

Temperance Column.

SOME NONCONFORMIST TESTIMONIES TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

(From the Church of England Temperance Chronicle.)
(Continued.)

Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., says: "I am a Total Abstainer, and have been so for more than a quarter of a century, but I yield to no man in my admiration of the wise and judicious working of the C.E.T.S. We may not assent to its plans in every detail, but we can and do heartily recognize that it occupies a field which no other organization could."

Mr. George Palmer, M.P., says: "Legislation cannot proceed in advance of public opinion. Now the C.E.T.S. has done very much indeed to mature public opinion, and I wish the noble Society even still greater success."

Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., says: "What a great change has come over the country within the last few years in regard to the question of Temperance, a change which I attribute, in no small degree, to the C.E.T.S. No one who mixes in society can doubt that a sort of revolution is passing over the country in regard to the Temperance question. I have always been in favor of the principle laid down on the platform of the C.E.T.S.—principles which I think are about the best, the most practical, the most statesman-like I have met with anywhere else. I should like to see Parliament legislating on this platform."

Mr. Benjamin Whitworth, M.P., says: "I have been connected with the Temperance movement all my life, and in my humble way I claim to have been something of a worker. For nearly fifty years I have watched the progress of the movement, and I emphatically declare that since the C.E.T.S. has been in the field, the progress of the whole movement has been more substantial and satisfactory all along the line, than in all the previous years of effort. All honour, then, to the C.E.T.S., and may her workers go on to still greater things is my heartfelt desire."

The Rev. J. Chew, (Congregational Minister), says: "Whilst acknowledging the good work being done by all Christian Churches in the cause of Temperance reform, the Church of England was the most prominent and active amongst them, and it gave him great pleasure, as a Nonconformist, who sometimes might be thought a little harsh in his relation to an Established Church, to be able to give that meed of praise to them."

The Rev. Charles Garrett, (Wesleyan Minister), says: "The great and glorious work done by the C.E.T.S. will put back the question of Disestablishment for at least ten years."

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