

The Temperance Cause.

OUR PROGRESS.

THE National Temperance League's Annual for the new year states:—"The Church of England Temperance Society, and the numerous diocesan branches affiliated with it, continue their operations with undiminished zeal. Its membership include all the Bishops, several thousands of the clergy, and 432,672 personal members. Amongst Non-conformist churches the cause is making clear headway, especially in the Wesleyan and Baptist denominations. The Connexional Temperance Committee of the Wesleyan Conference reports an unprecedented growth. In 35 districts of Great Britain 2,648 Bands of Hope, with 271,700 enrolled members, are reported, being an increase during the year of 299 Bands of Hope, and 46,550 members. The Temperance Societies numbers 321, with 28,414 enrolled members, or an increase of 144 societies and 17,552 members over the previous year. The Baptist Total Abstinence Association has now two travelling secretaries engaged promoting the movement. There are at the present time 1,045 abstaining members, against 714 last reported, and the membership also includes 1,914 church officers, &c. The Congregational Total Abstinence Association has made considerable advance. For the first time the Council reported a majority of abstaining ministers, viz., 1,317, out of a total of 2,605. Other denominations show a proportionate advance. The Free Methodist Temperance League report that out of 340 ministers on the home circuits, about 300 are abstainers. Temperance activity is also well maintained in the Methodist New Connexion, 73 per cent. of the ministers being total abstainers. The societies existing in connection with the Bible Christians and the Society of Friends have maintained satisfactory progress, and so also has the Catholic League of the Cross, whose branches have been largely multiplied.

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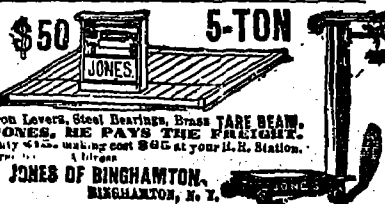
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