

Temperance Column.

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THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S SERMONS.

Bishop Temple, who was president of the congress, preached at the opening service from Gal. vi. 2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." In the course of his sermon the right rev. prelate said:—

"We could see, if we would but open our eyes, that on all hands the temperance movement was widening and deepening as it flowed. This current of strong desire to help our fellow-men to cast off the chains in which they were bound had such strength that those who entered it with little enthusiasm became more enthusiastic as time went on, because they felt more and more deeply the need of every exertion they could make, and because they were infected with the power which came from the ever-swelling mass of those with whom they were joined. They were infected with the fervor which lodged in so many hearts and spoke in so many faces. Everywhere they welcomed the accession of fresh adherents and new forces, coming often from unexpected quarters. What encouragement it was to see little tokens of success wherever they went—the cup of milk that had taken the place of the glass of beer, the water that was drunk where spirits were once used or wine was formerly abundant, the cheery word that now and then dropped from some acquaintance. He who cared for this cause was cheered perpetually now, for go where he would he found, though he perhaps knew it not before, that his comrades were all around him in every rank of society and in every place that he entered. He found them in every congregation of Christians, in every gathering of citizens. The cause was covering the whole English race as it advanced. Wherever our language was spoken, temperance principles were maintained with increasing strength. Wherever the English flag flew, there was a protest against the great English sin. We, who of all the nations in the world, ranked in this matter if not the lowest, yet very low indeed, were also awakening and taking our part in the great protest that was continually going up against the fearful evil of drunkenness. Of all the proofs that religion was not dead there was none stronger than the effort to make men live more moral and wholesome lives, and none that bore more clearly upon it the mark of God's Holy Spirit than the endeavor made by temperance societies to heal this terrible disease, to make men more worthy of the name of man, to make them more worthy to be disciples of the Lord."

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