating drinks on those who are *in the traffic*, and *in the use* of them. Say, they—and experience proves the truth of the saying—"It must destroy all the kind feelings of humanity, to get your living by the *sin and misery* of your fellow creatures."

In speaking of Total Abstinence Societies, they say: "Unity is Strength; and good example, and firm friends, help us to keep what, perhaps, alone, we should often feel tempted to break."

Of their advantage, say they: "*Total Abstainers* can tell of happy homes, cheerful wives, well fed, warmly clothed children; and they will tell you too of *higher motives and nobler aims*. To be under the power of drink is *downright slavery*. They remind all, of what the good at excuses are apt to forget when their help is asked for, that, '*any talent* God has given us, may be used for His service!'"

Your Committee is persuaded, that in this Dominion, like inquiry to that which the mother Church has set on foot, would be followed by *like results*; and that every consideration which could move *social man* to adopt *self-preservation as the soundest policy*, will move him here, as there, to arise *in all his manhood*, and cut loose this millstone—the use of intoxicating liquors *as a beverage*—to our happiness and prosperity, in every relation in which man stands to man. To a great degree, *ignorance*