

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

FREDERICTON.

The following have been elected officers of the Church of England Temperance Society for the ensuing term:—President, Lady Tilley; Vice Presidents, Mrs G. G. Roberts, Mrs. T. C. Allen, Mrs T B. Winslow; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Long; Secretary, Mrs J. F. Tibbits.

The first social of the season under the auspices of the Society was held on Monday evening, 21st Jan., at the Church Hall, when an attractive programme was presented. There were addresses, music and recitations, besides refreshments during the evening.

ORILLIA.

The January meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society, on Tuesday evening, was presided over by the Rev. R. W. E. Greene, who opened the proceedings by reading of scripture and prayer. Hymns were very heartily sung, at intervals, Mrs. Greene and Miss McMullen presiding at the organ. The Rev. W. T. Noble, of Gravenhurst, gave an eloquent address, replete with information, logical and argumentative. He showed that the progress of the temperance movement was not commensurate with the effort put forth. Not only in Great Britain and Ireland, but on the Continent of Europe, the consumption of strong drink had increased during the last thirty years in a much greater ratio than the increase of population. This he attributed to a wrong method of procedure, ministering to the body rather than to the mind. Man, as a reasoning, and morally responsible being was not studied, and therefore mistakes and comparative failure had marked the course of a great movement. God made man upright—every passion and appetite was originally "good," and lawful means of its qualification provided. Drink was a necessity of man's existence, and God had provided water, milk, cocoa, tea, coffee and other healthful beverages for his use. But alcoholic beverages were of a different nature. Their use created a perverted appetite, resulting in reversing the Divine order, by rendering the mind subservient to the body.

The true remedy must be such as will restore the predominance of the mind over the body—replaceman's mental and moral nature above his physical necessities and appetites. When that was effected, liquor shops would close for want of customers, and the aim of temperance societies be accomplished. The speaker strongly endorsed the dual basis of the Church of England and Church of Ireland Temperance Societies, because it was desirable that all should do something to promote that work of moral reform, and said the general section became the grand recruiting ground for the abstaining section. He esteemed rescue work very highly, yet infinitely greater was the importance of educating the

young in right principles, and when a generation thus trained should demand restrictive or prohibitory legislation, there would be no danger of its being repealed.—Mr. Thomas Goffatt, sr., strongly supported the plea for total abstinence, accompanied by a consecration of the whole man to the service of the Lord Jesus.—The Rev Rural Dean Stewart pronounced the Benediction.—No better evidence of the excellence of the address or the success of the meeting need be given than the fact that thirteen pledges were taken.—Collection, \$4.

A LITTLE GIRL WHO BUILT A CHURCH.

There was a church needed in a certain place; so a good man, who loved to work for the Lord, went about among the people asking them to give the money with which to buy the material and pay the workmen. But one man said, "No!" another said, "I cannot!" another said, "I am too poor." Somehow or other every one found some excuse for himself, and not one cent was raised. At last he applied to a member of the Church who was poor of purse but large of heart; possibly he might help him.

"No," said the church member, "I have my wife and children to support, and this year I can do no more."

"But," urged the good man, "if you put down your name, others may, perhaps, follow your example; if you refuse me, I must give up, discouraged."

"Father," said a little voice by his side, and the bright eyes of his little daughter looked up into his face. "Father, if you will only put down your name I will earn the money by picking berries and selling them. Honest and truly I will; please don't say 'No,' father." The bright eyes were very earnest.

The father could not resist his little girl's pleadings, so he promised to pay a certain sum. The discouraged worker again took heart, and went once more among the people, telling them of the love and zeal of this little girl. Many were touched by the story, and one after another put his name on the paper till there was an abundance of money. Then the bricklayers came, and the carpenters, and the masons, and after a time a beautiful new church was built; and the people always said it was all owing to one little girl.—Christian Advocate

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