

### HOW THE PAULISTS ADVOCATE TEMPERANCE.

To create and maintain a profound public sentiment in favor of the virtue of temperance is a work which engages the attention of most earnest Catholic laymen. It is one of the fair signs of the time. The coming convention of total abstinents in the Northwest, under the presidency of Most Rev. John Ireland, bids fair to be the most important convention of the kind ever held in the United States, says the Providence Visitor. Get a list of the men who are to go there and it will be an object lesson for good—for it is a fact that the best, the brainiest, the most successful laymen, are giving their time and thought to temperance work.

Recently at Pawtucket the Paulist Fathers conducted a successful mission, the chief feature of which was their splendid temperance work. The Paulists are earnest men, and their most earnest work is for total abstinence. In more recent years the work of Fathers Doyle and Elliott for manhood and temperance has made them known from one end of the land to the other. They are both total abstinents themselves, and hence the more powerful for good in this line of work. The Paulists' method of bringing the question of temperance to the notice of intelligent people are very simple. The night they preach on temperance during the course of their mission sermons, they distribute a card on which is printed a promise for total abstinence, at the end of which is a detachable coupon like the check for a theatre ticket, on which also is printed the promise, and a space is left for the name and address of the one who makes the promise. The people are invited to take them home. They are given twenty-four hours in which to consider the matter. If they make the promise they return the coupon. Without fuss or excitement of any kind the work is accomplished. How efficient the method is may be inferred from their work at St. Joseph's Church, Pawtucket. Father Hedges announces that they had returned during that mission 1,027 coupons, of which 427 came from the men, 400 from the women, 200 from the children over ten years of age, their promise being till they become of age. With such quiet methods the Paulists battle against the evil of intemperance, an evil working directly against manhood, religion and home. One expression used by Father Hedges in his closing sermon is worth preserving. He said: "Let the Catholic young men of New England but be true to their manhood, their religion, and be sober, and they will not only turn the wheels of industry, but also own them."—*Sacred Heart Review*.

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