

called the initial step of a movement on the part of friends of moral reform toward the consolidation of forces, and their co-operation in contending against the great evils that are threatening our social and civil life, pre-eminently those that are consequent upon the traffic in strong drink. It is hoped that the Auditorium which, on the occasion alluded to, was formally and solemnly dedicated to the glory of God in the well being of men, may prove a rallying-point for the friends of truth and purity, and a place where many may receive inspiration for consecrated service in the sacred cause of temperance. But beyond the influence on the individual, it is desired that the place may help to realize that singleness of view and union of effort for which Dr. Hale and Dr. Johnson plead so earnestly in our Review Section—a union that shall involve no sacrifice of principle, not necessarily organic, but at least co-operative.

These are times in which "federation" is a cry to be heard in all directions—"federation" of religious denominations; "federation" of social organizations; "federation" of moral reform associations—this is everywhere "in the air." Let it crystallize from a diffused vapid expression into clear-cut, sharp-angled, definite endeavor. Let the word resolve itself into the work! This is the true order of development in the evolution of that which is worshipful—word-ship, work-ship, worth-ship, worship.

Minus Units of Heat.

THERE has recently been established in the neighborhood of Washington Market, New York City, a plant from which a current of cold air is to be supplied that will chill the three hundred and more refrigerators in the market stalls. According to the statement of one of those who have been perfecting the scheme, it is the purpose of the company to do "what the great steam distributing companies are doing, with a difference. What they are doing is to

distribute and sell plus units of heat. What we are doing is to distribute and sell minus units of heat."

These great companies are represented in a spiritual way in every church. There we have the plus and the minus units of heat in perpetual circulation; the plus stimulating, inspiring, quickening, energizing; the minus chilling, deadening, paralyzing; the plus active, positive, pushing ahead; the minus hypercritical, negative, holding back. The plus units seek their conversion; but they are not easily convertible. They keep, they intensify their chilliness, while they also communicate it; for this is one of the strange instances where having increases by giving. It is sometimes claimed for such that they represent the conservative element in our churches, and that the conservatism of a church is its preservation. But it is to be remembered that that which is cold preserves only that which is dead, and that heat is the invariable concomitant of life. More plus units of heat is what is wanted; more individuals baptized with the fire of the Spirit; more individuals so like the Master that contact with them shall be like that with Him in its results. "Was not our heart burning within us while He spake to us in the way?" More plus units would relieve many of our churches from the charge that they are characterized by a refrigerative coldness, and that their temperature is adapted to the preservation of a dead formalism but not of a living faith.

Reform in Funerals. I.

AMONG the evils that have come to be very common, especially in our cities and larger towns, is that of a costly and extravagant display in connection with the burial of the dead. That sorrow should desire an adequate expression of its intensity is natural. But that such an expression should involve an additional suffering to the living is most unmeet. Strange as it may seem, the costliest funerals are to be found among