

XVIII.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TO THE BAND OF HOPE.

THE Executive of the Sunday-School Union has invited me to bring the subject of Temperance before this Convention, and, though overworked, I could not refuse the invitation. My difficulty has been how best to bring it before you so as to ensure practical and permanent results. Knowing, as I rejoice to do, that the majority of the Sunday-school teachers in this land are abstainers, and that the rest are rapidly coming to the same decision, I felt that it was scarcely necessary for me to speak to the individual. I therefore determined to say a few words about that which seems to me to be the next question in importance, that is, the relationship of the Sunday-school organization to the Band of Hope. I do this the more readily because I belong to both, and am anxious for the prosperity of each. I became a Sunday-school teacher when in my teens, and believe it to be the most important organization connected with the Christian Church. I also became an abstainer about the same time, and after forty years' experience, I rejoice to testify that it has been a blessing to me beyond all price.

What, then, is the relationship that should exist between the Sunday school, and the Band of Hope? Shall they be

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