

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

The liquor dealers of Sydney have adopted a novel method of protecting themselves against the assaults of the Temperance party. They propose to stop the sale of alcoholic drinks on Sunday, and in order to carry out this purpose are forming themselves into local committees. Their idea is that if they can wholly boycott the thirsty Sunday drinkers a large feeling of opposition against the attempts of the Temperance advocates to limit Sunday drinking will be created. The liquor dealers calculate that by skilfully using this feeling they will be able not only to save themselves from legislation which will affect them prejudicially, but also to carry the war into the camp of the Temperance folk, and to sweep away some at least of the fruits of their long agitation against the liquor evil. The idea is ingenious, but it remains to be seen whether, if the liquor dealers carry out their scheme, they will not thereby be placing in the hands of the Temperance party a far more powerful weapon than any they could have forged for themselves. It is hardly in any case probable that the object of the liquor traffickers will be attained.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

WINDSOR AND BROMPTON.—On Tuesday afternoon, the 16th inst., the Lord Bishop, accompanied by Rev. S. Hepburn, M. A., and the Incumbent of the Mission, drove to Hardwood Hill, distant six miles from Windsor Mills, for the purpose of consecrating the new Church recently completed in this part of the mission. Owing to the extreme heat and the very dusty road the drive out was not pleasant. At about 2.30 we reached the little Church, which stands on the line between John Bliss and Joseph Hetherington, each of the above having donated a quarter of an acre of land for a site. Soon a good congregation had assembled, notwithstanding the fact that many in the place were out searching for an old man who was lost in the bush and whose body has only just been found.

The Consecration service was heartily rendered, both the clergy present taking part in the service with the Bishop. Miss Cox, daughter of the Incumbent, presided at the organ, which was kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. J. Bliss.

The address of his Lordship was from the words 'What mean ye by this service,' Exod. xii. 26., and was listened to with much attention by many who had never witnessed a similar service.

During the service there had come up a smart thunderstorm, cooling the air finely and settling the dust. I may add that this new Church will hereafter be known by the name of Grace Church, Windsor. It is a comfortable little Church, seats free and no debt thereon.

On Wednesday, the 17th June, at Christ Church, Brompton, after Matins by the Incumbent, at 10.30 a.m. eight more candidates—two male and six female—received the

Laying on of hands; which was preceded by an address from his Lordship replete with instruction, and followed by another on the Gospel teaching of the Christian Year, founded on the words of St. Paul, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God"; Acts xx, 27.

The discourse of his Lordship showed very clearly that the clergy of the Church of England who follow the course of teaching laid down for them in the Prayer Book are much more likely to preach a full and entire Gospel than those who are free to follow the particular bias of their own religious experiences.

After the service which was a very enjoyable one, the Bishop was taken to the residence of Mr. A. Knapp, where an excellent lunch was provided; the genial Bishop in turn entertaining us with his pleasant conversation, amusing anecdotes, and stories of his travels in other lands.

During his Lordship's stay in Windsor he visited the new parsonage now in course of erection, and expressed himself well pleased with the progress made in the work, and the general appearance of the building now fast approaching a state of completion.

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