

"AIR.—'Auld Lang Sync.

"With joy, O Lord, we dedicate
Our Temple now to Thee,
And crave Thy blessing when we meet
In Faith, Hope, Charity.

"Here may the star of temperance beam
A light along our way,
And all our hearts united *seem*
In Faith, Hope, Charity.

"From bondage to King Alcohol
May all our band be free,
And every heart beat in this hall
In Faith, Hope, Charity.

"May peace her white wings fold about
The band that oft may be
Here gathered in the bonds of love—
Of Faith, Hope, Charity."

In connection with the initiation of candidates the following lines are sung :—

"Welcome stranger to this *Temple*,
To our ALTAR now advance ;
Join our band of valiant soldiers,
Strike for right and Temperance."

Seeing that there is a temple, altar, prayers, hymns, and other solemn ceremonies, we find that Good Templarism is a new religion that was invented in the nineteenth century, and we are entitled to test its principles by the Word of God ; but this is not easily done, because its doctrines and worship are for the most part secret. In this, its rites resemble the ancient Heathen mysteries, and its worship of water is purely Pagan. As might be expected, it does not recognize the Trinity, but seems to substitute "Faith, Hope and Charity" for the Triune God. In the Good Templar Hymnal there is an ode in praise of the Rechabites :—

"When Rechab's sons, in days of old,
Abjured the ruby wine,
And filled their cups of flashing gold
With nectar more divine.