

THE PROTESTANT, AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

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Debtor and Creditor.

her with their sins, and in horrible terms declaring their condition to the like. Two of his children, little girls, they kicked him in the ribs, and he lay groaning shockingly; while a third, a little boy, they buried over a fence six feet high. His sister, a young wife, far advanced in pregnancy, they violently pressed behind a door, until her blackened tongue hung out of her mouth. Thus, while by the hand and mouth manifested their fierce and unmerciful spirit, they practised such cruelties! All honor to the husband who has been grieved and endured them! Surely it is not, and shall not be without its reward.

Now (B.)

I take occasion to refer here to another item in the before cited official report presented to our House of Assembly. It relates to a matter not very remotely connected with the "Temperance cause, though not in a technical sense." The report is as follows: "The article of tobacco imported and home manufactured, exported for the past year, is 151,564 lbs.; being an increase over the previous year of 42,331 lbs." Mark that, reader—our neutrals and very kindly neighbours smoke more and more every year. That is, certainly, a very grave feature in this national character. There are two other items of the inhabitants of our Island. And what of the cost of all this, say at eighteen pence currency per pound? It is actually more than \$11,000. And for what is all this cost incurred? To teach and help people to drink intoxicating liquors. For we see a man with pipe or cigar about his lips, who does not know what he means! That certainly is a very grave feature in this national character. And yet have not we the whole cause? What is the testimony of Sir Benjamin Brodie?—an incomptent witness. Tobacco, he tells us, particularly as used for smoking, "excites the nervous system so far, some times to induce a desire for nervous excitement, which, though very much less in degrees, makes of a . . . delirious狂想曲." Moreover, the same witness tells us, that tobacco, as smoked, destroys appetite; and so begins indigestion, with its full train of miseries. Furthermore, this same habit of smoking conveys a strong infection of vice. This is another of Sir Benjamin's points, and is illustrated by the fact that the Turks—a nation of smokers. Their fathers were once the terror of the civilized world; while themselves, the greatest smokers in the world, have become the least, the most contemptible, and the most contemptible of mankind. And yet, our relatives, as well as Temperance men, will insist upon this abominable and disgusting stuff up their nostrils, and roll it under their tongues—and train their sons to do the same. I grieve again at the official report. Here, on the one hand, we find more than \$29,000 charged as duties upon spirits consumed in our Island; and here, on the other hand, more than \$11,000 spent upon tobacco, the tobacco being largely of the liquor, and the liquor a terrible companion upon the tongue. We detect in the use of tobacco, moral meanness, to say the least; if that of quadrant spirit is a gross vice; and the former intimately combined with the latter, must be abandoned, before society can be lifted to its true level—blissed and blessing as God would have it to be.

Dr. Tyng, of New York, describes the cigar as "the little and the devil's tail."

OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE FOREGOING:

Grand Worth Patriarch:

The Committee appointed to examine the Report of the G. W. P. for the past year, having attended to that duty, submit the following:

Your Committee regret that there was no meeting of this Grand division in Georgetown, as appointed, it being necessary that the public engagements of this body, be so kept, as to give general satisfaction. To reduce the expense of this meeting of the G. D., your Committee are of opinion, would not be desirable.

Your Committees are requested to hear of the increase of Temperance principles as exhibited in the rapid spread of our Order, more especially when we reflect upon the low ebb to which it was reduced two years ago. Since that time, however, our numbers, and the addition of many more have steadily increased, and the addition of 10,000 thousand members during the past year speaks volumes for the success attending the efforts of the thorough friends of Temperance, who are determined to persevere in our principles, for the benefit of suffering humanity.

Yours Committee beg to assure this G. D., that while we labor equally hard to diffuse the principles of benevolence and philanthropy, which the Sons of Temperance we profess, we have no love for the future. Let us, then, renew our determination, under Heaven, to wage a perpetual warfare against the greater evil.

The increase of our Order in Great Britain is also a source of extreme gratification to your Committee, as it induces us to hope that the drinking customs of the Mother Country will soon yield to the spread of Total abstinence.

The introduction of the "Baptists of Temperance," your Committee heartily rejoice with great pleasure, and trust that this finding of the Island will be of great assistance.

Yours Committee would congratulate the G. D. upon the organization of the "Friends of Wales Division"—a local division, in every way destined to do much good, and your Committee would urge the early and unanimous exertion for the establishment of Divisions in the more populous settlements of the Island.

It is a subject of regret to your Committee that in our Island the "Work drags heavily," and without stopping to account for the causes which have led to this, your Committee have to confess that by means of a wise and judicious policy on the part of this G. D., many of the difficulties with which the order had to contend may be obviated.

In reference to the "Flower of the Forest Division," your Committee would suggest to them as their motto, "Diligence." Activated, as your Committee believe them to be, by their desire to carry out after the laws of humanity and of their country, every measure of prudence and economy, confidently look forward to that victory which right must ultimately achieve.

The statistics of the Legislature tell a awful tale of the enormous quantity of alcoholique liquor used in this Island, and the number of which is, I dare say, increasing daily. A large portion of its importation and consumption are of opinion that the G. W. P.'s estimate of the total quantity used, is less than the reality by *at least one half*. It is also a subject of deepest regret to your Committee, that in the estimation of liquor, and almost increasing every consecutive year, viz. crime flowing therewith, the character of our country, as such, are silent. The professed Christian, the church member, and the so called ambassadors of Christ, too many instances, here and elsewhere, are found countenancing, supporting and patronizing this horrid vice, which, while it is established, reaches thousands upon thousands of our poor slaves. Truly, G. W. P.: since this is the case, there remains much to be done; and your committee would urge upon this G. D. that they do not hesitate without first endeavoring to derive some means by which to arm all who profess to serve their Lord, or their neighbor, opus this momentous question.

The efforts of the late Father Matthew, in the cause of Temperance, are well worthy of imitation by men similarly situated. The labors of this Philanthropist and Brother Son of Temperance, your committee believe to have been the chief cause of the rapid growth of the Order throughout the Colonies; so would an entire energetic course prove a most decided influence in this Island. The case, then, is clear, that the work of the Order must be advanced, strong in the richlooms of our cause to combat our great enemy Intemperance, always ready to take advantage, and determined, with the approbation of our Father in Heaven to combat more earnestly the influence of the evil spirit.

Complaints are however made very generally that the Sons of Temperance are not sufficiently represented in the legislative body of the G. W. P.

Honorable submitted, in L. P. and F. W.

Yours Compt. G. D., Nov. 10, 1860.

Presbytery of Princeton.

This Presbytery, not according to appointment in the Church at Lot 16, on Wednesday last the 6th Inst. Rev. R. Laird preached from Duet. 21: 6, "Be ye strong and of good courage," &c. Mr. McKeeon, Preacher of the Gospel, gave a verbal report of his missionary labors within the bounds of the Presbytery, and the information received was approved. The Session Board, that Mr. McKeeon is left as the disposal of the Presbytery for the winter, he was appointed to preach at Lot 16 on the second Sabbath of December; at Lot 14, on the fourth; and at Lot 10 again on the last Sabbath of the month.

The Presbytery appointed the next meeting to be held with the view of endeavoring to effect an amicable adjustment of certain difficulties that Congregation, expecting that several members of the former Free Christian Presbytery will find it convenient to remain in communion with the Presbytery on that day. The attention of the people is particularly and respectfully requested.—Con-

stituted individuals are found by city ministrations in a state of disputing filii and the most utter desolation. Of course there are cases of extreme want and of sickness which such visitors must promptly relieve, and we understand that the benevolent societies have been applying themselves to this "little work" to relieve and supply the wants of these individuals.

But whilst all should do what they can to relieve suffering individuals, even those who have brought misery upon themselves, is it not also the duty of every one to use all means to discontinue drinking, and to assist the propagation of the Moral City Missionaries and the way may be opened for a large increase to the number of such; and if some of our Christian ladies would occasionally go with these female workers, the results would be beneficial to those who are visited and to the visitors.—*Mercy Witness.*

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The following persons have kindly consented to act as Agents for the "Protestant" in their respective localities:

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