

Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Arabians, in succession to the present day.

It may have seemed to some that this public remembrance of General Gordon and the forces in Egypt in our prayers, savours somewhat of a tendency to introduce politics into our Churches. A moment's consideration will surely dispel this idea, for is not the contest really, notwithstanding its many complications, between Slavery and Freedom, between Light and Darkness, between Christianity and Mohammedanism?

#### TEMPERANCE GUILD.

On account of the Exhibition in the early part of September, only one meeting of the Guild was held, viz., on the 30th. Being the first meeting of the season, the attendance was not so large as usual. After the opening hymn and prayers, the Rector gave an address in which he showed that the experience of Life Insurance Societies was wholly on the side of those who abstained from all intoxicants, on the score both of long life and good health. The experience of the workshop was also brought forward to show how often the excellence of work was impaired through intemperance in depriving men of that clearness of eye, and steadiness of hand required in high class work, so that often in this way the work of half a dozen men in the production of an article was ruined by even the slight intemperance of one of their number. The meeting was enlivened by songs, &c., by several members, Mr. Phillips kindly presiding as conductor and accompanist. Tea and cake were dispensed afterwards, and the meeting was closed in the usual way. The only drawback to the pleasure of the meeting was the noise in the room, and the uproar afterwards in the street, made by some boys, who have won for themselves the name of "the John Street Boys."

The meetings of the Guild during this month will be held on Monday the 13th, and Tuesday the 28th.

#### CHURCH CONGRESS.

The Second Congress of the Church in Canada will be held in St. James' School House, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 14th, 15th, and 16th days of this month. The subjects to be discussed are of general interest to Church people, and many of the papers and speeches will no doubt be interesting and instructive. The meetings are open to all, and will be held each day from 10 to 1, and from 3 to 5. There will be an *Evening Meeting* on the Tuesday; *Service* in St. James' on Wednesday Evening, with a sermon by the able Bishop of Illinois, Dr. Maclaren, and a *Conversazione* on Thursday Evening.

#### HARVEST HOME.

*Thanksgiving Day* for some inscrutable reason usually comes in the dark days of November, when it is impossible to get fruit or flowers, or grain with which to decorate the Church. It is not well to turn the Church into a market garden, as is sometimes done, but it is a good thing to teach by the eye, as well as by the ear, and the bringing into God's House of a certain portion of the fruits of His earth is a telling way of reminding city folk, and of teaching city children, many of whom never see a field of ripe grain ready for the harvest, that—

"All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above."

It is intended to have two Harvest Home Services on Sunday, the 12th inst., one for children at 3.30, the other at 7.00 p.m. Sunday is chosen, as the only day on which children generally can attend such a service. The services will of course be choral, the processional Hymn No. 276, "Come, ye thankful people, come." The special thank offerings of the day will be for the Widows and Orphans' Fund. A beautiful Harvest Anthem, "O give thanks," by Farebrother, will be sung at the Evening Service, and a new feature at both services will be a very pretty Harvest Carol. Contributions towards the decoration of the Chancel will be thankfully received: if in money, they should be sent to the Rectory as soon as possible; if in fruit or flowers, to the Church on Saturday morning, the 11th inst.

The goodness of God in the fruits of the earth is suggested as a subject of special thanksgiving at Holy Communion, on the 12th inst. Celebrations at 8 a.m., and mid-day.