



THE "LIBERAL TEMPERANCE" POSITION.

Goldwin (on behalf of deputation)—WE OPPOSE SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION ON ALCOHOL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BECAUSE SCIENTIFIC TRUTH INFALLIBLY PREJUDICES THE MIND AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC! WE DON'T WANT LIGHT, BECAUSE THE BUSINESS WON'T STAND IT.

THE KIRMESS.

THE Kirmess in aid of the Infants' Home being the first ever attempted in Toronto, there are probably many people who not unnaturally will be thankful for a few suggestions as to how they ought to conduct themselves at it. The writer is happy to be able to give them the desired information, having for many years closely observed the actions, manners, and conversation of those who are avowedly most familiar with all the ins and outs of Kirmesses.

Going on the principle of "age before beauty" and of "ladies first," the ladies of advanced age shall first be addressed. As most of such ladies at the forthcoming Kirmess will in all likelihood be chaperons, for them there is but one rule:—Keep away; nobody will miss you, least of all those whom you are supposed to chaperon. If you had intended spending any money, (the writer simply

throws this out as a bare supposition, scarcely within the limits of possibility), if you had intended spending any money, hand this task over to your sons—they will need it—the money, not the task, that is.

Second, then, as to the young ladies. For them, hardly any rules are necessary. Young ladies always know how to conduct themselves. No woman, from the time of Eve to the present day, has ever been placed in such a position that she was ignorant of what to say or do next. In her inmost heart (if she has any), there may possibly be sometimes in extraordinary and exceptional circumstances some slight trepidation, but the only person who is made aware of its existence is the confidante to whom she reveals the fact during that perhaps to her most exquisite half-hour of the day, the half-hour with the sister, or the cousin, or the friend, in the cosy boudoir before retiring for the night. Then indeed, when in slippers feet before a glowing fire and disencumbered of the many truly