

it is fearfully injurious to their moral nature. Years ago an aged and eminent man remarked: "If there is a particle of depravity in a man's heart a glass of brandy will find it out and stir it up." And what is true of brandy is true of alcohol in every shape. From the time of Noah till this day its effects have shown that it has an affinity for the worst part of our nature. Hence we cannot be too careful in guarding young people against it, and as Sunday-school teachers are especially devoted to the instruction and training of young people, the Band of Hope movement has a special claim upon their sympathy and co-operation. Leaving, therefore, the question of the danger of children taking intoxicating drink, I want to show you the great advantage which will result from the Sunday school and Band of Hope being incorporated—from the Band of Hope being not a mere accidental appendage, depending for its very existence upon some one outside of the school, but its becoming an integral part of the Sunday-school organization, as completely so as the missionary society or library.

RESULTS OF THE UNION.

Let me name a few results of this union. First, it will be an immense benefit to the Band of Hope movement. This movement has made wonderful progress in spite of the apathy of some and the hostility of others. In many cases the Band of Hope has existed outside the school, and too often outside the Church. It has been an orphan, uncared for and untrained. The natural result of this has been that it has sometimes said and done things that it never would have said and done if it had been more kindly treated. This, however, has been its misfortune rather than its fault. With all its defects and faults it is a fine healthy child, and if the Sunday school will but adopt it, and give it its place among the children, its faults will soon be cured, and its