

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 oysters and talk over the question of temperance teaching in schools.

GRAVENHURST.

On Monday evening, Nov. 11th, a Temperance meeting was held in St. James' Church, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

PETERBORO.

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.

HAND THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular is the leading organ of the liquor trade in America and a paper conducted with recognized ability. It is always disposed to take a cool and dispassionate view of the growing opposition to the liquor traffic.

It is all very well for the wine and spirit trade to quiet its apprehensions by reverting to the major-

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.

We are all familiar with society's complaints against the liquor traffic. 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 see young men becoming drunkards but we offer no remedy. We see the scum of society all flocking into the retail liquor business, but we offer no remedy.

"We offer no remedy." Of 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.

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.

Samoa, which is attracting so much attention now, is generally regarded as a savage island, but a large proportion of the people are Christians. A missionary says: 'I

would guarantee to take the first twenty men, women and children that I should meet with in Samoa, and I would back them in Bible knowledge with any twenty I could meet in this country.'

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