

TEMPERANCE

20,000 children attended the fete of the London Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society at the Crystal Palace grounds, London, Eng., on the 4th of May. 10,000 of them, 'Juvenile Crusaders,' marched past the Bishop of Stepney in battle array. The Temperance Chronicle speaks of it as 'a mighty imposing sight.' The Bishop of Stepney in his address to the London Council and Board who stood with him at the saluting point said: "I have never," "been so interested in all my life with any sight so beautiful as this, taking the whole thing together—the beauty of the day and the scenery and all we have seen. Physically it is a splendid sight, but when we look upon its moral beauty, it is marvellous. I really feel that you have your hand on the future of how many hundreds of thousands I cannot say—thousands who shall never forget the things of to-day, as I shall never forget them. In thinking of the moral possibilities of all that I have seen, I can hardly find words to express what I feel, and I wish a thousand times I could have said to everyone of these children, little and big, 'Never forget this day—this day when fresh, young, innocent, you did not know what the evils of the world were—and this will be a thought for you to go back to when you face the evils of the world, and you will not mar the beauty and brightness of that recollection in your memory by putting in it things that are base and black. And just that you may not have these things of baseness you have been trained for all these months, and you are here in the delight and freshness of youth, and this is the right way to keep as much freshness and innocence as man or woman may keep.' The religious element should never be overlooked in these matters, and if you use in your teaching not only all these physical and moral forces, but the religious force, you are doing most definitely what as men and women you can do not only for the welfare of the children, but for their strength and prosperity and godliness." The Duke of Westminster distributed the prizes, of which the number was over three hundred.

A commissioner of The Westminster Budget says: "To my idea, intemperance, which is so great a blot on our English life, is not sufficiently visited in the punitive sense in the early stages of what so frequently develops into a hideous mania—prevention is better than cure—in most cases, and though, for my part, I do not quite understand totalism in a general way, still it is undoubtedly the only salvation or refuge for many individuals who are unable to restrain themselves from taking too much intoxicating liquor. When, however, the disease—for such it undoubtedly is—assumes a more menacing aspect, and the 'blue ribbon' and the 'pledge' are not sufficiently strong deterrents, then should society intervene, and if necessary use forcible restraint where 'moral suasion' is

useless. Surely habitual drunkards ought to be treated as people whose volition or will power has become paralysed through prolonged excessive indulgence—it is therefore only a dominant will stronger than their own that can secure beneficial results. Detention in an ordinary prison is injudicious—for these are weak-minded creatures with whom we have to deal; therefore the asylum is the proper place for such people—though compulsory isolation is without doubt requisite. In my opinion—and I base it upon what I have observed during my many peregrinations through most of our biggest prisons—so urgent is the need of active measures that I feel there should be established State-controlled inebriate retreats or homes all over the country. I am, of course, aware that there are many private institutions of the kind, but the difficulty of maintaining effective discipline in such places is so great as to largely render them ineffective, for the value of compulsory isolation in an asylum which is practically though not quite a prison was very forcibly brought before me whilst visiting recently the Criminal Lunatic Asylum at Broadmoor."

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