

TEMPERANCE.

A large number of the Bishops of the P. E. Church in the U. S. have requested the clergy to preach a "temperance sermon" on Sunday, the 18th. In giving the notice Mr. Robert Graham, its principal secretary, has presented a few facts bearing upon intemperance that should cause not only the clergy, but every citizen to consider the extent of this evil. The number of gallons of wine distilled and fermented liquors consumed in this country during the year 1893 can no longer be computed by millions, runs into a billion and two hundred and eight millions; put into figures this is the way it looks—1,207,931,968 gallons. The amount of money spent for this extraordinary number of gallons of liquors has also to be computed by a billion of dollars, and this is the way the number of dollars spent last year for liquors looks—\$1,079,483,172. Whatever may be our differences of opinion as to the best method of lessening this evil, or the proper manner of legislative restrictions, all good citizens are agreed that the saloon in its present condition is an enemy to the country economically, morally socially and religiously. Hence all citizens are interested in doing something to lessen a traffic productive of so much untold evil.—*Southern Churchman.*

TOBACCO is used by a larger number of the human race than any other article except wine and salt; its use is more universal even than bread. The annual tobacco bill of the people of the United States is \$609,000,000—an appalling amount to be expended on a luxury while thousands are suffering for bread.

TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY.—Encouraging intelligence comes from India of the progress of temperance in the army. No fewer than 22,000 British soldiers—one-third of the entire strength of the British Army in India—are now members of the Army Temperance Associations. Another important fact which has been ascertained is that only seventy-three of the men tried during the last year at the 260 courts-martial were total abstainers. Sir George White, the Commander-in-Chief of the army in India, has had the figures investigated by the Adjutant-General and he states that they may be regarded as practically correct. Sir George further states that "nearly all the crime in the British army in India is directly or indirectly traceable to drinking to excess."

The Bishop of British Honduras speaking in a C. E. T. S. meeting in England last month said that intemperance was a great stumbling-block to progress, and that it was a certain bar to social, political, and religious success. It was a well-known fact that all the great reformers of the world were advocates of Temperance. Buddha, who lived 550 B. C., gave up his kingdom in order that he might in some degree raise his brother men to a higher life. One of the commandments of Buddha was,

"Thou shalt drink no wine or strong drink." There were 200,000,000 Mohammedans in the world to-day, and a part of their creed was to take no wine or strong drink. Christ also spoke very plainly on this subject. When He had His apostles gathered around Him He besought them to take heed and beware lest at any time they be guilty of surfeiting or drunkenness, "lest that day come upon them unawares." In his distant colony the Temperance laws were far ahead of those in England. In British Honduras every public-house was closed at eight o'clock at night except on Saturday, when the closing hour was nine. No public-house has opened there on the Lord's Day. Dr. Ormsby, in conclusion, asked those present to belong to one of the sections of the C. E. T. S., and to bear in mind that in helping a fallen brother they were helping Christ.

DR. EVANS' OPEN LETTER.

CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED BY "THE CANADA FARMERS' SUN."

Miss Koester and Her Parents Endorse the Statements Contained in the Open Letter—The Doctor's Action in Making the Facts Public Fully Justified.

From The Farmers' Sun.

In an open letter published in *The Canada Farmers' Sun* of Sept. 19 over the signature of Dr. Evans, of Elmwood, attention was called to the remarkable case of Miss Christina Koester, of North Brant, who was attended by the doctor in March, 1892, when suffering from inflammation of the left lung, which subsequently developed all the signs of consumption. In June of the same year she wasted to a skeleton, and was suffering from an intense cough with profuse expectoration of putrid matter, accompanied by hectic fever. Her recovery was despaired of until Dr. Evans, at a stage when other remedies had proved valueless, administered Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Within a week the symptoms had abated, and a month after the change of medicine Miss Koester was able to drive to Elmwood, a distance of six miles, and was in good health, except for the weakness occasioned by so long an illness.

The publication of the doctor's statement, of which the above is a condensation, created considerable interest, especially when it was rumored that Dr. Evans was likely to be disciplined by the Medical Council for his action in certifying to the efficacy of an advertised remedy. A representative of *The Canada Farmers' Sun* was commissioned to carefully investigate the matter and ascertain how far the doctor's statements were corroborated by the patient's family.

An interview with Christina Koester, her father and mother, was held at the homestead in the Township of North Brant. Miss Koester is a well developed, healthy looking girl of 18 years of age. She stated that she was now in the enjoyment of perfect health and able to do her part in the labors of the farm, and had not since her cure had any recurrence of her former trouble.

Tado Koester, father of Christina, said that the statement as published in Dr. Evans' open letter as to his daughter's recovery was correct. She was first taken sick about the 15th of March, 1893, of inflammation of the left lung, and, after treatment by Dr. Evans, seemed to recover after about two weeks, but again relapsed with the apparently hopeless conditions described in the letter. She was terribly wasted. Every night she coughed up a large bowlful of fetid matter. The family had completely given up all hopes of her recovery, and for two nights sat up with her expecting that she would die. After beginning the Pink Pills a change for the better was speedily noticeable. The cough began to discontinue, and in one month had entirely ceased, when, as stated in the doctor's letter, she was sufficiently recovered to drive to Elmwood. She continued taking the pills until October. Christina had been quite well since, and this fall had been pitching sheaves and helping in the harvest field.

Mrs. Koester concurred with her husband's statements throughout, and was emphatic in testifying to Christina's reduced and weakly condition at the crisis of the disease and the completeness of her recovery.

In view of the corroboration by Miss Koester and her parents of the statements made in Dr. Evans' letter, all doubts in the matter must be set at rest, and the doctor's action in giving the facts of this remarkable case to the public is fully justified.

EVERY DAY.

We should commence every day with God. The busiest and best man in Jerusalem was wont to say: "In the morning will I direct my prayer to Thee and will look up." "I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning." Daniel, too, saluted his God with prayer and praise at early dawn. We begin the day unwisely, and at great risk to our lives, if we leave our chamber without a secret conference with our Almighty Friend.

Every Christian, when he puts on his clothes, should also put on his spiritual armor. Before the day's march begins he should gather up a portion of heavenly manna to feed the inner man. As the Oriental traveller sets out for the sultry journey of the burning sands, by leading up his camel under the palm tree's shade, and fills his water flagon from the crystal fountain which sparkles at its roots, so doth Christ's pilgrim draw his morning supplies from the exhaustless spring.—*Selected.*

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