

persuaded that our schools will welcome this summons as the call of the Church, the call of duty, the call of God. Let concerted action be promptly taken. Above all, let earnest prayer be offered for the aid and guidance of the Divine Spirit, that the grace of union, of faith, of consecration, and of earnest effort may be abundantly given to every officer and superintendent, to every teacher, and to every scholar in all our schools.

### The Temperance Lessons

ONE of the great advantages of the International Lesson System is the regular publication in hundreds of religious and secular papers of Lesson Notes. This applies especially to the temperance lessons which, thanks to Miss Willard and the W. C. T. U., were secured once a quarter. This gives an opportunity for presenting the Gospel temperance argument in secular papers in which otherwise it would be impossible to have it printed. The authorship of these notes command the respect of even their opponents. In *The Times-Herald*, of Chicago, one of the leading papers of the second city in the United States, Dr. J. L. Withrow prepares these notes. Dr. J. L. Withrow was for eleven years pastor of the leading Presbyterian church in that city, and has now returned to Park Street Church, Boston. He received the highest distinction possible for any Presbyterian minister, being elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Few men stand higher in public opinion in that country. It is an immense gain to temperance when such a man presents such a tremendous arraignment and indictment of the liquor traffic as did Dr. J. L. Withrow in a nearly two-column article of lesson notes on the last International temperance lesson. We hope the convention will resist to the utmost any attempt to remove these temperance lessons from the Sunday School scheme. We quote a few of the paragraphs from *The Times-Herald* article:

"There is absolutely nothing good to be said of the drunkard-making business. It is not a business. It has no rights to the name of a business. It is an outlaw. The Holy Bible declares that 'no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven.' Much less shall the drunkard-maker.

"Meanwhile, every sane soul is responsible for whatever frightful results follow if he indulges. Recently I read in a Chicago newspaper an editorial note, which I insert:

"What a temperance lesson it was when the other day, during the session of the court which was to dispose of the child of a drunken mother, the babe died in its mother's arms before the bench, as the physician present testified, of starvation. And this happened in Chicago, in the midst of a city dominated by the saloon. Judge, lawyers, policemen, and witnesses all shed tears; the maudlin mother was the only person present unmoved. It is a pity we have not some John B. Gough to tell the story in words that burn. Is there no painter to immortalize himself by putting it on canvas? Reproduced by photogravure and scattered broad cast, what a sermon it would prove."

"On whose soul lies the responsibility of that child's starvation and that drunken mother's horrible degradation? One will answer that 'the good people of Chicago are to blame.' Measurably they are, and retribution will overtake those who do nothing and say nothing to make a scene like this impossible. Another answer is that the drunkard-makers are accountable. They are. And if there is such a thing as everlasting damnation, hounding a lost spirit through all the depths and darkness of hell, I believe the liquor-sellers, by whose traffic this beautiful woman was degraded, will be thus pursued."

### Temperance in the Sunday Schools and Leagues

AT the meeting of the executive of the joint Epworth League and Sunday School Board of the Methodist Church, held in Toronto, on March 31st, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas a great moral question is projected into the field of thought and action, namely: The prohibition of the liquor traffic in several of the Provinces of the Dominion,

"Therefore, resolved that, in harmony with the often repeated and strongly expressed judgment of our Annual Conferences and of the General Conference, our Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools are urged to co-operate with the measures devised by the Methodist Church in the strenuous endeavor to awaken and pro-