

TEACHING OF TEMPERANCE IN SCHOOLS.

To the Teachers of Ontario in Convention assembled, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, presents respectful and hearty greeting:—

When we look abroad upon the world, there are three professions which appear to be entirely separate from all others, indeed, it is impossible to confound them with the common run of professional life: the medical man whose business is to care especially for the health of the body; the Christian Minister whose special province, is to care for the health of the soul; somewhere, midway between these two, is the noble profession to which you belong, the teaching profession, whose special business, is to care for the health of the intellect, and its development. But while this may be the duty of the teacher, there is another thought. We know that intellect alone, is of little worth. Intellect developed without physical strength can accomplish but little, and on the other hand intellect alone, without moral strength, moral health and religious life, becomes, just in proportion to its strength and development, not a blessing, but a curse. Some one has said, that intellect developed without regard to moral training, is like a well-wrought, powerful steam-engine on the the wrong track, and the greater the power, the greater the mischief.

We take it therefore, that the teaching profession holds the proud pre-eminence of having to deal with the body, the mind and the heart of every child upon whom the teacher places his hand. This is why we appeal to you to-day in behalf of thousands of the mothers of our province, whose boys are under your control and guidance, in our Public Schools. Will you not, teachers of Ontario, do your utmost in order that these boys may understand the deadly influence of the insidious foe, which they will find lying in wait for them, on every hand. Will you not see to it, that they are thoroughly taught the effects, physical, mental and moral, of this giant being alcohol, who so often presents himself to the unsuspecting youth, disguised, even as Satan himself appears, "as an angel of light."

We know that Scientific Temperance is taught in many of our schools, but we are reluctantly forced to admit that in many schools it is not taught, although placed by our Education Department, on the regular programme of studies. Surely if our teachers clearly understood the solemn responsibility which rests on them in this matter, this tem-