

# TEMPERANCE WORK IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

*To the Bishops, Clergy and the Friends of the Temperance Cause in the Dominion of Canada.*

The following letters from several of the leading English divines, and abstracts of press notices, will, I think, be sufficient to satisfy the Bishops, Clergy, and temperance philanthropists generally, of the genuineness of my mission, and that I come not as an oratorical adventurer, but as a tried veteran in the great cause of temperance.

For 45 years I have laboured in the struggle against strong drink, and have devoted the best part of my life to the task of elevating that great down-trodden army of wretched drunkards who are a curse alike to the British and American nations, and to themselves. With the exception of the Venerable Canon Ellison, and one other, I believe, I am the oldest member of the Church of England Temperance Society, the most popular and most energetic of the temperance organizations in the United Kingdom, and for many years I held the office of Diocesan Secretary to the Manchester Diocese, the most densely populated of all English Dioceses, and this position I have only lately resigned.

During my active temperance career I have addressed not less than twelve thousand meetings in various parts of Great Britain, in halls, in workshops, in mills, and in the open-air, and it is no egotism to say that during my work in Lancashire and Yorkshire I attained considerable popularity amongst the working classes of those two great counties, for I have had practical proof of the same, and rejoice to know that I have been the instrument whereby many a drunkard has been led to see the blessings of a godly, righteous and sober life.

I am well known on this Continent to The Most Rev G. Hills, D.D., Bishop of Columbia; Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, D.D. Bishop of Delaware; Robert Graham Esq., of New York; E. Payson Weston Esq., the celebrated temperance pedestrian, Thomas Myers Esq., of Toronto, and Chicago; and others and was well known to the late Honorable E. P. Delevan, of New York. I have many times stood side by side on the temperance platform with my venerable friend the Honorable Neal Dow, of Portland, Me.

I come amongst you with an experience that has been gathered by few, and trust that by the Divine blessing I may still be the means of propogating the great principles of temperance which help to make the righteousness which exalteth a nation.

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