## Temperance Column.

## CANONELLIS ON ON THE

 DAOL BASIS.-Continued.You have better :health-I am speaking here of my own exper--ience-clearer intellectual, clearer moral perceptions, more money to spend in the service of God, and, above all, the opportunities of taking your place side by side with your tempted brother, of taking stumbling blooks out of bis way and leading, not arging, those who have fallen, in their upward course. This is your experience. And so long as you place it before your hrother-man with the full recognition that thow are debateable points, that he has the same right to his opinion upon them that you have to yours, and that, therefore, you are not to judge bim if he comes to a different conclasion you are not only within your right bat, on the principle of doing to others as you would be done by, you are almost bonnd to such a coarse. (Applause.) I cannot con ceive the carse of a Christian man baving fond the remedy for a prevalent disease and not endea vouring to spread it far and wide among others. Bat once tranagreess this tolerant attitude-let it once appear that you are refeoting on the tomporate man's habits, that yon are assuming for yourself the bigher level of Christiun practice and puttiug him upon the lowersay unything whioh would either hold him up to ridicale, or would pat him in the wrong before his audience-and at cuory step you are violating some distinct law of
3, the Gorpel-you are violating the dian of Chaistian liberty; pon are violating the law oi Christian charity; you are violating the law of Christian humility ; you are crouting a new sect of Christian Pharisees, whose orthodoxy is to consist not in the makiag broad of phylaoteries, but in making a new distinction betweon clean and un clean, in bringing back the old "Touck not, taste not, handle not," which belongs to a syatem long pasbed away. Nay, more. You are defeating the very object which you have in view. For one whom you may win by your audacity there are ten whom you will repel by your extravagance. (Hear; hear:) I remember on one ocoassion silting for half an hour in shame and humiliation of mind while a very olever speaker was gibbeting a brother man who had given his own reasons, modestly and inoffonsively, why ho would prefer to work as a Temperate man ratber than as an Abstainer, in the great work of Temporanoe reform. The result was to my certain know. ledge that the whole work of Temperance reform was thrown back in that locality for another three years.
I have spoken now of two main heuds of the subjeot in which the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is to nocompany us in every step of our progress. There is just one other, pot a whit less important.
Suppose that your brother man a Christian man, Belring Christ
and acceptable of God, is, after all anconvinced by your reäsöñing, that he says, "I desire like yourself to take up this great question of Temperance Reform ; 1 can go all lengths with yoa, save and excopt in this question of Total Ab. stinerice"-are you to separate yourself from him? Are you to say, "Stand aside, if you cannot work in my way there is an end of working together." Just think of the infinite folly of such a course. (Hear, bear.) :Look at this great sobjent of Temperance Reform, how vast it is in its proportions. In an old conntry like this, where for fonr or five hundred years, strong drink in one shape or another, has been fastening its hold apon the people-think what a conearrence of canses there is to bring aboat Intemperance. Look at the social causes-the custom of treating, of supplying strong dink on all festive occasions. Look at the legiolative causes, the bad laws which bave been the growth of conturies, which hare need to be changed, the pablic opinion which has to be formed to make this posrible. Again, what connteractive agencies there are that have to be aupplied to undermine the attractions of the public house-the better piaces of resort for the working men, the parel recreations, the more wholesome unintosicating drinks, the saler, sounder, benefit clubs to be founded, with other meeting places than the publichouse. How are you going to effect all this, it not by union of the opposing forces? Where is the money to come from? Where is’ the persoual help? Bat, above all, look at the true character of the forces engaged. On the one side Satan and his hosts entrenched in this masterpiece of temptation, on the other the powers of the unseen Kingdom of Obrist, to be brought down into the confliet by be prayer of faith, and, above all, by united prayer and intercession. How are you to obtain this if you are tied down to your own narrow Shibboleth of Total Abstinence? The work in which you are engaged remember, is one of national reform -on, if any, in which the National Church mast put itself at the head. And if the Church of Christ in England, is to take up the work at all, what business have you to attempt to construct a platform narrower than the Church itself: (Applause.)
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