### Temperance Column.

THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH TEMPERANCE WORK.

THE BIRTH OF THE MOVEMENT.

In the year 1872 the Church of England, recognizing the vast importance of the question of temperance, appointed a committee to investigate the extent, the causes, and the remedies for the great national vice. Later in the year the committee reported to a meeting held in Lambeth Palace, under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and on the basis of the report then presented was formed the Church of England Temperance Society as the exponent of the Church in carrying on the work of temperance reform. The Church Temperance Society of America is based upon the same lines, and worked upon the same methods. The basis agreed upon was broader than that of any previously existing temperance organization, being a union on perfectly equal terms between those who use temperately and those who abstain entirely from intoxicating liquors as beverages. The two objective lines of the work were the rescue of the intemperate and the removal of the causes from which intemperance springs.

THE PLEDGE.

Two questions were from the first left out of consideration-first, the Scriptural lawfulness or unlaw fulness of intoxicating drinks; second, the lawfulness or unlawful ness of vows or pledges. The pledge of our societies is simply as regards the man himself, the record of a resolution made in dependence on the help of God that be will abstain from that which is ruining him. If, through the weakness of his fallen nature, he breaks this resolution he is not taught that he has committed a still more un pardonable sin, and so driven on to despair; he is urged to lay his fall where the broken resolutions of Christian people whose spiritual standing is very different from his are daily laying theirs—at the cross of Christ—with earnest prayor for greater strength in time to come, and with the assurance that he has only to persevere in that course to obtain the final victory. As regards his follows, the pledge is a token of mutual agreement. He has been ruined in time past by as ociation in drinking customs he needs now the power of associa tion to help him in his nowly formed resolution of abstinence. He finds it in the Church Temperance Society. In considering the part assigned to the pledge in the ultimate restoration of the drunkard, we claim no single part which properly belongs to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. But the Gospel must not be credited with powers to which it never lays claim. It never claims to remove the stumbling block from the sinner's stumbling block from the sinner's tablished beyond a doubt that a path. It preaches repentance, urg ing him by every consideration to put the cause of offenso from his cased kidneys. For years the pro-

path, and then promises him all needful help for the final victory.

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### MARVELOUS CHANGES.

WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BE то тноѕе уно вебияе TO BELIEVE.

Is this country unconsciously undergoing a wonderful change, is the change to take place before we are aware of the fact, and when it has taken place will we wonder why we did not see it before it was too

Those that see the changes early avail themselves early, and thereby eccivo benefit.

The shrewd iron man, sees the iron interest transferred from Pittsburg and Pennsylvania to Birmingham, Alabama, and in his far sightedness sees the furnaces in Pennsylvania torn down and deserted for this new and prolific field. It is claimed by the iron men of Alabama that the low price at which iron can be produced there will revolutionize the iron interests of the world.

We have seen the grain-growing centers of this country shifted to the West. We have seen the porkpacking industry flit from Cincinnati to Chicago, and from thence to Kansas City and Omaha. Southern cotton mills undersell New England and American markets, and challenge the world.

We have seen and are seeing all this take place before our eyes, and know that other changes are taking place equally as prominent, and we wonder as we behold them. Ton years ago the insurance companies anly required an analysis of the fluids when they were taking insuranco for very large amounts. day no first-class company will in-sure any amount unless they have a rigid analysis of the fluids passed, and if any traces of certain disorders are apparent, the application is rejected. In their reports they show that the death of sixty of every 100 people in this country, is due either directly or indirectly to such disorders. The Brompton Hospital for Consumptives, London, England, reports that sixty of every 100 victims of consumption also have serious disorders of the kid-

Among scientists for the treatment of this dread malady the question is being discussed:
"Is not this disorder the real

cause of consumption?"

Ten years ago the microscope was something seldom found in a physician's office; now every physician of standing has one and seldom visits his patients without calling for a sample of fluids for

examination. Why is all this? Is it possible that we of the present generation are to die of discase, caused by kidney disorders? or shall we master the cause by Warner's safe cure, the only recognized specific, and thus remove the effects? It is established beyond a doubt that a

prietors of Warner's safe cure have been insisting that there is no sound health when the kidneys are diseased, and they enthusiastically press their specific for this terrible disorder upon public attention. We are continually hearing its praises sounded.

This means wonders!

Cannot the proprietors of this great remedy, who have been warning us of the danger, tell us how to avoid a disease that at first is so unimportant, and is so fatal in its termination? Are we to hope termination? Are we to hope against hope, and wait without our reward?

The most significant of all changes, however, that we of to-day can note is this radical change of view to which the public has been educated: It was formerly thought that the kidneys were of very small importance; to-day, we believe, it is generally admitted that there can be no such thing as sound health in any organ if they are in the least degree deranged.

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