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(From the Supplement to the C.E.T. Chronicle.)

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It is organizing and rousing the National Church to do battle with the National sin.

It has more than 1,000 branches spread throughout every Diocese in England and Wales, besides many in India and the Colonies.

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Public Opinion is being powerfully influenced.

Social customs rapidly modified.

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Publications. — The "C. E. T. Chronicle" (1d weekly); The Young Standard Bearer, for children (1d monthly).

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25 Diocesan Organizing Secretaries (of whom 17 are clerical), actively spreading the work into fresh parishes, with the help or sanction of the clergy, and support the great army of voluntary workers.

12 Missionaries [one of them a lady], attending Police Courts filled chiefly by the criminal intemperate.

5 Female Missionaries employed by branches of the Women's Union and two collectors.

6 Officers of the seven Central departments, viz.:

1. Publication depot, manager. 2. Legislative depart., worked by superintendent.

3. Women's Union, lady secretary.

4. Juvenile Union, lady secretary.

5. Agricultural depart. worked by assistant secretary.

6. Army division, organizing agent.

7. Cabmen and busmen's division, agent.

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