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The Temperance Cause.

The Church of England Temper-ance Chronicle for May 2, contains very full and interesting reports of the services and public meetings connected with the anniversary of the C. E. T. S. The 23rd Anniversary Festival Service was held, by permission of the Dean, in Westminster Abbey. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Edghill, D. D., Chaplain-General to H. M. Forces, and was a powerful and eloquent plea for the Society's work. We append some of his closing remarks :

Let us gather up the principles upon which we must work successfully. First of all, Temperance work must b done at the bidding of Christ. We welcome many other attempts to win men to higher things. We look not with jaundiced eye upon anything that tends to men's material improve-ment; we rejoice at it. We are glad to find that the dwellings of the poor will probably be bettered. We delight to know that education is spreading. We cannot but rejoice in the uprising everywhere of coffee palaces, or in the spread of the refining influences of music and art. We rejoice at all this, but our principle is : At Thy bidding, O Christ, we let down the net. We do not want merely to reform man's outward condition, but we want to convert man to God. Temperance work is but an accessory, so to speak: We aim at the man's reformation really through his conversion. Dear friends, it must be with the word of Christ, the word which tells of His love, the love of the loving Father, to every child, however wandering he has been from Him. This must be our strength ; this our power, -at Thy word. We love this C. E. T. S. because it has dared to put in the forefront this truth-it is at the word and with the word of Christalone that we can succeed. Let us not merely re-member that saying of St. Peter. "At. member that saying of St. Peter. "At. Thy word," but let us never forget the "Nevertheless" of Peter. Oh! we want that word in Temperance work more than in anything else-Never-theless. We say to those filled with despondency, or often dismay at the magnitude of the evil-and when men go back again, like the sow that is washed, to her wallowing in the mire -Nevertheless is our motto; in spite of it all we will not yield. In spite of it all, at the word of Christ we will persevere. "Nevertheless, at Thy word." Though we have been disappointed, though we have been over and over again met with thanklessness where we anticipated gratitude-nevertheless, Jesus Christ has taught us the infinite preciousness of every soul, and so we will not yield in the strife with evil. "Nevertheless, at Thy word, we will let down the net." First of all, those of you who can help to do it, let down the net of restrictive legislation. As Mr. Gladstone said, we want to make it easy for the people to do right, and difficult for them to do wrong. We want altera-tion of the law; and now, as power has descended to those who feel the need of aid in the strife, doubt not that we shall be able to do something in the way of prevention. Let down the net of national amusement. We by all Druggists. Price 25c. want to fill men's lives with greater brightness than they have known Prepared only by E. M. Estey, before. Much has been done, but Pharmaoist. Moneton, N. B.

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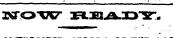
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