

TEMPERANCE.

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In our last bulletin we were able to report the admission of fourteen new societies, with a membership of nearly seven hundred. This month we are able to report an additional increase of nine societies, as follows:

St. Louis (women), St. Louis, Mo., 100; St. Stephen's Cadets, Port Carbon, Pa., 50; St. Jerome, Tamaqua, Pa., 25; St. Jerome Cadets, Tamaqua, Pa., 37; St. Augustine, Bridgeport, Pa., 37; St. Augustine Cadets, Bridgeport, Pa., 50; Mother of Sorrows (girls), Philadelphia, Pa., 418; Father Mathew, Mineral Ridge, O., 20; Father Mathew, Hazleton, O., 75.

This makes an increase of membership in the National Union during the last month of 825. At this splendid news we may all well rejoice. It indicates an encouraging activity all along the line, and is the early fruitage of the renewed earnestness that has been awakened among the societies.

Besides this encouraging report of definite increase the reports from various sections indicate increases that will materialize in the early future.

From Ohio we have reports of the organization of new societies in five or six different places. The same is true also of several other Unions, notably Connecticut. In Middletown, Conn., St. Aloysius Society (young men's) has increased from 25 members of three months ago to 250 members of to-day. Notable additions are reported in all the other Connecticut societies. In Brooklyn, too, the organization of a new Executive Council embracing the Temperance Societies of the city is very nearly perfected, and will be the nucleus of effective work in the diocese.

Though it may be in no sense news to all the societies, still it is worthy of being made a matter of special mention in this bulletin, the pronounced stand made by two members of the episcopate: the warm commendatory letter of Bishop Tierney of Hartford, written to the President of the Connecticut State Union, and the strong letter from Bishop Watterson, of Columbus, Ohio, to the clergy and laity of his diocese. Both these letters should be well known throughout the entire Union, particularly the latter.

In the letter of Bishop Watterson he strongly urges the clergy of his diocese to encourage the organization of Temperance Societies among not only men and women, but cadet societies among boys and girls as well. He also voices a sentiment that has amounted to a conviction in the hearts of many priests throughout the country, and has been their rule of action in the confessional. He says: "If there are saloon-keepers in your parish who call themselves Catholics and yet carry on their business in a forbidden and disedifying way, or sell on Sundays either openly or under any sort of guise or disguise, in violation of the civil law, and to the hurt of order and religion, and scandal of any part of the community, you will refuse them absolution should they perchance come to receive the Sacraments, unless they promise to cease offending in these or other ways, and to conduct their business blamelessly if they can, or get out of it and keep out of it altogether. Their case is to be treated then and afterwards like any other relatively proximate occasion of sin." I say this sentiment has amounted to a conviction with many, and they only want the strong voice of the bishops, who are the teachers of the Church, to fortify them in their line of conduct.

This letter marks the progress of Temperance sentiment and shows to what height the rise of public opinion has come. Slowly but surely the dissemination of Temperance ideas and the enactments of the legislative bodies of the Church are moulding into laws the sentiment as it grows, and each law as it is enacted marks the progress that is made. Along with this, the educational influence has been and is doing its silent work, winning new recruits to the Temperance army, strengthening those already converted, and pushing forward the leaders to conquer new fields of thought.

It will be interesting to know what

will be the new questions up for discussion and settlement at the St. Paul convention. The temperance people look to Archbishop Ireland to mark out new lines of work or to strengthen the weak points of their attack, and to reinvigorate those who are tempted to become stragglers.

The work of gathering in the reports from the various societies is still going on. We have been gratified at the promptness and attention to duty of the majority of the secretaries, but there are still some secretaries who have yet to learn even that there is a National Union, or that there is any duty on their part to keep up a communication between their society and the parent organization. We have in some cases sent out communication after communication to existing addresses on our books, and if these secretaries are still on the face of the earth, we have no evidence of it at all. They must have received our communications, because they have never been returned to us. Now an earnest word to these delinquent secretaries. It can be said without exaggeration that one who holds the office of secretary, and will not respond to urgent communications sent him, is doing great harm to the temperance cause, and like the saloon-keeper, the sooner he gets out and keeps out of the office the better for the society.

We are pleased to say that the majority of the societies have been prompt in the payment of their per capita tax, but still there are some who are still delinquent in this matter. We would most respectfully urge, in justice to our office, that the per capita tax be remitted as soon as possible.

The negotiations towards affiliating various Councils of the Knights of Father Mathew is still going on, and we hope by next month to be able to report considerable progress in this direction.

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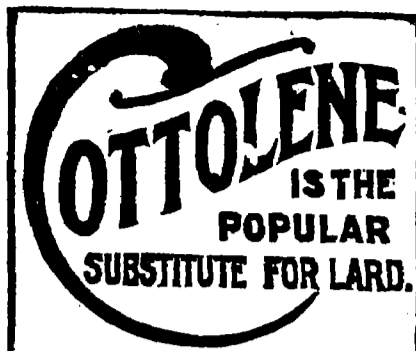
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