TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

ORILLIA-C.E.T.S.

The Church of England Temperance Society made a new departure in temperance work lately. They invited the public and High School Trustees and teachers to partake of ovsters and talk over the question of temperance teaching in schools. The Hon. Charles Drury and several others sent letters of apology ral others sent letters of apology because of prior engagements or illness, but those who did attend enjoyed a pleasant and profitable evening. The unanimity which subsists on the subject among those who have given it thought appeared as remarkable as it was gratifying.

GRAVENHURST.

Or Monday evening, Nov. 11th, a Temperance meeting was held in St. James Ohurch, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church England Temperance Society. There was a fair attendance. The Incumbent president, and explained the nature ard object of the Society, adding a few words of earnest warn ing and admonition to those presont. At the close of the meeting 28 signed the pledge, which may be regarded as fair start. The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in December. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: The Rev. W. T. Noble, B.A., President; Mr. W. H. Swan and Miss Dickinson, Vice Presidents: Mr. W. Leigh, Secretary; the Misses Johns and Allen, organists, and the Sunday School teachers from the Committee of Management.

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The third of the entertainments of the St. Luke's Temperance Society was held Monday night, 18th Nov., and was attended with same success and enjoyment which has characterized the two previous gatherings. The programme was a lengthy one, but every number was pleasingly rendered. The dialogue which closed the evening's entertainment was exceptionally well presented and delighted the andience.

HAND THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circucular is the leading organ of the liquor trade in America and a paper conducted with recognized ability. 1t is always disposed to take a cool and dispassionate view of the growing opposition to the liquor traffic, admitting the facts, and to regret the loss of the element of respectability which has resulted from changed public sentiment. But the following exposes the apprehensions of this intelligent publication more clearly than they have ever been allowed publication more clearly to show themselves on that side of the question before. The Circular

ities against Prohibition into the Michigan, Texas, Tennessee, Oregon and West Virginia elections, but the fact is still apparent that the sentiment against our business is constantly growing in this country and gaining friends among the most substantial element of our population. The question is a grave one and the sooner we ap preciate fully the hold it is securing on the public mind and conscience the better. It is to most of its followers what slavery is to its adherents-a great moral question. The good that alcohol does is little referred to; the harmful effects following its abuse are seen by all the world. To check this abuse is the aim of the conservative classes, and, hoping to find a remedy in its prohibition, they are rapidly falling into ranks.

We are all familiar with society's complaints against the liquor traffle. We realize that there is good ground for many of these complaints. We deplore the facts, but stand helpless and without a word of advice to those who would correct them.

Herein lies our weakness. We are without a policy. We вее young men becoming drunkards but we offer no remedy. We see the scum of society all flocking in'o the retail liquor business, but we offer no remedy. We see these men gain control of city govern ments, but we offer no remedy. We see the retail liquor business drag-ged down to the level of the bawdy house, and little hells are operated in public places under liquor li censes, but we offer no remedy."

course not. There is no remedy except the abolition of the saloon. There was no remedy for the degradation of slavery but the abolition of slavery. The liquor traffic could not be expected to propose the remedy, but it is worthy to be noted that it should have a public representative that is able to see and frank enough to declare the need of some remedy, and some means of escaping the rising tide of public sentiment that promises, in a few years, to sweep away the public saloon at least, whatever may be the fate of the balance of the business .- North Dak. Church-

WHAT SHALL REPLACE THE & SALOON.

In the rage for abolishing it does seem as if one demand of the reformer was simply right and reasonable—that "the drinking saloon must go"-a thing which is nothing but evil and mischief. But even here we are compelled to face the question, What do you propose instead? Have you even allowed yourself time to think that something of the nature of a saloon (I do not say a drinking saloon) is a necessity of modern city life?

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