

subjects of it, Mr. T. continues, "we are baptizing every Sabbath in the river that runs through the city, and our baptismal scenes have been solemn and delightful. Our Congregational and Methodist friends have all felt the sacred influence, and are beginning to reap a harvest of souls.

"During the whole progress of the revival, there has been a most striking absence of all undue excitement. The means used have been of the most simple character. What has been termed *machinery*, has been totally unknown. Order and decorum, accompanied with a *sacred solemnity*, have characterized all our meetings. The Lord has led the way, and his people have followed with 'a pure and steadfast zeal.' Our converts are full of joy, and willingly tell 'what the Lord has done for their souls.' The work has not yet ceased; numbers are yet inquiring the way to Zion, and every now and then we hear the voice of the new born soul. Truly, God has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

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TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

The great Temperance Festival held on the 22d of February, at the Arch Street Theatre, in Philadelphia, was one of the most extraordinary, splendid, and satisfactory meetings ever convened for that purpose. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Chambers, and the vast audience, composed of the fashion and respectability of the city, were enchained with breathless attention by the masterly address of their distinguished guest for more than two hours. Mr. Buckingham in the most delightful and satisfactory manner, exposed and demolished every argument that could be advanced in favor of the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and his appeal to the higher classes to abandon the destructive habit of wine drinking, and to throw the full force of their powerful example into the scale of the great and august moral reformation now in progress throughout the world, was calculated to make a deep and abiding impression on this part of the audience; whatever may be their course hereafter, I question whether

there was an individual present, but what fully responded to the principle of total abstinence. Mr. Buckingham stated that in the examination made before a Committee of the House of Commons, it was proved beyond all question that Great Britain alone suffered a yearly loss of fifty millions of pounds sterling in the cost of intoxicating drinks—fifty millions more in the destruction of property, by shipwreck, fire, and a thousand other casualties occasioned by using alcohol—at least seventy millions more by the loss of productive labor, in consequence of the use of this destructive beverage; taking into consideration the fact that one seventh of the soil of the Kingdom is cultivated to produce the materials from which intoxicating drinks are made, the gross loss to the nation cannot fall short of two hundred millions of pounds sterling annually, or one thousand millions of dollars—leaving out of the account any estimate for their extended possessions in various parts of the world. Mr. Buckingham exhibited in the most conclusive manner, that were it not for the use of intoxicating drinks by the people of Great Britain, the yearly tax of fifty millions sterling to sustain the operations of government—and indeed the national debt of near a thousand millions sterling, would hardly be felt as the weight of a feather. It is impossible to give any adequate idea of this remarkable festival—the first of the kind ever held in this city. The whole affair went off admirably. Although the object of the meeting was to expose a destructive fashion, and although most probably a large proportion of the audience indulged in the habit condemned, yet, every argument advanced, every fact stated, met with the most decided approval, and in no single instance was a voice of disapprobation heard; and in my judgment, an impression has been made on this great, beautiful, and prosperous city, which will not be dissipated until the use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, will only be remembered as a bad habit *that has been*.

The exercises of the evening commenced at half-past six, and continued with unabated interest till eleven, when the meeting was adjourned, and the vast audience retired quietly, and in perfect order, not a circumstance occurring to interfere with the festivities of the meeting. The refreshments consisted of a great variety of the most beautiful confectionary, the richest fruits, abundance of ice-cream, lemonade, and water.

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