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THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

Undue cock sureness does not tend to sobriety and impartiality of judgement. This finds illustrations in the various remedies set forth for abatement of the evil's connected with the use or abuse of the traffic in intoxicating liquors. If the philosophical onlookers could only be sure as to the reason why people use intoxicating liquors, they would be better able to suggest the appropriate remedies. Most thoughtful men believe the reasons complex and numerous; it may well be the influences needed to cope with the evil are complex and numerous also. At all events, there is no subject which seems to afford less ground for cock- sureness, or which more naturally recalls the venerable divine of an older day who besought his hearers to believe that it was at least possible they might occasion- ally be mistaken.

In the wise fight against other evils—Sabbath desecration for instance—the same principle is to work in practical ways along the line of least resistance, making one piece of success the stepping- stone for the next; and we do not see that the fight against the evil of intem- perance differs in principle from any other moral fight whatsoever; its pros- ecution needs as much self-restraint, coolness of judgement, and common sense, as any other part of the general warfare against evil.

If complete prohibition were attainable no journal would be better pleased than THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN; but mean- time the problem is how, short of com- plete prohibition, most practically to diminish the liquor traffic and to abate the evils following therefrom.

It begins to look more like arbitration between Japan and Russia. The price paid has been already terrible, but lasting good will come out of the colossal con- flict. Within ten years the world may be girt with arbitration treaties. There is a Hand that guides.

PRESIDENT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

President Roosevelt's thanksgiving proclamation is strong, humble and man- ly; it is a piece of reading which we are sure our readers will take pleasure in perusing. It is as follows: It has pleas- ed Almighty God to bring the American people in safety and honor through an- other year, and in accordance with the long unbroken custom handed down to us by our forefathers, the time has come when a special day shall be set apart in which to thank him who holds all nations in the hollow of his hand for the mercies thus vouchsafed to us.

During the century and a quarter of our national life we as a people have been blessed beyond all others, and for this we owe humble and heartfelt thanks to the Author of all blessings. The year that has closed has been one of peace within our own borders as well as be- tween us and all other nations. The harvests have been abundant, and those who work, whether with hand or brain, are prospering greatly. Reward has waited upon honest effort. Never has there been a time when religious and char- itable effort have been more evident. Much has been given to us, and much will be expected from us. We speak of what has been done by this nation in no spirit of boastfulness or vain glory, but with full and reverent realization that our strength is as nothing unless we are help- ed from above. Hitherto we have been given the heartiest strength to do the tasks allotted to us as they severally arose.

We are thankful for all that has been done for us in the past, and we pray that in future we may be strengthened in the unending struggle to do our duty fear- lessly and honestly, with charity and good will, with respect for ourselves and with love toward our fellow-men.

A couple of weeks ago we noted the fact that the Presbyterian Church on the Island of Bermuda were looking for a Pastor. We are now informed by one of our readers that this pulpit was filled in May last by the acceptance of a call given to the Rev. Dr. Cameron, late of Edin- burgh, Scotland. Dr. Cameron visited Canada in the Summer of 1903 and oc- cupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Ottawa, for two Sundays. He is finding Bermuda a pleasant change after the arduous lab- ours of many years as a city pastor in the Scottish Metropolis.

Since George Muller founded his Orphan Homes in Bristol, England, sixty- three years ago, \$5,712,395 have been given for their maintenance, and \$2,088- 065 for other charitable and religious objects connected with these institutions, all of which were raised "as the result of prayer to God, without any one having been personally applied to for anything." The income last year was nearly \$200,000 and three hundred and eight orphans were received.

PROGRESS OF TAYLOR CHURCH MONTREAL.

There was great rejoicing at Taylor Presbyterian Church in the East end of Montreal on Sunday Nov. 6th, when the Pastor announced to the congregation that "This was the first time they had ever met in this church, when they could say that it was absolutely their own. On Saturday he had lifted the remaining two thousand dollars and had brought back the mortgage, and that now, not one sing- le dollar of debt rested upon their beau- tiful edifice.

Mr. Reid was inducted into Taylor Church during the summer of 1898. Since that time the church has grown from being a small struggling church to being one of the largest, if not the largest Presbyterian church in the Presbytery of Montreal. During that time perhaps there is no church in Can- ada, that can show an equal record of development. It has quadrupled in al- most every department in six years. The total finances raised in 1897 were \$2500.- 00, in 1904 \$6118 00. In the early part of 1896, Taylor Church had a roll of 270 members, at the present moment it has a membership roll, after it has been purged to the lowest point, of almost 800. For missions nothing was raised six years ago last year over \$1000.00 was contributed for missionary work. The Sunday School has grown from about 250, to about 600. During Mr. Reid's pastorate of six years he has received into the church, (the large majority on profession of faith) 740 new communicants.

When Mr. Reid took charge, there was a heavy debt of \$15- 000.00 resting upon the church. This has been entirely wiped out in five years. The people have shown liberality in the matter. The branch of church workers deserving the greatest amount of credit, is "The Ladies Aid Society." This so- ciety has worked with tremendous enthu- siasm and self sacrifice, and every year have handed over somewhere between \$500.00 and \$1000.00 to help to lift the burden off the church. This year how- ever they reached a climax. On Friday evening of last week, their last sale of work closed, and when the proceeds were totaled up it was found they had on hand the handsome sum of \$1038 40 cents. Two Sundays ago, the annual collections were taken, and the congregation realized the handsome sum of \$1830.00, making a total of \$2838 40 cents that has been rais- ed in Taylor Church during the last three weeks. This was for the purpose of meeting a debt of \$2050 00. As a result of this effort, the debt has been complet- ely wiped off, and there is a balance in the treasury of over \$800.00. The church is a handsome structure which cost \$37- 000 00, and seats 900 in the church prop- er. When the large doors are thrown up, and the adjoining school-room thrown in with the church 1500 can be seated. The only difficulty with the church is that it is too small for the tremendous con- gregations that gather in every Sunday evening. Last winter, on nearly every