

Temperance Column.

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Temperance Association.*—A monthly social of the Association was held last Wednesday evening in the Synod Hall. The Rev. J. A. Newnham presided, and a large number were present. A number of temperance pledges were administered, and amongst the ladies and gentlemen contributing to the programme were Mr. Wurtele, Mr. Chatwin, Mr. Hodge, Mr. Dettmers, Miss Rocap, Miss Cleghorn and the McGill College Glee Club. A very pleasant evening was spent.

C. E. T. S.—*The Churchman*, of New York, says:—

"Doubtless the principles of the Church Temperance Society and its methods of work are destined to meet with much misunderstanding and opposition, even from many earnest workers for the same cause. The spirit of the English and American Churches has always been in matters of practical work the spirit of a broad common sense. Thus the Church Temperance Society recognizes that fanaticism only alienates sympathy and injures the cause which it has at heart. While confessing that total abstinence is the best safeguard, the Church has uttered a clear voice of protest against the condemnation of any other course as sin. She is glad to take any sort of pledge which gives promise of being the path to definite improvement. And in some of the local guilds among working-men such pledges as that one will never "treat" or "be treated,"—will not buy or touch liquor from Saturday noon to Monday morning, will abstain always on Fridays and other Fast Days,—have been found most practically helpful. But the great glory of the Church Temperance Society is her full recognition of the truth taught by St. Paul, that we can only "overcome the evil with the good."

The work of temperance among young men and the poorer classes can only be made successful as it is supplemented by an attractive social life in club-room, under church supervision, or in church parlors. And, therefore, the Church Temperance Society advocates a weekly meeting in each parish, and a guild-room where reading and games are accessible, if practicable, every night in the week. To make this interesting and successful is hard; too often already the one skeleton in a parish is the Young Men's Guild; it is the one thing which the rector can't make "work." None the less it is plain that these suggestions of the society are in the right direction; they give more

promise of lasting temperance work than a thousand public lectures. The cause of temperance thus begins to fall into line with the other practical work of the Church; it resolves itself to a great degree into the old problem how to fill men's minds with something so good and attractive that there shall be no room left where vice can find lodgment. There is work for the Church in educating the head as well as in training the heart of her children; among the poorer classes she must meet their social as well as their distinctively religious needs; and she must do this humbly, patiently and persistently if she would save them from intemperance, and all the other allurements of the world.

LUNENBURG, N. S.—*C. E. T. S.*—One of the members of our Church of England Temperance Society having suggested at a recent meeting, that we should hold a "Basket Sociable" some evening, the idea was carried into effect on Wednesday, Jan. 27th, at the new Sunday-school room. Each member of the Society had the privilege of bringing one friend, the result being that a party of about seventy assembled on that evening, and it may safely be said that everybody present enjoyed the evening thoroughly. Nothing great or startling was to be attempted, nor was there any underlying plot to make money out of the enterprise, but we wished to be sociable with one another and each to have a choice friend to participate in the pleasure. Each member who intended to come sent a basket of good things in the afternoon which the committee took charge of, arranging the tables at the upper end of the room in a tasteful manner: so that everything was ready by 8 o'clock the time of meeting. The regular business of the Society was first proceeded with, this being the meeting for the election of officers for the year. The Rector is permanently the President, being a Total Abstaining member of the C. E. T. S.: but all the other officers were to be elected. The following was the result of the elections; Vice-Presidents Mr. W. J. Dauphinee, and Dr. Jacobs; Secretary, Mr. Daniel J. Rudolf; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. R. Ivey Robertson; Treasurer, Mr. James Brown; Usher, Mr. Charles Whitney; Assistant Usher, Miss Julia Hewitt; Janitor, Mr. Reuben Anderson; Organist, Miss Leonora Anderson. After the initiation of two new members, the business proceedings closed, and the entertainment began with singing by the ladies, and choruses by the young men and boys, a short address by the President, and a capital reading by Colonel Fuller; refresh-

ments were then handed round, and afterwards a pleasant and unexpected addition was made to our programme by a message coming to us from the Curtian Band that if it would be agreeable to us they would be happy to come in and give us a selection of music. The proposal was accepted with much pleasure, and their beautiful music added greatly to the attractions of our social evening. After the singing of the National Anthem the proceedings closed at 11 o'clock with the Benediction by the President.

BAND OF HOPE ADDRESSES.—Those engaged in Temperance work among the young are now admirably provided for by the publication department of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union. In the recently issued catalogue there is abundant proof that the Committee fully realise the importance of giving the young people thoroughly good teaching, and yet in a pleasant form, for text-books, diagrams, chemical apparatus, leaflets, etc., are now provided in great variety. *The Band of Hope Chronicle* also continues to make the instruction of the members of Societies its chief aim, and although it is now seven years since the publication of an address for every week in the year was commenced, those announced for 1886 promise to equal, if not to excel, their predecessors. The following are the titles of the respective series:—"Water-drinkers of the Bible," by J. W. Kirton; "Our Bodies," by Rev. Charles Courtney; "Character, or How to Succeed in Life," by Mrs. E. R. Pitman; "Chats about Eating and Drinking," by Judson Bonner; "The Poisonous Weed," by Miss E. Farmer.

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