

The Temperance Cause.
 The Rev. J. G. Selous, M.A., has been a Vice-President of the Oxford Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society from its formation, and a most generous contributor to its funds. More than this, he has repeatedly shown his thorough interest in the society's operations by taking part in its meetings, and his aid and co-operation were extremely helpful in the introduction of the movement to the servants of the various colleges.

Mr. W. Forbes writes to the *Church of England Temperance Chronicle*: "There has been much written, and said lately, on the subject of the present depression in trade. The wages earned by many are said to be too small, and, unfortunately, some are not getting any wages at all. Employers have been told that they should pay higher wages to their servants, and many other suggestions have been offered and remedies proposed. During the next six months upwards of £60,000,000 will be spent by our people in intoxicating liquors. This is a larger amount than will be spent during the same period on bread, butter, cheese, tea, coffee, and cocoa. If this sum was spent on clothing and furniture, on the necessaries and comforts of life, the immediate result would be that tens of thousands at present idle would be fully employed."

The *Orillia Packet* (Ont.) says: "Some time ago temperance people were exercised on hearing of the shipping of 10,000 gallons of rum for the army in Egypt and the Soudan. They may be comforted to know that it is very sparingly used, and that sobriety characterizes the expedition. In reports from Dongola, dated Feb. 4th, sent to Mr. Malins, of Birmingham, by his 'visiting deputy,' Joseph Palmer, the latter says: 'There is one remarkable fact which I cannot refrain from mentioning—that is the almost entire absence of strong drink in all forms and shapes from the present expedition. Very little has been used as yet. It cannot be purchased at the towns up the Nile south of Wady Halfa, for the natives are prohibited from selling any to our men. One or two cases occurred in which men got liquor by footing and were intoxicated, but they were severely punished. With the absence of drink crime is very scarce, and the sick rate is not a large average. During the smallpox epidemic in the Royal Sussex regiment, not one abstainer succumbed.'"

At a Temperance meeting held in January last, at Meerut, the Duke of Connaught presided, and at the conclusion of an address on Temperance by the Rev. J. Gelson, Gregson, His Royal Highness said: "He felt some diffidence in addressing the meeting, as he himself was not habitually a Total Abstainer. He abstained, however, in the short Egyptian campaign, and his experience in that hot, trying climate convinced him of the advantages of having done so."

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