## Temperance Column.

The Church of England Temperance Chronicle says:

One of the most seriour dangere that are threatening the progress of Temperance reform is the tendency to make it a party cry, and practically to ignore other great questions of Imporial interest. Some bitter thinge were said of some members of the Temperance Siciety who voted in the North Hunting don election for the succeseful cin-didate-he not being considiered sound on the Tomperance question. The opinion of the late Joseph Livosey will be received with respect by all. This is what he says:
"Temperance men may act politicelly at election times and seasons, and in such a way as promises to secure an edvantage to their cause, and does not tend to increase divisions among themselves, or create a hurtful feeling against them with the public; but for so comparative ly feeble a body to assume the choracter of a distinct political and Parliamentary power. will, I believe, result in disappointment, if not in direct injury, to the Tcmperance cause.

To set up ourselves as a distinct party, or to pledge the support or opposition of Temperance electors, in going too far. . . No ono section of the Temperanco body ought, or can, dictate to the wholo. . . Gnd forbid that I thould ever witners the holy caure of Teetotaliem-that cause which stands associated with all that is peaceful, and quiet, and elevating-dragged into electioneering rows."

## NOTES BY THE WAY:

There were 61.250 seafaring men, firbermen, and bargemen pledged to Total Abstinence from intoxicating drinks by the Mjesions to Seamen Branch of the C.E.T.S during the last cight years. As an example of the effeet of this sobrioty, Brintol, cnee a most depraving port for teamen. had, ten yearsaro, forty-nine public houses firequented by sailors, and since visited by the Missions to Seamen Agency. Of these, twenty-two havo dizijpeared, and eight of the remaining publicans attend the Seamen's Church. For every sitting in that Church thirly-five male worshippers hare taken the piedge, being 10,701 ser:men in all, and ten have bought Bibles and Prayer Books; whilst for every the seatione male worshipper is a volunteer Mission help. er on the high reats. Most of the sailors' boarding houses at Bristol havo become reipectable, the crimp is dying out, only two out of fifty crimps remaining, and the surrounding property is enhaneed in value. As a rule, the Temperance movement has added largely to the Missions of Scamen's congregation at most ports and to the communicants.

Les signes des temps, a Herald of Prophecy, published at Bavle, gires an interesting account of the International Alcoholic Congress al Zu rioh, and strikes the true key-note in its concluding remark that these
habits of Intomperance popald disappear of themselves : under the powerful influence of the Spirit of God in the beart transforming the desires, sanctifying every actof life, changing the face of the world: and that upon the Churches and ministers of the Gospel falls in great measure the responsibility of the suppression of the modern plague of alcohol.
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