

TEMPERANCE COLUMN

The Bishop of Manchester made a thoughtful and practical speech at a meeting held lately in his cathedral city, of the council of the Church of England Temperance Society. His Lordship, meeting the objection that the question of the day was not how to make men sober but how to give them the means of subsistence, said: "Well, the latter was no doubt a very important question, and it was also a very difficult one. It was a question that was now engaging the best attention of our ablest thinkers, and unless we were very which we might make lamentable and irretrievable mistakes. It would, for instance, be quite possible to break the springs of thrift and industry if they did not give assurance of a secure possession to a labouring man of the results of his own thrift and industry." He pointed out how, by means of temperance, the difficulty of existence might be largely solved—viz, by the wage-earner retrenching his expenditure on drink. The Bishop of London and the Chaplain-General to the Forces spoke likewise.

MITCHELL, ONT.—A very pleasant meeting of the C.E.T.S. was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening last. There was a very good attendance and all seemed highly pleased with the programme. The President of the Society, Rev. Mr. Taylor occupied the chair, and made a most excellent address, in which he proved very plainly that all the fruit of the vine (wine) spoken of in the Bible was not intoxicating, but that there was a non-intoxicant, which was therefore nutritious and beneficial, instead of hurtful, to the human constitution. The following programme was nicely rendered:—Reading, Miss Edith Taylor; song, Miss Dennison; reading, Mr. Ludlow; instrumental, Miss Leslie Howard; reading, Mrs. A. Dent duet, Miss Lou Dennison and Master Willie Taylor. The meeting was closed by singing the doxology and pronouncing the Benediction.—Advertiser.

At Mitchell, on the first Sunday in Advent the Rev. W. J. Taylor preached a most earnest and eloquent sermon on the subject of Intemperance. In the commencement of his discourse, the Rev. gentleman briefly reviewed the ravages of liquors from the time of Noah downward, and also quoted the opinions of the most eminent writers upon the subject of this giant evil. He showed most plainly that the use of alcohol in nearly every case, is not beneficial but injurious to the human system. Intemperance is a sin, and in the Bible it is generally mentioned in connection with the foul sin of Impurity. He spoke of the awful fact of the heredity of alcohol habits and diseases, winding up by quoting the deliverance of the Pan Anglican Synod upon this sin, and lovingly commended to all Total Abstinence for Christ sake, and for the cause of suffering humanity.—Advertiser.

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