

Temperance Column.

WOMEN'S UNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

At a meeting of this Society the Bishop of London, who presided, remarked upon the importance of bringing up children in habits of total abstinence from intoxicating drink.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

At the annual public meeting Archdeacon Farrar, D.D., presided. Dr. Dawson Burns, the hon. sec., made a statement upon the annual report, which had been adopted at the annual meeting of the Governors held earlier in the day.

In a periodical brought out by Oliver Goldsmith in 1759, he writes: "In the towns and countries I have seen, I never saw a city or village yet whose miseries were not in proportion to the number of its public houses."

At the meeting of the Women's Union of the Church of England Temperance Society, the Bishop of London said he had no doubt that if the women of the country could be polled, every public house would be shut at once, by an enormous majority of votes.

The Massachusetts Legislature recently put a new stamp on inebriety; it calls it a disease; and hereafter habitual drunkards will be in danger of commitment to insane asylums.

made and proved is that the person is subject to dipsomania, instead of alleging and proving that he is insane." At the same time a law has been passed providing a heavier penalty for an ordinary case of drunkenness.

Dr. B. W. Richardson, in presiding at the anniversary of the British Women's Temperance Union, said he had given up all hope of progress until they had got the active support of the women of the country.

THE POWER OF EXAMPLE.—This Total Abstinence question is somewhat hindered in its work and progress by the inconsistency of its own members. We have been urged not to exaggerate, but I would urge something more than that: that Total Abstinence should not be a solitary virtue, should not be like the jewel in the swine's snout, but should be in keeping with the other beautiful graces of love-forbearance; the whole cemented in the beautiful mosaic of a Christian's life with a bond of charity.

The Herald and Presbyterian, of Cincinnati, says: "Ohio led every State during 1884 in the number of murders committed. It does not alter the case to say that some of these were victims of the late mob, for it is an indisputable fact that the highest degree of lawlessness, and the greatest number of horrible crimes, follow the free and unrestrained traffic in intoxicating liquors."

The following extract from a letter recently received by Mr. W. F. Magrath, of Cork, from Staff-Sergt. Painton, Army Medical Staff Corps, of the Bechuanaland Expedition, is

a striking testimony in favor of total abstinence in South Africa.—The expedition is conducted upon strictly total abstinence principles, and the result is that the health of the troops is unprecedented. The hospitals are entirely free of sick, and up to the present only two deaths have occurred, and these by accidental drowning.

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