

Temperance Column.

SOME NONCONFORMIST

TESTIMONIES TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

(From the Church of England Temperance Chronicle.)

(Continued.)

Mr. G. W. Colebrook, J.P., (Ex-Mayor of Reading, says "All religious bodies are more or less interested in this matter, and great influence is reaching those who were never reached before, and the C.E. T.S. is thus able to do far more than other organizations. Although a Total Abstinence myself, I heartily rejoice at the broadness of the C.E. T.S.'s platform."

Mr. T. Hodgkin, J.P., (Newcastle-on-Tyne), says: "I am here as the humble representative of the Dissenters of Newcastle, in order to express the heartfelt delight with which they see the Church of England, with its splendid organization, its wealth, its long-descended culture, its deep learning, and its great fund of common sense, descending into an arena, to fight with this giant enemy of us all. I have peculiar pleasure in seeing this Church of England coming to fight, as a Church, in this great campaign against the national enemy. There is always a danger lest the Puritan legislation should be followed by some terrible reaction; such as the orgies of the Restoration some 200 years ago. We must look to the Church of England to bring their common sense to bear, so that the measures adopted are not Utopian, and not so far in advance of public opinion as to give no chance of success. Above all, we must ask the Church of England, reaching as it does both to throne and to hovel, and including as it does, far more than any other section of the religious community, both the upper and the very lowest classes of the community—to use its influence with our legislators in altering those degrading laws which tend to increase the influence of drink upon us. And if only the Church does succeed in rooting out this great national vice, the most censorious of critics will scarcely be able to deny that it is the Church of England both in name and in power."

Mr. Walter Robson, (A Member of the Society of Friends, says:—"The starting of the C.E.T.S. had induced the thought that a man might be a member of a Temperance Society and be allowed to drink in moderation. I am a Vice-President of the C.E.T.S., and I can say that the result of the Moderation pledge has been in many cases that a large number of people of influence and affluence who would scorn the bare idea of attending a Temperance meeting, come under the spell of some earnest Vicar of their Church, join the open section, and just find it the bridge that will carry them over into Total Abstinence. I can recommend the work to Friends, who should interest themselves in it if for no other reason, for this, that the Church of England by its parochial system

has the means of looking after the converts."

THE PRESS AS AN AID TO BAND OF HOPE WORK.

(By Frederick Sherlock, author of "Illustrious Abstainers," "More than Conquerors," etc.)

So far as my experience goes, the Press is, without exception, the most important factor in the promotion of the Temperance reform. To-day the printer rules the world. On sea, on shore, at home, abroad, wheresoever civilized man is found, there Print is King. Who can measure its influence in spreading the good news of our Heavenly Father's love? Last year the British and Foreign Bible Society alone issued over 4,000,000 printed copies of God's Word. If we add to this the edition produced by the University Press and others, it is probable that at least 5,000,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures were put into print last year. Think for a moment, too, of the books of devotion, of the sermons, of the hymns, of the theological works with which the printer has covered the world, and imagine, if you can, what earth would be had God's modern miracle—the printing-press—yet to spring into existence.

In the sphere of politics, in the domain of commerce, in the realm of recreation, the Press is equally a most potential force; in a word, nearly everybody has learnt to utilize the Press except that peculiarly constructed, altogether-different-to-everybody-else-body, the Temperance Reformer.

In what way can we employ the Press as an aid to Band of Hope work? Speaking broadly, every Band of Hope should be a perpetual disseminator of pure literature.

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WILLIAM WHITE, Secretary.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Canada, Ottawa, 1st October, 1885.

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