

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON ON "TEMPERANCE."

(Continued.)

All the moderate drinkers and total abstainers might all join in that way, so that it should be considered an altogether impossible thing to tempt a little child to drink or to vitiate the child's taste by overcoming the natural repugnance which all children had to such drinks. The Bishop entreated his audience for God's sake to do their individual utmost to remedy the suffering which existed beyond measure through the mischief the drink was doing. The time had come when the remedy no longer really depended upon the work of speakers on public platforms; the work was to be done by the people at large, by their constant presence and intercourse with their fellows, and by their loving kindness one to another. That is the way, concluded the Bishop, in which the work is to be done. That is what I ask you to do; and I am sure God's blessing will be on your work. I am quite certain that that blessing which attends the man who is really labouring for the good of his fellows, that that blessing which attends the man who does his part to bring men souls to God and helps others to rise above themselves and purify their own hearts, is certain to be yours if you will devote yourself to such work as this. (Prolonged applause.)

The Rev. A. H. Blake proposed a vote of thanks to his Lordship, and spoke in appreciative terms of his great kindness in coming to Eton in the midst of his many engagements.

The Rev. Canon Gee seconded the vote of thanks in a few happily chosen words.

The proposition was not put to the meeting, the chairman rightly interpreting the feeling of all without going through the form.

The Bishop made some humorous remarks by way of reply, pointing out that the best way to thank him was to follow the lines he had marked out for them.

The hymn, "At even ere the sun was set," having been sung, the Vicar offered prayer, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

The people then separated, all agreeing that, whether as regarded the place or the address of the Bishop, the meeting was one of the most interesting and important they had ever attended.

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