

## Temperance Column.

ADDRESSING a large meeting of Temperance politicians in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End, London, on July 3th, Mr. Arnold White, a candidate for the borough, said that "Last year he was in South Africa, in Bechuanaland with Sir Charles Warren, and during that time saw a great deal of the magnificent of the dark continent with whom the English had come into contact. There were five native tribes near Cape Colony, by the great river Zambesi. The tribe nearest the English Colony was dissipated by drink and foul disease; the tribe next to them was not quite so dissipated, but still suffering terribly from the vices brought by the Europeans; the next tribe was better, and the further tribe were a magnificent set of temperate and chaste men; while the furthest away of the contaminating vices of what is called civilization, was one that the English might well copy from. One of the most pathetic sights he ever saw, was an old chief of the tribe on his knees to the expedition, entreating that the cursed brandy bottle might not be brought to destroy his people. The leader of the expedition (Sir Charles Warren) was like Gordon, a Christian soldier—(cheers)—and he conducted his expedition on temperance principles, and on that account it was the most successful one that had ever been undertaken. There was a tribe called the Basutos, lying to the east of Cape Colony, and one could stand on a hill, and see the countries of both natives and Englishman. On the native side could be seen ploughs, harrows, and other implements of industry, but on the English side there was nothing but neglect. It could be said that on the black man's side was civilization, and on the white man's barbarism; and why? It was drink, and nothing else. The English people were responsible for the destruction of the natives by drink. They had taken the Bible in one hand and the brandy bottle in the other; where they had made two or three Christians, they had destroyed hundreds and thousands.

A Physician was in the habit of indulging in intoxicating beverages, and the practice had grown upon him to an extent of which he had little idea. One day he was lying on the sofa in the parlor, apparently asleep, when he overheard his two little boys about their play, talking together. Said one, "Let us play drunk, and stagger about as pa does when he comes home." It was no sooner said than done. And as he lay with half-closed eyes and watched his son reeling and hiccoughing and mimicking his own drunken antics with an accuracy which indicated that he had enjoyed and improved ample opportunities for careful observation, a pang shot through his heart, and he determined, by the help of God, that his children should never again see him in such a condition as that.

How few are there who indulge in strong drink who have the slightest idea of the condition into which they bring themselves by their excesses; and of the shame and disgrace which justly belongs to those who deliberately go into paths of intemperance and vice. Surely if they could see their own dishonor they would refuse to make themselves a laughing-stock to the thoughtless and the foolish. Would that the eyes of some might be opened ere it is too late, and that they might turn from the deadly cup while life and hope remains. —*The Safeguard.*

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