

Temperance Column.

THE C. E. T. S. AND THE ENGLISH BISHOPS.

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Our readers are well aware that the C. E. T. S. has for some years past had flourishing branches in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and that to this work may be traced the remarkable advance which Temperance principles have made among the younger Clergy.

O Summer days! sweet Summer days!

Ye are not truly flown, Your bloom still lingers in the past, Though autumn winds will mourn, The bloom of Summer on the soul, Of holy, sweet content, Immortal bloom,—immortal calm, In this our banishment Year after year.

S. M. Eckley.

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