TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE C.E.T.S.

The Provincial Synod of South Africa, which embraces seven Dioceses, at its meeting in February last organized a Church Temper ance Society on the lines of the Church of England Tomperance Society of the Mother Land. It is gratifying to find that this noble Society so broad and comprehensive in its principles and aims is extending itself wherever a branch of the Mother Church itself is to be found; 'like it,' it will soon encircle the globe, and correct the unwise zeal and indiscreet action of other so called Temperance societies.

At the same Synod the question of Prohibitory legislation occupied a good deal of attention, and a resolution in favour of local option; a tax on strong drink to fall on the consumer, and that some restraint should be imposed on the habitual drunkaid, was adopted. A motion that the Bishops of the various dioceses should approach the legis. latures of the Colonies and States of South Africa with petitions in avor of measures to regulate the liquor trafflo and insure the passing and efficient administration of prohibitory legislation with regard to native faces, was also carried.

On Sanday evening, the 10th of May, after the usual Sunday services were over, a large meeting of those favorable to Prohibition was held in the Qacen's Hall, Montreal, at which most of the prominent ministers, and others of the various Protestant denominations were present, and Archdeacon Evans was reported as 'representing the Church of England,' whether by

appointment or not does not appear. The various Temperance organizations, e.g., Dominion Alliance; Good Tomplars; Royal Templars, were also represented on the platform. The obsirman, J. R. Doogall, E.q., President of the Dominion Alliance, in his opening remarks admitted some hesitation as having existed in fixing the meeting for a Sunday night, the object being quasi-political, but justified it as being in the interest of morals and religion. The wisdom of the course cortainly seems questionable in view of the inroads already made on the sanctity of the Lord's Day, Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Wells(American Presbyterian), Warriner (Congregationalist), Wil liams (Methodist), Mowatt (Pres-byteriau), and Evans (Church of England), and thereafter the chairman put the following resolution : 'That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when it is expedient to prohibit the maunfacture, importation and sale of intox. icating liquor for beverage pur-poses,' which the Witness says was carried upon a standing vote, every person present rising in its favour amid a scene of great enthusiazm' l Time will show whether the enthu. siasm is reat and prevails to any extent outside the Queen's Hall, and specially inside the Legislative walle,

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Give your ministea a hearty cooperation in his work. Let him know that he can depend upon your service and good will at all times. Don't wait for him to always suggest plans of work. Keep the parish on your heart rather than leave it with your minister, as if its welfare and care were a burden which he must bare alone.

Always speak kind words of him as a man. If you think you have reason to oriticise go to him first of all. If your minister is, as most of them are, faithful and earnest, do not be afraid to show your appreciation in a hearty personal way. If the sermon has helped you tell him of it. It will be a ray of sunshine to lighten the shadows of 'blue' Monday.

Remember your minister is human. His heart oraves sympathy. He gets tired. The mind wearies and won't always work up to highwater mark. Let him know that you appreciate all this. Lastly, always be prompt in the payment of salary, and give him enough, so that he can have the best of intellectual food as well as physical comtort. - Pacific Churchman. -101-

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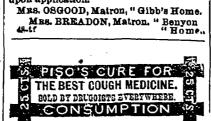


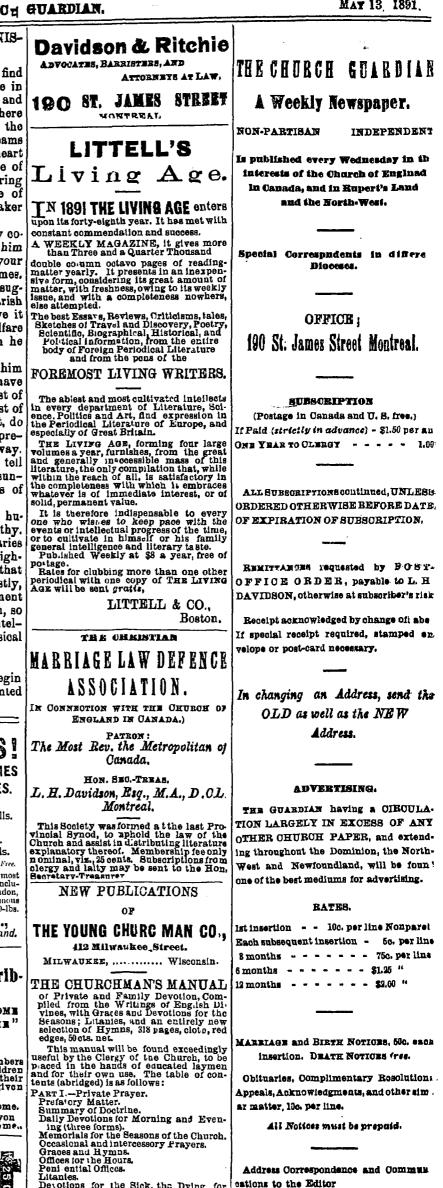
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