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TEMPERANCE ADDRESS IN CORNWALL.

I CONGRATULATE you, Mr. Chairman, on presiding over such a magnificent gathering as the present. I look upon it that this is one of the signs of the times, and a very clear proof that the Temperance movement is not retrograding. And I would ask anybody—why should it? Is the evil with which we battle diminishing? Are there less terrible effects resulting from drink than there used to be? We have but to look at the scenes of vice and misery around us—at the criminal returns and the police reports—and the revenue returns—and you must be perfectly satisfied that the great bulk of the people still continue to partake enormously of intoxicating drink. Well, if this be so, then it is evident that our work is not finished, and that we must gird up our loins for what is, perhaps, to be a long and arduous struggle. We must go forward. We can no more go back than the magnificent eagle can go back into the egg from which it came. The thing is utterly impossible. The total abstinence movement is as thoroughly the work of God as Methodism—and when God works who shall hinder Him? When God calls any organization into existence, it will continue to live until its work is done. God is no foolish builder. He does not begin to build unless He is able to finish. There will be more seen in the future than there has been in the past. What you see now is only the first ripple of the advancing