

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

CONSTITUTION OF THE C.E.T.S.

The Constitution of the Society is in accordance with recommendations contained in the Report of the Committees on Intemperance presented to the Convocations of Canterbury and York.

BASIS.

"Union and co-operation, on perfectly equal terms, between those who use and those who abstain from intoxicating drinks."

OBJECTS.

- I. The Promotion of Habits of Temperance.
II. The Reformation of the Intemperate.
III. The Removal of the Causes which lead to Intemperance.

FORMS OF DECLARATION.

General Section.—A.

"I recognize my duty as a Christian to exert myself for the suppression of Intemperance; and having hereby become a Member of this Society, will endeavor in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, both by example and effort, to promote its objects."

Total Abstinence Section.—B.

"I HEREBY PROMISE,\* by God's help, to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors † so long as I retain this Card of Membership."

MEANS.

1. First, and above all, Daily Prayer. It must always be remembered that as intemperance is a sin (and the intemperance of England has become a national sin), so all the efforts to remove it should be made in dependence on Him, Who is the one Saviour from sin, and Who "was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil."

2. Systematic Teaching, with a view to the formation of a sound public opinion on the advantages, physical, social, and economical, of Temperance; on the extent of the existing intemperance, the deadly nature of the sin, and the countless evils which flow from it. This may be done—

- (a) By Sermons.
(b) By Lectures, or courses of Lectures.
(c) By circulation of Books, Tracts, and Leaflets, and of the Periodical Publications of the Society, and by forming, wherever possible, a Depot for their sale.
(d) By the introduction of Temperance Reading Books in Schools, and Readings at Mothers' Meetings, &c.
(e) By reward schemes—inducing members, especially the young

\* It is to be distinctly understood that this promise has no reference to the use of Wine in the Holy Communion, nor yet to the use of intoxicating liquors under medical order.

† The words following this remark may be omitted if preferred.

to study Temperance Primers, and by encouraging boys to learn suitable songs and pieces for recitation.
3. Association—by gathering into Branches all who are desirous of working in the Cause, and who feel that, either by persuasion, by example, or by pecuniary help, they can do something to promote the cause of Temperance.

4. Legislation—in the direction of—

(a) A large and progressive diminution in the number of Drinking Houses and Licenses of all descriptions.

(b) Giving to the Ratepayers a voice in the licensing and control of Public-houses.

(c) Closing Public-houses on Sundays, and further restricting the hours of sale on week days, as public opinion may permit.

(d) The stoppage of Music and Dancing Licenses in connection with Public-houses.

(e) Further limitations on the sale of drink to children.

(f) Withdrawing Spirit Licenses from Grocers, Confectioners, and other mixed traders.

(g) Separation of Post Offices from licensed premises.

5. Memorials—against the granting of new, or (where desirable) the renewal of old Licenses, or in the form of petitions to Parliament.

6. Counter Attractions.—Forming Working Men's Clubs, Friendly Societies, Athletic Clubs (Cricket, Football, Swimming, &c.), Christmas Dinner Clubs, and Penny Banks; establishing or promoting Coffee Palaces; providing Reading and Coffee Rooms (in Villages, as well as in Towns), with Social Gatherings for amusement as well as instruction; Rooms for the transaction of business among Commercial men, Farmers, &c., other than the Inn or Public house; Stalls and Barrows, for the sale of non-intoxicants; increasing the Home attractions of the Working Man by improvement of cottages, instruction in Sanitary matters, and in Cooking.

7. Promotions of Reforms in reference to—

Clubs and Friendly Societies, Social Gatherings and Customs (by endeavoring to correct the drinking customs which so largely prevail at these, and especially the drinking of Toasts and Healths.) Treating—by discouraging the practice of treating to drinks, whether for service done, or in commercial transactions, bargains, &c., or in accordance with the "fine" and "footing" rules of workshops.

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