

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

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The Basis of the Society is Union and Co-operation, on perfectly equal terms, between those who use and those who abstain from intoxicating drinks.

The Objects of the Society are:

- I. The Promotion of Temperance. II. The Reformation of the Intemperate. III. The Removal of the Causes which lead to Intemperance.

FORMS OF DECLARATIONS.

A. For Non-Abstainers.—"I recognize my duty as a Christian to exert myself for the suppression of intemperance; and having hereby become a Member of this Society, will endeavour in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, both by example and effort, to promote its objects."

B, for Abstainers.—"I hereby promise by God's help, to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors so long as I retain this Card of Membership."

MEANS.

1. First, and above all, Daily Prayer. It must always be remembered that as intemperance is a sin, so all efforts to remove it should be made in dependence on Him, who is the one Saviour from sin, and who "was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Daily prayer is therefore earnestly asked from all the members for themselves and for the Society.

2. Systematic Teaching, with a view to the formation of a sound public opinion of the advantages, physical, social, and economical, of Temperance; on the extent of the existing intemperance, the deadly nature of the sin, and the countless evils which flow from it. This may be done—

- (a) By Sermons. (b) By Lectures, or courses of Lectures. (c) By circulation of Books, Tracts, and Leaflets, and of the Periodical Publications of the Society, and by forming, wherever possible, a Depot for their sale. (d) By the introduction of Tem-

perance Reading Books in Schools, and Readings at Mothers' Meetings, &c.

(e) By reward schemes—inducing members, especially the young, to study Temperance Primers, and by encouraging boys to learn suitable songs and pieces for recitation.

3. ASSOCIATION—by gathering into Branches all who are desirous of working in the cause, and who feel that either by persuasion, by example, or by pecuniary help, they can do something to promote the cause of Temperance.

LEGISLATION—Counter Attractions.

(a) A large and progressive diminution in the number of Drinking Houses and Licences of all descriptions.

(b) Giving to the ratepayers a voice in the licensing and control of Public houses.

(c) Closing Public houses on Sundays (wholly, or nearly so) and further restricting the hours of sale on week days.

(d) The stoppage of Music and Dancing Licenses in connection with Public houses.

(e) Further limitations on the sale of drink to children.

(f) Withdrawing Spirit Licenses from Grocers, Confectioners, and other mixed traders.

(g) Separation of Post Offices from licensed premises.

Memorials against the granting of new, or, where desirable, the renewal of old Licenses, or in the form of petitions to Parliament.

Forming Working Men's Clubs, Friendly Societies, Athletic Clubs (Cricket, Football, Swimming, &c.), Christians Dinner Clubs, and Penny Banks; establishing or promoting Coffee Palaces; providing Reading and Coffee Rooms (in Villages, as well as in Towns), with Social Gatherings for amusement as well as instruction.

Promotion of Reforms in reference to—Clubs and Friendly Societies—or supplying their places by others meeting elsewhere.

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