

and have ordered the observance of the European Sunday as a day of rest. Whatever may be the motives that have led to this astonishing change, it will, in many ways, be a great help to the missionaries.

Temperance.

The anniversary of the Church of England Temperance Society, which was held last May, was a great success. The meetings commenced with an influential assemblage at Lambeth Palace, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury presided, and the Bishops of Lichfield and Guilford were among the speakers. On the following day, two meetings were held,—a ladies' meeting and a meeting of medical men. But (as the *Temperance Chronicle* states) "the climax of the 'three days' proceedings was reached at the Wednesday evening meeting, when Exeter Hall was crowded with an earnest and enthusiastic assemblage of the Total Abstinence Section of the Society. * * * At this meeting were assembled men and women, all of one mind, not only as to the existence of a too patent and obvious wrong, but as to the true way to remedy it." We hope, in our next issue, to be able to give a *resumé* of some of the speeches delivered at these great gatherings; for the present, we must content ourselves with appending some extracts from the Annual Report:—

DIOCESAN WORK.—Active work has been carried on in every diocese in the Northern and Southern Provinces, under the guidance of Executive Committees, and supplemented by help from the Parent Society. The results in some of them are as follows: *Southern Province.*—In Oxford Diocese, fifty adult branches are at work, and twelve juvenile branches. Returns from thirty-two of them show a total membership of 2,129. In Ely Diocese, forty-one branches, with members amounting to 1,657; Chichester Diocese, forty branches, with a circulation of 800 of *The Chronicle* monthly; Llandaff Diocese, nine new branches, and signal instances of "brands plucked from the burning;" Winchester Diocese, where five branches alone have enrolled upwards of 2,000 members; Gloucester and Bristol Diocese, where a great ministerial conference was recently held to discuss the whole question; Salisbury Diocese, where resolutions have been passed by the Synod, and active work commenced. *Northern Province.*—In the Diocese of Manchester, on October 26 last, sermons were preached in seventy churches, and offertories to the amount of £300 obtained; 115 parochial branches are in active operation, and a large and flourishing ladies' committee has been established. In the Diocese of Durham the branches have increased from forty-one to ninety-five; and in the Diocese of Lichfield there are now eighty-eight branches, with an aggregate of 10,000 members. The Diocese of Carlisle has ninety branches. Since the great Liverpool meeting in the Diocese of Chester, which was preceded by a conference of 250 clergy, the tide has been fairly turned, and the excellent speech of His Grace the Archbishop of York gave the movement a lasting impetus. The Dioceses of Ripon, York, and Lincoln have also been actively worked from the Manchester Offices.

COLONIAL WORK.—It is with pleasure that your Council are able to report an extension of their work in the Colonies. Hobart Town, Tasmania, Auckland, New Zealand, and India, have their branch societies, all of which have been found the only effective agencies for grappling with the vice of intemperance.

ARMY AND NAVY WORK.—New branches have been established during the year in the army at Aldershot, under the guidance and sanction of the chaplains; at Fleetwood, Lancashire, and also at the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. Nearly 750 soldiers are enrolled as members, and the Council watch with deep gratitude the extension of the Temperance movement in the two services, as carried on by these and other kindred associations. In the Royal

Navy, the work has been carried on mainly by the Naval Church Society, whose report of progress is most satisfactory. Sanction and co-operation has also been given to the work of the Council by the Missions to Seamen Society, through whose lay readers and agents it is vigorously carried on. Grants of tracts, publications, and cards have been freely made during the year by the Council towards this desirable object.

AGENCIES.—No less than nine agents and organizing secretaries are now engaged by the Council, and continue their useful labors. They are working under the guidance of active committees. More will be appointed in proportion as the Council are supplied with the necessary funds.

FINANCE.—Last year the Council, at their annual meetings, stated that if the work of the Society was to be carried on effectively and worthy the high position of the National Church, it could only be so done by a large increase of pecuniary support. Three years ago the total income from all sources was under £700; last year it had reached £4,500; but it is with real thankfulness that the Council are this year able to report a grand total of £7,223 19s. 3d. The expenditure has amounted to £7,092 3s. 4d., leaving a balance in hand (to commence the year's work with), in the Southern Province, of £152 8s. 4d., and a balance due to Treasurer in the Northern Province of £20 12s. 5d. In July last the Council received a splendid donation of £1,000 from a lady in the Diocese of Oxford. They think it right, however, to state that the sum has not been dealt with this year, except by investment, though, in prospect of a further extension in the Society's literature and publications, even more than this munificent help will be required.

In conclusion, the Council tender their best thanks to the Archbishops, Bishops, dignitaries of the Church, and all who have so signally helped them: and express an earnest hope that the efforts of the coming year will bring them still nearer to the dawn of a real Temperance Reformation, brought about by the aid of all Christians, and by the action of the National Church.

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