

TEMPERANCE COLUMN

[We would be glad to receive short reports from the several parishes in Canada of Temperance work in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society, for insertion in this column.—Ed].

PETERBORO.

The annual meeting of St. Luke's Church of England Temperance Society, held in the School-room of the Church; reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted, the latter being very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Rev. W. O. Bradshaw; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. J. Rooney, W. Walbrook and H. Nesbitt. Secretary, Mr. E. B. Burt; Treasurer, Mr. W. Manice; Organists, Miss Tivey and Mrs. Jackson.

Committee: The officers and Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Burt, Miss Smith, Messrs. Everett, A. Gaskins, Jos. Chow, sr., F. Saunders and George Cocks.

Short addresses were then given by Mr. Burt on "The Dual Basis," and Mr. Walbrook on "Bands of Hope."

FLOWERS FOR THE WINDOW.

(The Youth's Companion, Boston.)

During the past few months, the writer has had several inquiries from young people, asking for instructions how to make a window garden, which should be pretty and at the same time cost but little. It is to be presumed that an answer to these applications through the columns of the Companion will reach most of the inquirers, and many others who would also like to have such a garden.

We will suppose that the reader has only two or three dollars to spend in flowers, and, of course, wishes to obtain the best varieties possible for the money. On that basis, therefore, we will select varieties,

First, we would buy three varieties of single geraniums, namely: *Prima Donna*, a pure white, *Sunshine*, light red, and *Jean Sisley*, scarlet, with eye. Next three double varieties: *Alba Perfecta*, white, *Amie Hoste*, deep crimson, and *Pocahontas*, deep pink, shaded with violet. This lot of plants would cost not over one dollar.

We would then select three flowering begonias: *Bruanti*, with bright green foliage, flowers large white, tinged with delicate pink flowers, and *Sandersoni*, flowers coral-like, and a very free bloomer. In addition, we would have two or three *Rex*, or ornamental-leaved begonias. This lot also would cost about one dollar.

For the dollar we have yet to spend we would select two fuchsias, variety *Speciosa*, with blue tubes and sepals: bright red corolla. This variety is the best for winter-blooming of any we ever tested. Moreover, we would then have a few bulbs of hyacinth, a rose-bush

or two, a plant of heliotrope and one of verbena. If any money remains, add to the list a few more geraniums.

Here are plants sufficient to make a very pretty window garden, and certainly the expense is not very great. Pots for these plants may be obtained at a very low price, and for a plant-stand, a wide board fastened to the window-sill will do admirably.

A few words regarding culture, and we are done. Light, air, warmth, and water are the essentials for the successful culture of house plants. In a cold climate, it is desirable either to have a double window, or to arrange a heavy curtain which could be let down at night between the plants and the window. Water about twice a week. Ventilate from the top of the window, never allowing the cold air to blow directly upon the plants. Choose a south window for the plants, if possible, for if they are where they can have an abundance of sun, they will thrive nicely. The varieties named are few in number, and cost but little, but their bloom will delight the owner and well repay all the cares given them.—George R. Knapp.

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