

The Temperance Worker

SATURDAY, JULY 23.

A LONDON PHYSICIAN, in the St. James' Gazette, gives some precautions against cholera. He particularly insists on total abstinence from beer. He recommends that drinking water should be boiled, and cooled rapidly by being poured quickly from vessel to vessel. Three or four drops of "Condy's fluid" may be added to the water, but not a drop of alcohol. This only agrees with the evidence of Sir William Gull, given before a select committee of the House of Lords, when he declared his opinion that alcohol would not take away the dangerous properties of impure water.

AT A GREAT FESTIVAL in the Crystal Palace, England, a monster meeting was presided over by Sir Wilfred Lawson, Tawhiao, King of the Maoris, who is just now on a visit to England from New Zealand, and who has recently adopted the blue ribbon, was one of the speakers. He told of the great harm inflicted on his people by drink, saying that many of the young chiefs died from that cause; he had therefore come to the conclusion that they should have nothing more to do with drink. Chief Topia, one of the King's companions, also spoke in favor of the blue ribbon movement.

THE GREAT TEMPERANCE CONGRESS at Liverpool had hardly dispersed when a most terrible seal of truth was set upon their declarations against the drink traffic. A young man, coming home from the public house under the influence of the diabolical poison which such places are licensed to sell, quarrelled with his wife and then murdered her. Their little child, whose head the drink-maddened father had just before threatened to cut off, ran out and brought in the police. They came—just in time to see the murderer fall to the ground dead, his throat cut by his own hand.

THE OLDEST TEMPERANCE Organization in the United Kingdom, the "British Temperance League," is just fifty years old, and is celebrating its jubilee with a conference and other meetings in London.

A GREAT TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL, lasting for two days, has just been held at New-Castle-on-Tyne, England. More than 100,000 people assembled at the meetings each day on the Town Moor.

AT THE CLOSING COMMUNION Service of Mr. Moody's mission in London, when some 3000 persons were present, non-alcoholic wine was used.

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER of Good Templars in Scotland has now 59,063 members,—40,959 adults and 19,004 juveniles.

A DRINK SHOP in London, England, has this very correct title:—"The Mischief."

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNIONS in Massachusetts are preparing for a campaign to get a bill passed which will compel all public school teachers in the State to instruct their scholars on the effects of alcohol.

A CORRESPONDENT writes telling us of a temperance society that was organized on June 2nd at Sister Bay, Wisconsin, with Mr. C. J. A. Peterson as President and Mr. C. R. Seagust as Secretary; by the date of the letter, July 10, there were sixty-four members.

THE WEEK.

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION, appointed to investigate the charge of trying to bribe members of the Ontario Legislature, has heard some evidence, but has adjourned till the 1st of September, when Messrs. Buntin, Wilkinson, (two of the defendants), Macpherson (an Honorable Senator), and Shields are expected to be present.

ONLY THREE HUNDRED of the three thousand-five hundred saloon keepers at Cincinnati, Ohio, have paid the license tax under the Scott Law. The defaulters will be sued, but think the law will be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

THE ELDEST DAUGHTER of Mr. Matthew Arnold,—the great English critic and poet who recently visited this country with his family,—is engaged to be married to Mr. Frederick Whitridge, a lawyer in New York.

PROFESSOR SCHWEINFURTH, a German scientist, is going to explore the Egyptian deserts.

THE DUTCH COUNCIL of State has approved of the proposal to make Queen Emma the Regent of Holland, if the King dies, till Princess Wilhelmina comes of age. The Chambers are now meeting, on July 23th, to take this question into consideration.

A MAN IN CHARGE of a farm in Ireland near Tralee—the tenant having been evicted—was shot dead on Friday night last week.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT has agreed to allow railways to be laid down in Annam, for military and commercial purposes. Till now, the Chinese have refused to allow railways; to prevent French workmen being brought in to do the work, however, the Chinese are likely to lay this railway themselves.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT was a little nettled and alarmed by a speech recently made by one of the Spanish ministry, which seemed to imply that Spain would not be sorry to see the Pope's temporal power in Italy restored to him. Explanations were demanded. The Spanish Premier has now declared that "Spain recognizes accomplished facts": that is, Spain would have preferred that Italy should remain under the heel of His Holiness, but as Italy did not do so there was nothing more to be said against it.

A RUSSIAN POLICE INSPECTOR has been fatally wounded by two Nihilists.

MRS. CAROLINE E. BROWN, who has just died at Waterford, Maine, at the age of 76, was the mother of Charles F. Brown, so well-known as "Artemus Ward," the humorist.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND summer fisheries up to date have not been half so successful as last year.

MUCH SICKNESS still exists at Panama; in one hospital there are hundreds down with dysentery, besides more than a dozen yellow fever patients.

A COUNCIL of BAPTIST MINISTERS at Beverly, Ontario, has refused to recognize the Rev. J. McCole as a Christian minister, in consequence of his unchristian conduct.

A SON of MR. PLATT, American Consul at Cork, has been drowned while boating.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is going to lend India seventy million dollars to extend railways. This will open up immense wheat growing districts; which is a very significant fact for our farmers.

THE PLAGUE has appeared in Russia, having come from Persia. The Mahommedians in South-Eastern Russia have been forbidden to go on pilgrimages to holy places, for fear that they might bring disease back with them.

THE DUCHESS of ALBANY, the young widow of Prince Leopold, has given birth to a son. This is her second child, the first being a daughter.

THE SMALL BOYS of Washington have been annoying the Chinese Ambassador and his subordinates, by pulling their pigtails and calling them "rat-catchers." The Ambassador was naturally indignant at the insult, and complained to the police; several of the small boys have been accordingly arrested and fined.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY, it is announced, have made a treaty with the object of suppressing Nihilists and Anarchists. No Russians will be allowed to live in Germany without permission from the Russian government. These countries are also said to be trying to get the agreement of other countries to an arrangement something like this.

THE SKIN HUNTERS in Southern Oregon, in spite of all the laws of the State, are doing their best to exterminate the deer in that country. Two men in ten days last month killed one hundred and thirty, selling the skins and leaving the meat to rot and the young fawns to die of starvation. The Oregonian calls on the people to combine and hunt the scoundrels out of the country.

UNTIL NOW, foreign residents in Turkey have had post-offices their own. The government has suddenly had a fit of indignant independence, and has sent a circular to foreign governments telling them that in future all letters will have to be sent through Turkish post-offices and with Turkish stamps. It is about as absurd for Turkey to talk of independence as it would be for a man with neither legs nor arms.

IN MOST PLACES where railways come into competition with steamboats, the steamboats have gradually to give way. And yet the Winnipeg Board of Trade the other day sent a deputation to St. Paul and made arrangements to have goods sent up by water instead of by land. The Canadian Pacific Railway, having a monopoly of the carrying trade in the North-West, has been charging high rates; and freight has also been much delayed by the railway refusing to pay the customs authorities the necessary fees for examining by night. The St. Paul and Manitoba railway therefore agreed to start steamers on the Red River, from St. Vincent to Winnipeg. The Canadian Pacific has now agreed to pay the extra customs fees. We do not hear that they have reduced their charges.

THE CZAR of RUSSIA is going to visit Warsaw, the capital of ancient Poland, and the railway track is to be lined by thousand of soldiers to prevent the rebellious subjects from damaging their beloved sovereign. A plot has already been discovered to blow up the palace at Warsaw when the Czar should be there, and a hundred Russians and Servians and Bulgarians have been arrested.

"SEVEN DEATHS FROM SUNSTROKE in two days," is the report from Vienna, while we are wondering what the sun looks like.

THE KING of ROMANIA is going to visit Belgrade, the capital of Servia, and it is thought that the two little countries are going to make an alliance.

EIGHTY FIVE SAILING SHIPS were reported "lost" in the month of May. The total was made up of 38 British vessels, 10 French, 8 Norwegian, 6 Swedish, 5 American, 4 Italian, 3 Chilean, 2 Austrian, 2 German, 2 Greek, 1 Danish, 1 Dutch, 1 Liberian, 1 Russian and 1 Portuguese. Fifteen steamers also were reported lost; 12 British, 1 American, 1 Chinese and 1 Greek.

IN LONDON, England, with its four and a half million of inhabitants, there are many who have never been in the country in their lives. Every summer now an increasing number of these very poor people are taken by their philanthropic citizens for a short holiday. A single day in the country is an immense treat to many; but a still more useful work is that of sending delicate children and old people to board for a week or two at farmhouses. The good country food and air are just the right medicine for bodies accustomed to the heavy town atmosphere and sometimes not enough food of any sort. This movement has been carried on to a greater extent in America. Only the other day, the Free Excursion Society of Baltimore took to their grounds three thousand colored persons, including nursing mothers and infants besides the aged and infirm; 5,500 meals were distributed. There will be another excursion next month.

THE LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP of Canada and of the world was last Saturday won by the Montreal club from the Toronto.

MR. ERASTUS WIMAN, who already controls a monopoly of the telegraph service in Canada, is now building up another monopoly,—that of the ferry service between New York and points over the rivers.

THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES are going to take strong measures to prevent the people being led away to join the Mormons. The police have received orders to arrest all Mormon missionaries who try to secure converts, and a warrant is now out against Paul Hammer, a missionary from Nevada.

FRIGHTFUL CRUELTY is practised on the inmates of an insane asylum at Utica, N.Y.; at least, that is what is said by Michael Uhlman, formerly a policeman, who has just been released after three months' confinement there.

A SCHOOL-GIRL named Lizzie Emmerich* in Franklin township, Pennsylvania, was so disappointed at not being able to keep up with other girls at school that she committed suicide by shooting. She was twenty years of age.

FIVE BODIES have been stolen from the cemetery at Abingdon, Virginia. The dead belonged to wealthy families, but the thieves are thought to have been after the bodies of two well-known Governors of the State.

ON ONE DAY, about fifteen thousand dozen of eggs were shipped to the United States from Annapolis, Nova Scotia. They were valued at some \$2,000.

MR. H. M. STANLEY, the explorer, has resigned his connection with the expedition on which he was engaged in Africa.

ANOTHER COMET has been discovered by Professor Barnard, of Nashville, Tennessee.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S Hall in Berne, the Swiss capital, has been wrecked by a mob.

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC Company's steamer "Gijon" came into collision with the English steamer "Laxham" off Coruna, Spain, on Tuesday. Both vessels sank almost immediately. Fifty-six persons were saved. The number lost is not known, but is believed to be very large.