

**TEMPERANCE COLUMN.**

**ORILLIA.**

The Church of England Temperance Society here, is sharing in the revival of life and vigor resulting from a settled pastor, in St. James' parish. The meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19th, was presided over by the Rev. R. W. E. Greene, who opened the proceedings with reading of scripture and prayer. A strong choir led the singing of hymns at intervals and during pledge-taking. Miss Stewart presided at the organ. Mr. Smitheringale sang "Ashamed of Jesus," and Miss Winters recited "Papa's Letter," both exceedingly well. The Rev. R. N. Grant, pastor of the Presbyterian congregation, said that as there was great breadth in the Church of England, so her Temperance Society was broad enough for all who, desiring to oppose the drink evil, were willing to agree to differ regarding the best means for accomplishing that object. He was not restricted in addressing them, but felt free to express his own personal views on the subject, and those who did not agree with his opinions were equally at liberty to judge for themselves.

The Rev. Thomas Williams Methodist minister, gave some very interesting reminiscences of his own experiences surveying, guiding the pioneers of this district to their homes in the wilderness, and as an itinerant minister of the Methodist Body—known in these early days as "saddlebags." He showed the value of Temperance teaching, especially among the young; of total abstinence, and the terrible strength and insidious nature of the drink habit. Truly those who for fifty years had seen and taken part in the warfare against the drinking usages saw no reason for discouragement. He too spoke words of encouragement to the Society. Though individually the Church of England people were probably not in advance of Christians known by other names, in temperance opinions or practice, yet being organized for aggressive work was no small advantage. Twenty-five pledges were taken, and the collection was \$5.

**FANTASTIC TRICKS OF ALCOHOL.**

In the Poultry Science Monthly for the current month, Dr. T. D. Crothers gives a sad but deeply interesting account of observations he has personally made of the effects of hereditary alcoholism. In a private school for feeble minded children of the wealthier classes he found three out of fourteen children who had "all the suspicious hesitancy of manner and also the walk of a drunkard." In other words, these poor children were born drunk! In other feeble-minded persons he has seen at times of excitement distinct signs of intoxication with all its delusions and deliriums, and also its semi-paralysis and stupor. In persons of sound mind, but in-

fectured with an alcoholic taint, Dr. Crothers has observed some singular instances in which, at times of excitement, and without any use of intoxicants, every symptom of intoxication is exhibited. An unfortunate treasurer of a large manufactory upon being accused of falsifying his books suddenly appeared to be intoxicated, both looking and walking like one who had drunk large quantities of spirits. The next day he recovered, and then made a full and satisfactory explanation. His father had been a sailor and a freedrinker. This is a fair sample of these cases.

Hardly less astonishing is the sudden, sympathetic drunkenness of persons who have formerly been addicted to excessive use of intoxicants. A prominent military man dining with some old comrades who became intoxicated, suddenly, though he had drunk nothing but coffee, became as hilarious as the rest, made a foolish speech, and, at length, had to be taken home in a state of stupidity. Of temperance lecturers who become intoxicated while engaged in describing the effects of alcohol, Dr. Crothers gives some curious instances. The whole paper is intensely interesting. As a sermon on the text, "Wine is a mocker," it is most impressive. It would seem that the tricks of alcohol are passed following or finding out.—*The Churchman, N. Y.*

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