

## Temperance Column.

### CHURCH TEMPERANCE WORK.—(Continued.)

#### THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS.

Papers on this subject were read on Thursday morning, and contained a compendium of information and temperance statistics which must be exceedingly useful.

Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Vice-President, said: Intemperance is the great enemy of society, the main cause of social disorder. Its effect upon the home, the education and physical system of children, the army, and the want of thrift among the poor, were graphically described and abundantly proved. Total abstainers are admitted by insurance companies to have an advantage of 26 per cent. over moderate drinkers in length of life.

Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, of Peterboro, read one of the most exhaustive and able papers on the subject we have ever heard. He gave full and complete statistics of the consumption of liquor in Britain, United States, and Canada, and graphically portrayed the enormous waste of resources as a consequence. Its effect upon men and nations, the disgrace and hindrance it laid upon Christian mission work, its results upon the physical, social, educational, and economical phases of individual and national life were calmly, fairly and earnestly illustrated.

Rev. John Davidson, Uxbridge, read a good paper dealing with the effects of alcohol on the mind and body, also on society, the home and family. He strongly denounced the evils wrought among heathen nations by liquor introduced by citizens of Christian England and America.

Rev. J. F. Sweeney, spoke as a Parochial President of the C.E.T.S. and would work entirely from the Society standpoint. Intemperance was everywhere a terrible curse. A large number of valuable statistics were given. An interesting discussion on the paper ensued, taken part in by the Bishops of Toronto and Algoma, Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Graham, and others.

#### PROPOSED PROVIDENT BRANCH.

Mr. J. A. Jones, Sec. of the Brantford Branch, introduced the subject of a proposed Provident Society in connection with the C.E.T.S. to afford sick benefits and insurance to such members as desired it. The executive was asked to consider the matter which was favorably spoken of by several of the workers present.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

At the afternoon session Miss Tilley read an interesting paper on the necessity of woman's work for temperance. Women were the greatest sufferers from drink, and their example was potent for good or evil. The Church Temperance Society afforded every opportunity for woman's work and the Bands of Hope, Sunday-schools and public platform, should all be used for the great object.

Mrs. Cuzron, gave an account of the earnest and fruitful labors of many prominent women in the cause, especially connected with the Church Society. The Women's Rescue Union was doing much good and should be at work in every Parish; women almost everywhere were the main stay of temperance work.

#### BANDS OF HOPE.

Rev. H. P. Hobson, read an excellent paper on this subject. The work in Toronto was very encouraging, over 1400 children being enrolled in nine parishes. He only regretted that the other Churches were doing nothing. Children he thought should not be pledged until they understood what they were doing. They should be taught facts and principles, not exaggerations, and made to see that prevention was better than cure. He gave some good suggestions for conduct of Bands.

Mr. A. C. Winton dwelt on the importance of teaching children temperance truths, to provide proper means of education and direction in the work; we needed a Band of Hope Union. Wherever introduced, the union had done incalculable service. Where no bands were at work the Sunday-school should devote attention to temperance teaching.

Mr. F. H. Fatt gave some good rules for management of Bands of Hope. He thought they should endeavour to counteract the tobacco evil which was destroying young boys by wholesale, as well as intemperance.

After a short discussion led by Mr. Graham, the Conference adjourned.

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