

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

The Church of To-Day says:— Many cities of our country are finding in high license a remedy for the excessive number of saloons. The result in Philadelphia has been so encouraging that Boston has now adopted a system with the highest licenses in the country. It has raised the fees for the sale of liquors by hotel proprietors from \$1 000 to \$1,500. The second class innkeepers have to pay \$1,200 instead of \$600, and the restaurant licenses are placed at \$1,000 instead of \$400. For selling malt liquor, cider, and light wines, the fee has been raised from \$200 to \$500. A corresponding increase of from 30 to 50 per cent. has been made in other grades of licenses. Of course the liquor dealers are raising a great cry over this, calling it persecution, &c., claiming that it will drive them out of business. If it does not, it will fail of its purpose. To drive them out of the saloon business is exactly what we wish to do, and the best agency so far found has been high license."

KNIGHTS OF TEMPERANCE.

As the name implies, this order pervaded by a military spirit. Its parish organizations are companies of youths from fourteen to twenty-one years of age. The junior officers of the company are captain, lieutenant, ensign, sentinels color-guards, secretary and treasurer; and three wardens, men of experience and influence, appointed by the rector of the parish, exercise a guiding and restraining influence. Five companies in any diocese may organize a Diocesan Corps, with corps commander and other officers, and a council of delegates wielding local authority. The supreme control is vested in a council, meeting in New York, whose seven members, prominent churchmen, are appointed by the Church Temperance Society. Mr. Robert Graham, the earnest and efficient Secretary of the C. T. S., holds the chief executive officer under the title of Grand Commander. The knights wear military caps, red, blue or white baldrics, according to rank, sword and badges. Their banner, blue, white, and red, by its colors, symbolizes the principles of the order, which are also indicated upon its folds by the letters S. P. Q. R., signifying Sobrietas, Puritasque Reverentia. A striking ritual precedes and closes each meeting, and the form of initiation is solemn and imposing. Members are pledged to total abstinence from all intoxicants during membership, and acknowledge their duty to be pure and reverent in word and deed. Literary exercises and military drill serve to interest and instruct the boys, and from a nucleus around which more direct work for the principles of the order may gather. The growth of the order has lately been very noticeable, and a junior organization for small boys is being formed on similar lines, under the name of "The Young Crusaders."—St. Andrew's Cross.

ORILLIA, ONT.

The following memorial from the Church of England Temperance Society, has been sent to the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald:—The memorial of the undersigned humbly sheweth, that at a public meeting of the Orillia Branch of the Church of England Temperance, held on the 9th of March, 1889, it was unanimously resolved to memorialize the Right Hon. the Premier of this Dominion, and Supt. of Indian affairs, on the subject of the unwise, unpatriotic, and inconsistent course pursued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, in forcing upon unwilling fellow-countrymen there the baneful traffic in strong drink. It has been shown to your memorialist both by those who have visited that part of Canada and by friends settled there, that the Prohibition of the liquor traffic in those territories has proven beneficial alike to white settlers and the aboriginal inhabitants; that the absence of crime, disorder, and Indian disturbances has been marvellous, and we believe unprecedented in any other newly settled districts in any part of the world; that the class of settlers is better, and their prosperity greater, because of the absence of the legalized temptations of drink; that the permission of the sale of such drink on the C. P. R. is dangerous to passengers and injurious to the settlers; that the authorization of the sale of beer at the Banff hotel is alike baneful; that the wholesale permit system is already exercising a pernicious influence upon settlers and cannot fail to be fraught with evil to the individual and to the State; that as loyal subjects and patriotic citizens we cannot allow this giant evil to be fastened upon our North-West Territories without our most earnest protest, supported by every legal instrument within our reach. We therefore trust that the Government of the Dominion, of which you are honoured Premier, and the Department of Indian Affairs, under your personal direction, will exert their authority to prevent the setting aside of the Prohibitory enactment introduced by the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, and supported by the Parliament and people of this Dominion. And your memorialists, so in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Calamity is man's true touchstone.

BAPTISMS.

At Westville, N.S., by Rev. D. C. Moore R. D., on April 1st, 1889, Catherine Mabel and Susannah Ethel, twin daughters of Martin Wilkes and Margaret Jane Dwyer.

DIED.

GILBERT—At Willow Farm, Dorchester, N.B., on March 25th, Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of the late Humphrey Gilbert, in the 78rd year of her age.

MANSBRIDGE.—Suddenly, at St. Asaph, North Wales, England, on March 5th, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Chas. Mansbridge, aged 61 years, Mother of the late Rev. F. P. Mansbridge, "Only a few more shadows And He will come."

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