## TEMPERANCE COLUMH．

 CHURCH TEMPERANCE．＂Be Temperate in all Things．＂
Where does the evil of intem－ perance begin？If we can find this，we shall onderstand where the work of temperance begins．It needf，I think，no proof that the evil of intemperance begins in the nerves．Murlx，then，the relation of the nervous system to the haman constitution．It is commonly ． 1 hought that the bruin is the onder part concerned．True；bat the brain is simply the central offise of a telegraph nystem that reaches to the extremities of the body．An invasion of the brain is by no means confined to the bead．It affects every part of the body． The two nystems of nerves，senfor and motor，and their connections and combination，are the most minute，the most wonderful and essential parts of the minate strac－ tare．The minuteness and deli： cacy of these nerves is almost be－ yond conception；and yet extend to every twentieth of a cabic inch of all the tissues of the human body．Every huir of the hoad has its nerve．The sensor nerves are those through which the worldsof matter and mind commanicates with us，and the motor nerves those through which we act upon matter and mind，outside of us．Through the one others make us feel， through the other we mase others feel．Through the one God com－ manes with us，through the other we respond to Him．This，then， is the very door or wioket gate through which overything mast pars that comes into the mind or goes out from it．But ite analogies are rather those of the moat deli cate musical instrument．It is a harp of more than＂a thonsand strings．＂If this be so，the per fecticns of its functions will depend upon that of its tono，i．e．，a ner－ vons sysiem either above or below its normal tone，will derange man＇s mental action，as really sa a harp out of tune will fail to produce music．No man who needlewly or wantonly takes or does what will disturb the tone of bis nervous syatem，can discharge bis daty as perfoctly，or beas good a Christian， as be would be with nerves in a normal state．He will notas read． ily feel what God would have bim do，nor be as capable of doing it， if be shonld feel，as be otherwise would．Now，we who pray daily， ＂Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven，＂are bound by obliga－ tions high as heavon and deep as hell，not to do what will in the least hinder us from doing our duty， i．e．，not to do harm to our nervous system．But the wholo and the immediate effect of narcotics， whether opiate or－stimulent，is， first to exoite the norves above their normal tone，and then leave them to sink bolow．In eithor case we are so far unfitted for doing God＇s will．This is the point at which a Churoh Tempersace uaght to sim，viz，to destroy the very fountain of intemperance．
It is evident that if the nerves were never thrown out of tone by
narcotics，were always kept in a condition for doing the best work of which the Christian is capable， there conld be no inebriates，and this every Charchman is boand to do by his baptismal vow．The whole minchief of intemperance is wrought here，and here the efforts are required to be put forth to arrent it．A Charch Temperance Soctety ahould take ground againat the use of any and all narcotics except as necessary remedies，for all that are nnuecessary must do harm．


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