Temperance Column.

The Church of England Temperance Chronicle says:

One of the most serious dangers 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 Imperial interest. Some bitter things were said of some members of the Temperance Society who voted in the North Huntingdon election for the successful candidate-he not being considered sound on the Temperance question. The opinion of the late Joseph Livesey will be received with respect by all. This is what he says:

"Temperance men may act politically at election times and seasons, and in such a way as promises to secure an advantage 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 comparatively feeble a body to assume the character of a distinct political and Parliamentary power, will, I believe, result in disappointment, if not in direct injury, to the Temperance cause. To set up ourselves as a distinct party, or to pledge the support or opposition of Temperance electors, is going too far. . . No one section of the Temperance body ought, or can, dictate to the whole. . . God forbid that I should ever witness the holy cause of Teetotalism-that cause which stands associated with all that is peaceful, and quiet, and elevating—dragged into election-eering rows."

NOTES BY THE WAY:

THERE were 61.250 seafaring men, fishermen, and bargemen pledged to Total Abstinence from intoxicating drinks by the Missions to Seamen Branch of the C. E. T. S. during the last eight years. As an example of the effect of this sobrioty, Bristol, once a most depraving port for seamen, had, ten years ago, forty-nine public houses frequented by sailors, and since visited by the Missions to Scamen Agency. Of these, twenty-two have disappeared, and eight of the remaining publicans attend the Seamen's Church, For every sitting in that Church thirty-five male worshippers have taken the pledge, being 10,701 seamen in all, and ten have bought Bibles and Prayer Books; whilst for every three seats one male worshipper is a volunteer Mission helper on the high seas. Most of the sailors' boarding houses at Bristol have become respectable, the crimp is dying out, only two out of fifty erimps remaining, and the surrounding property is enhanced 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 Basle, gives an interesting account of the International Alcoholic Congress at Zurich, and strikes the true key-note in its concluding remark that these

habits of Intemperance would disappear of themselves under the powerful influence of the Spirit of God in the heart transforming the desires, sanctifying every act of 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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