

BUDS AND BLOSSOMS.

the hundreds of thousands throughout the country, would be the reply of the eminent Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, the pioneer in the Temperance Reformation, made to a patient who asked if he might be allowed to take his medicine in some good old spirits. The doctor replied, "No, indeed, sir! No man shall look me in the face, on the day of judgment, and tell the Almighty that Dr. Rush made him a drunkard."

Statistics of the religions of British India, based upon the census of 1882, which reckoned the entire population at 254,899,516, make the following enumeration: Various sects and castes of Hindoos, 187,937,450; Mohammedans, 50,121,585; nature worshipers, 6,426,511; Buddhists, 3,418,884; native Christians, 1,862,634; Jains, a sect whose worship is mingled Buddhism and Hindooism, 1,221,896; Sikhs, who are simple theists, 853,426; miscellaneous and unspecified, 3,057,130. The native Protestant Christians number only about 500,000, but this is an increase of 86 per cent. within ten years.

Financial Statement of the Third Baptist Tabernacle, for the six months ending December 31st, 1883.

RUNNING EXPENSE FUND.

Cash in hand in this fund, July 1st, 1883 \$ 19 46
 " collected in this fund 6 months to
 December 31st, 1883..... 886 75
 Total.....\$ 906 21

Cash paid out of this fund 6 months to
 December 31st, 1883 829 08

Balance on hand in this fund.....\$ 77 13

BUILDING FUND.

Cash received in this fund from 1875 to
 July 1st, 1883.....\$6,828 92
 Cash received in this fund 6 months to Dec.
 31st 1883..... 127 13

Total.....\$6,956 05
 Cash paid out of this fund since 1875..... 6,748 75

Balance on hand in this fund.....\$ 207 30

MISSION FUND.

Cash collected in this fund 6 months to
 December 31st, 1883\$ 29 75

Cash paid out
 Balance on hand in this fund\$ 29 75

COMMUNION FUND.

Cash on hand in this fund July 1st, 1883..\$ 80 78

Cash collected in this fund 6 months to
 December 31st, 1883 22 74

Cash paid out of this fund 6 mos. Dec. 31, '83
 \$ 103 52
 27 74

Balance on hand in this fund.....\$ 75 78

Total cash now in hand in the various funds as follows:—

Running expense fund\$ 77 13
 Building fund 207 30
 Mission fund 29 75
 Communion fund 75 78

Total cash in hand\$ 389 96

Summary of all the cash collected in the Tabernacle during the 12 months ending December 31st, 1883:

Cash collected in running expense fund..\$1,509 17
 " " building fund 1,917 29
 " " communion fund..... 39 89
 " " mission fund 73 09

Total collections for 1883\$3,539 44
 Average Sabbath collection.....\$ 29 02

(The above average includes tea-meetings, &c.)
 The above statement has been audited by us and found correct.

(Signed) CALEB LANGILLE,
 CYRUS HUBLEY.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. E. IRISH, Treasurer.

The Auditors presented and the church adopted the following address to the treasurer, J. E. Irish.

DEAR BROTHER:

We desire to express our gratitude to you and our entire satisfaction with the clear and careful exhibit you always make of the Church's financial condition, and know from our personal examination of accounts that you must give no small amount of time and attention to this matter, or you could not submit as you do, from time to time such a lucid statement of receipts and expenditures, all of which you carefully note, even to the smallest items, as is shown by your books and semi-annual statements, as rendered to the church. When we remember this is the seventeenth report you have submitted and always been able to show by actual figures that the cause has been sustained, and expenses met without a deficit, it is our desire to record "Ebenezer," and whilst giving all the glory to God for past and present mercies, we rejoice that your life is spared to render such efficient service to the cause and church of Christ, and to see and rejoice with us in the great and special manifestations of the divine favor so abundantly granted during the year 1883, and which is so evidently continued in the commencement of 1884. May your life be long spared, and may the blessing of the Lord be your continual and everlasting reward for this and all other labour of love for Jesus' sake.

Would it not be a good thing to revive some of the old-fashioned laws that used to hedge society about? An old Baptist church in South Carolina contains the record of the exclusion a woman from the church for "doing too much talking in the neighborhood."