

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

ORILLIA.

In pursuance of the subject of "Temperance Teaching," which it has brought prominently before the people of Orillia, the Church of England Temperance Society was addressed on Thursday 26th ult., by Mr. J. C. Morgan, M.A., Inspector of Public Schools. He took for his subject, "Our Public School System in its Relation to the Citizen." Education should be physical, mental and moral. It was the duty of the state to educate the body, in order to secure "a sound mind in a sound body." There should be more gymnastics, and a public school child should not be required to open a book out of school-hours, unless it be a very short task, to inculcate the sense of responsibility and duty to be done when not under the immediate eye of the teacher. Physical education should likewise train the pupils for manual labor. The true "dignity of labor," which rendered the curse pronounced upon Adam, "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," a blessing as well, should be inculcated. Montreal training should fit the children—boys and girls alike—for the practical business of life. This was a debt the state owed to all. The moral and religious training should be definite and elevating. Separate schools were a mistake, and a menace to the future of Canada. All the children should be educated together, and be believed that the broad truths of Christianity could be taught without offence to any. Even the secularist must admit that if moral and religious training of that kind did his child no good it would do him no harm. Canadians had a grand heritage, and our children should be taught that this was a country worth living for. In geography and history, the teaching should be "Canada first;" then enough regarding the mother country to show that it is the glory of our Dominion to be a portion, and an increasingly important portion, of the grand old British Empire. Canadian youth should learn that our country acknowledged no superior on this continent, and that if need be she was abundantly able to take care of herself in resisting aggression from the great big fellow to the south, as she had done in the past; that the tie which united us to the Mother Land should never be broken. (Hearty and repeated applause.) Moral education necessarily included Temperance. The evils of drinking, the nature and effects of alcohol, the fact that stimulants were never necessary except as medicine; that health, comfort and safety alike suggested total abstinence, could and should be taught by precept and example. About sixty-five per cent. of the Public School children of Ontario were last year reported as receiving such instruction, and the number was rapidly increasing. Fully half the candidates at the entrance examinations in Barrie then going on had signified their intention of uniting on that subject. These

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