

## The Temperance Cause.

### AT HOME.

The ninth anniversary of the Cathedral (Montreal) Band of Hope was held on the 22nd of May. The audience was large and influential. Punctually at eight o'clock the orchestra struck up and the youthful members of the band, attired in white and carrying the magnificent banners of the society, entered the hall, all joining in a spirited chorus entitled the "Greeting Song." After marching round the hall, and winding in and out of the aisles, the procession ascended the platform, and the children took their places on the seats provided for them. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. G. Norton, president, after which the hymn, "All glory, laud and honor," was sung, followed by the reading of the reports by the secretary, Mr. B. Binnmore. The report of the treasurer, Miss Mary Ogilvy, showed a balance of \$12.65. The secretary's report proved a large increase of membership during the past year, and that the indefatigable efforts of this organization had been crowned with success. It was stated that the Band of Hope having raised a sum of money towards presenting a testimonial to Bishop Baldwin, had resolved that it should be devoted to equipping a coffee barrow, and this, it was felt, would be entirely in accordance with his Lordship's wishes. The musical part of the programme owed much of its success to the kindness of Mr. Chas Harris, the organist of the cathedral. The proceedings were also enlivened by an orchestra of amateur performers. The singing of the children reflected credit on the training of Miss Newham. Altogether the meeting was a successful one.—*Star*.

### ABROAD.

A few weeks since a deputation from the Church Missionary Society, consisting of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a number of bishops, deans, noblemen and members of parliament, attended at the British Foreign Office to urge upon the government the importance in the negotiations at the Berlin West Africa Conference, of restraining the liquor traffic in the Niger and Congo. The memorialists stated that the traffic was becoming so enormous that there were grave reasons for alarm, that not only would the missions be ruined and the cause of Christianity and civilization irreparably injured, but that the native races would be destroyed if something was not speedily done. The Bishop of Sierra Leone (who was to sail the next day for Africa) mentioned that the steamer he went out in before was laden with rum, gin and gunpowder all from Hamburg, and that the captain told him the spirits were of such a quality that he would not touch them on any account. We have seen it stated that the Berlin Conference adopted prohibitory measures; and if such measures are good for the Congo and Niger regions, why are they not good for Berlin, London, New York? If we can interfere for the protection of other and far off people, why ought we not to suppress the demoralizing and destructive traffic at home?

## A TEMPERANCE OASIS.

The *Anglo-New Zealander and Australian Times* states that, on the requisition of the native race in New Zealand, the whole of what is known as the "King Country" has just been proclaimed by the Governor of the colony as protected from the sale of intoxicating drink for ever. There is a provision in the Licensing Act of the colony which was inserted with this object in view. It provides that if the native owners of any land on which a license for the sale of intoxicating drink has not yet been granted make application to the governor to have their lands exempt from the operations of the Licensing Act, the Governor-in-Council shall make proclamation declaring that no license for the sale of drinks shall be granted within such areas. For many months past some friends of the Maori race have been actively exerting themselves to bring the knowledge of this provision before the minds of the natives, and have succeeded in obtaining the cordial assent of the whole people, from Tawhia down, to have their lands protected from the demon of intemperance; the application has been presented and the proclamation made in legal form. It is interesting to know that, the proclamation once made, there is no provision in the Act for recalling the prohibition from the land, which can only be done by a special Act of Parliament. The consequence of this is that an area of three million acres of the most fertile land in New Zealand, and possessing one of the finest harbours in the colony has been absolutely dedicated to temperance for ever.

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