

TEMPERANCE.

The Archbishop of York, speaking the other day at the annual meeting of the York Diocesan Association of the Church of England Temperance Society, said some sound words on the question of temperance. No one will accuse his Grace of being lukewarm in the cause, or blind in the least degree to the evils, direct or indirect, of drunkenness; but legislation, he points out,—a just legislation, which is in no sense a class legislation,—is an extremely difficult thing to arrive at; and, after all, however efficacious in certain respects it may be, personal work and influence are better. No doubt, in more things than one just now, we have a tendency to expect too much from legislation,—to think of it being used in a sort of mechanical way for the regeneration of the world. Of course it can do much, in this matter of drunkenness, for example; it can do much if it is wise and just; but as long as human beings are human beings, the moral efficacy of law is sternly limited. To the moral efficacy of personal influence one can set no bounds, and it is of the highest importance that the value of personal religion—not merely for a man's self, but as making him a salutary force in the world,—should perpetually be insisted on; for nowadays there is some danger of our neglecting it—of substituting something else in its place. No, there is nothing one can substitute for it; let it be ignored, and all our fine schemes will turn out but dust and vanity.—Church Bells.

VOLUME XXVIII of *The Homiletic Review* opens with an able statement by Prof. George Schodde, of Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, on "The Present Condition of the Protestant Church in Germany." Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph.D., writes on "The Ghost Theory of the Origin of Religion," presenting an able refutation of the positions of Mr. Herbert Spencer on this subject. Mrs. Aubrey Richardson of London, contributes an interesting paper on "The Testimony of Science to the Truth of Christianity." Prof. William C. Wilkinson sends a condensed extract from an extended poem entitled "The Epic of Paul," in which he treats the subject of "The Imprecatory Psalms." Dr. William Hayes Ward writes on "Chedorlaomer and Abraham," giving new light from recent discoveries upon the relations of those historic characters. Among the sermons worthy of special mention in the Sermonic Section is that of Dr. A. J. F. Behrends, of Brooklyn, on "The Doctrine of Eternal Punishment." Dr. B. F. Kidder, now travelling in the East, gives the first of a series of "Papers on Social Science and Comparative Religion." "Suggestive Lessons from Two Biographies"—those of Dean Stanley and Andrew Bonar—are drawn in the Miscellaneous Section by the Rev. D. Sutherland, of Charlotte-town, P.E.I. The whole number augurs well for the new volume just begun.

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From the Smith's Falls Record.

Mr. Frank A. Ferguson, partner of Mr. Richard Smith in the marble business at Merrickville, is well known to most residents of that vicinity. He went through an illness that nearly brought him to death's door, and in an interesting chat with a reporter of the *Record*, told of the means by which his remarkable recovery was brought about. "While engaged in my business as marble cutter at Kingston," said Mr. Ferguson, "I was taken ill in May, 1893, with malarial fever. After the fever was broken I continued to have a bad cough, followed by vomiting and excruciating pains in the stomach. I was under the treatment of two different physicians, but their medicine did me no good, and I continued to grow weaker and weaker, and it seemed as if I had gone into a decline. About the middle of September I was strongly urged by a friend to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. I had not much hope that they would help me, but from the time I commenced the Pink Pills I found myself beginning to improve, the vomiting ceased and finally left me altogether. I grew stronger each day, until now I weigh 180 pounds. At the time I was taken ill I weighed 197 pounds, and when I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills illness had reduced me to 123 pounds, so that you will see how much the Pink Pills have done for me. I never felt better in my life than I do now, although I occasionally take a pill yet, and am never without a part of a box in my pocket. I believe that had I not been induced to take Pink Pills I would be in my grave to-day, and I am equally convinced that there is no other medicine can equal them as a blood builder and restorer of shattered systems. Five boxes cured me when the skill of two of the ablest doctors in Ontario failed, and when I look back to the middle of last September and remember that I was not able to

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