

Temperance.

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"Look not upon the wine when it is red; at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. xxiii. 31, 32.

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THE average attendance of the Band of Hope for January was 149.

Our members are falling off somewhat during February owing to the prevalence of sickness among the younger children, but we hope in a few weeks to reach our old numbers again.

IN OUR ISSUE of January we gave a short sketch of the Coffee-house, opened last summer by the W. C. T. U.; the "Y's" have undertaken, during the winter, work of a similar nature, in the form of the coffee-barrow. The barrow was brought out from London, Eng., in Nov., 1889, so that this is the second winter of its work. The coffee is made at the Evangelistic Hall. The idea is to supply the cabmen of the different stands with a good hot drink, and so keep them out of the taverns. The first trip is at 5 p.m., when the stands on McGill College Avenue, Mance and other streets are visited; at 7 p.m. it is at the Windsor Station, where it is highly appreciated and patronized.

The second trip starts about 8 p.m., when other stands are visited, and 10 o'clock finds it at the Academy, or, if a concert night, at the Windsor Hall. Several cabmen have expressed their thanks for it. The amount of coffee consumed nightly is about six gallons, with about five dozen of pies and the same number of buns. The cost is extremely small, the coffee being two cents, a bun one cent, and a pie five cents.

ARE YOU AFRAID of being thought less hospitable by those who only value you for your mistaken hospitality? Can you bear to be singular? Can you resign a little paltry gratification of the senses that you may not stand in the way of a great reformation. To drink deeply—to be drunk—is a sin; that is not denied. At what point does the taking of strong drink become a sin? We suppose a man perfectly sober, who has not taken anything which can intoxicate; one glass excites him, and to some extent disturbs the state of sobriety, and so far destroys it; another glass excites him still more. But where does the sin begin? At the first glass, at the first step to complete intoxication, or at the sixth, or seventh, or eighth? Is not every step from the natural state of the system towards the state of stupid intoxication an advance in sin, and a yielding to the unwearied tempter of the soul? Reader, think of this, think of your own danger; for who is so strong that he may not fall? Think of the millions who lie bound in the chains of this foul spirit, and ask yourself, "Are you all doing your duty in discountenancing the causes of so much sin and misery?" If you cannot say "Yes" with a clear conscience, rise superior to foolish and wicked customs, and join your influence and your example to the efforts of those who have declared war against the causes of the sin of drunkenness, which will only terminate with their extermination from the surface of the earth.—*The late John Bright*.

NO LIQUOR STORES, no tobacco stores, in Oberlin, Ohio, and the use of tobacco in any form is prohibited to the 1,200 students in the famous College. If one town can rid itself of tobacco stores, why not another?