

## THE CHURCH OBSERVER.

state of probation, where the character may be formed by the exercise of self-control in the use of things, which, good in themselves and when used in moderation, may be so abused as to become highly injurious. The evils of intemperance are so frightful that I am not surprised at the extreme views of some of the advocates of total abstinence, but except on the ground of expediency in special cases, I am not yet convinced that it is to be as much esteemed as moderation in the use of stimulants, which are only injurious when taken in excess.

Of course there are exceptions. Here and there we find both clergy and laymen in favor of prohibition, but a very large majority of the members of the Church of England entertain views upon the subject in accordance with those expressed by the dignitaries I have named.

Yours truly.

F. P. Greforex.

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