TEMPERANCE.

Meeting of the Philadelphia Temperance Society Last Evening—Addresses by the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, New York, and the Rev. Alfred Cookman.

[SPECIAL PHONOGRAPHIC REPORT FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

The Philadelphia Temperance Society held the first of a series of meetings in the Central Presbyterian Church last evening. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, and took deep interest in the interesting discourses of Rev. T. L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, and Rev. Alfred Cookman, of this city. Rev. Alexander Reed, pastor of the church, presided. The proceedings were opened by singing, and after prayer was offered by Dr. Reed, he addressed the audience as follows:—

I will ask the liberty of saying that this meeting is a meeting of the Philadelphia Temperance Society, organized some months ago, which has held a number of meetings in the city, and it proposes to hold a meeting each week in some part of our city, in one of the churches or public buildings, to awaken the interest of Christians and philanthropists in this great cause, and to stem this growing evil. We have with us this evening two speakers at least who, I am sure, will interest this audience. I exceedingly regret that the inclemency of the weather has prevented many who I have no doubt, intended to be here, yet we have many of our citizens present, and many who are deeply interested in this great subject. I regret sincerely that Mr. Stuart is unable to be with us, he being confined to his bed by illness. I will not longer detain you from hearing these distinguished advocates of th; cause. Allow me to introduce to you Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, who is present this evening.

Speech of Rev. T. L. Cuyler.

Dr. Cuyler addressed his auditory as follows:—

Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen:—I have a resolution to offer to you this evening, which is as follows:—In view of the vastly increased use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and the consequent multiplied evils arising therefrom, imperilling the interests of morality and religion and civil government, and ruining multitudes of our fellow-citizens; therefore

Resolved, that it is the duty of every patriot, philanthropist, and Christian to exert every influence to avert the evils of this fearful and unequalled curse.

If I were to say to you there is not a single person present in this assembly who is sufficiently free of intoxicating drinks, the friends of such a person would rise. Do you think there is a single one free? I do not. In view of this tremendous evil, and the duty that is laid upon lovers of God and lovers of humanity, this Society has been originated, has held a few meetings, and proposes to go on fighting it out on this line if it takes a great many summers and a great many winters. It is but a few months since, at a meeting of some of the prominent pastors and philanthropists of Philadelphia, held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, that this Society had its inception and organization.

I do not know why Philadelphia could not have a city temperance society, nor why every church should not have a temperance organization, that is to specially labor among the children of its Sabbath school, and among all within the range and influence of its congregation. Philadelphia plants mission schools, very likely because there is great neglect in the localities that need them. Philadelphia is noted for her acts of humanity and kindness to our brave "Boys in Blue," as they went to the field of conflict, or came back wounded on their way to their homes. It was right that you should do it.

Philadelphia has established missionary organizations sending the word of life across the seas to heathen shores, but I ask you, Do not the children need just as much to be saved from the peril of the dram-shop—the intoxicating cup—as *they* do from ignorance and Sabbath-breaking? Have not the victims of strong drink as strong a claim on your philanthropy? Is there any more reason why Philadelphia Christians should save a heathen in Calcutta than a drunkard in the City of Brotherly Love? I say no. Those who have enlisted in the temperance work will find there is no discharge. It will go on just as long as we have to meet this terrible enemy. Appetite avarice and fashion are the three-fold enemies that curse society, and all Christian temperance men have to battle against them. Many who are the victims of hereditary appetite for the cup need reformation, and it is very hard work to reform them. Those of us who labor from time to time with the victims of appetite, are shocked at its tremendous power. Not far away from where I lived, some time ago, a young man—alas, that so many of the victims of strong drink that we meet in our streets and social circles are about the age of five-and-twenty! I do not believe that there ever was a time when greater perils beset young men in social life more than at this present hour—Well, this young man had early become a slave to intoxicating drink.

Our climate and our national temperament make strong drink more destructive here than in any other part of the globe. That is proved by statistics. This young man, by the time he became twenty-five, was a sot, abandoned by friends and kindred. He was prevailed upon to go one day in his sober moments, and have an interview with a friend. The gentleman set before him the course he was pursuing, and told him what it would lead to, and that it was his duty to sign the total abstinence pledge. When he was done he said, "I know all you have said to me better than you can tell it to me; I know perfectly well I am ruining myself. I know I have lost my situation, my health, my character, everything. I know I cannot stand this long; I am going to die before long under this, and when I die I know I shall go to hell, yet I cannot give it up." He didn't give it up. He went down, overwhelmed, into perdition.

The great aim and object of the temperance cause is to get hold of men before they get to the cataract from which nothing human can save them. It is not to save the drunkard, though by God's help we may save some, but it is to save the young men from following in their footsteps. Speaking of avarice, he said there is no more hateful form of avarice in the world than in the selling of poison for pence. You have no idea of the vast amount of capital invested in this business. I can give you the statistics of New York:—We have there eight thousand drinking-houses, running all the way down from the Fifth Avenue Hotel to the darkest subterraneous saloon of the Five Points or the Hook. The average receipts are ten dollars a day. Eighty thousand dollars spent in one day for alcoholic poison; half a million of dollars every week; twenty-five millions of dollars spent in one city each year for poison. Even Brooklyn, the City of Churches as it is called, with a very large New England population, has twenty-five hundred drinking-houses. And in Brooklyn, more money is spent every year for strong drink than would sustain all our churches, all our schools, and all our institutions. Don't you think there must be a tremendous spirit of avarice that will lead men to hold out such a thing and draw in such enormous revenue as that?

I hope the Philadelphia Temperance Society will, from time to time, distribute tracts, and the ministers preach from their pulpits to spread out the statistics of this enormous use of alcoholic poison. We had Health Boards in our cities at the very first step of the cholera of Europe. We had our organizations made and our efforts put forth to arrest it. Why should we not be as careful to eradicate the effects of this alcoholic poison? Alcohol should be taxed heavily. Men are determined to make money by selling strong drink—determined to coin human passion into money.

I was taken by the Collector of Brooklyn some time ago to visit one of the illicit distilleries in that city that had been unearthed by a detective of the revenue department. He took me to a lumber yard, at the lower end of which he opened a door, and we entered into a sub-cellar, where the vats were. The place was lighted with a single camphene lamp. In the centre of the vat was the worm of the still, that worm that never dies, literally. After examining it a little while, we went up a ladder into the room over head through a trap-door, all around which was a pile of coffins. In fact, before that outside door was discovered and made accessible, the only admittance to that underground distillery was through an undertaker's shop. I leave to you to suggest such a scene, and to draw your own conclusions. There was the work beneath preparing the victim for the coffin. There was the ready-made coffin over-head for the victim. If every dram-shop in Brooklyn and Philadelphia was constructed upon that plan, how wonderful the effect would be! Now a business that will resort to such a method exhibits what you may call a "devilish spirit."

Some men say they must have liquor to make them feel bright and happy. I hold that men do not need the drunkard's drink to be happy. This fashion has so inwrought itself into polite society, that a young man going for the first time into society will have great difficulty to brace himself against it. The power to say no when asked to imbibe intoxicating liquors is the great thing to teach young men. It is up-hill work to fight avarice and fashion. If the cause has not advanced, it is because it has had such tremendous opposition. Temperance is a principle of the Word of God. It is the taking of God's wholesome beverage in opposition to man's destructive, poisonous beverage.

By the grace of God, we will do all we can to save young men from this dreadful evil. We can save some, for wherever temperance has been tried, it has succeeded. Do not talk about the failure of temperance. Temperance no more fails than God's Word, that inspires it, fails. Wherever temperance is taken hold of by God's people, and by philanthropists, and practised in a right method, with determination and prayer it succeeds. Look at the revolution wrought a few years ago, which would have gone on if temperance men had not been too lethargic, and gone to sleep on the whole question. We have got to preach and practise temperance as a part of our religion, and we must fight sin at the door.

Ministers should preach temperance as a part of the Word of God. I feel that it is intimately connected with the salvation of our country, and the salvation of our souls. We must fight it with solid argument and with persuasive example. We must do the work as the men did thirty years ago. We must have the same truths preached again, with the same earnestness that they preached them. We must conduct the people to the fundamental principles of temperance, which are self-denial and total abstinence. When we have arrested its progress and have created a strong public sentiment, then we can go to the capitals of the States and reform our statute-books. All over the country now there are symptoms of life in this cause. Let us take the rising tide and be borne onward to success and victory. Christian brethren, many and many a soul we might have saved has been lost, and lost forever; but there is time enough to win another victory for God and humanity. Let us gird the loins, look upward, join in the ranks, and march onward to triumph.

The Resolution.

The President then read the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

Speech of Rev. A. Cookman.

Rev. Alfred Cookman was then introduced, and spoke in substance as follows:—

I stand before you for a few moments to plead the cause of suffering humanity. I may succeed, I may fail; still, I must go on pleading with the faith of martyrs. The blood of hundreds of thousands, smitten by this demon intemperance, is crying unto heaven for vengeance.

Shall we, as Christian ministers and followers of the Lord Jesus, maintain silence, and allow this destroyer to go steadily and successfully forward in its work of ruin? We have consecrated our time and our energies to the great work of preaching Christ; must we forego the privileges of our manhood, and, like idiots, abstain from the advocacy of moral reform? We cannot so degrade our ministerial office or our individual manhood. We have been reminded that within the last few years it has cost our country hundreds and thousands and millions of dollars. It has destroyed hundreds and thousands of lives. It has sent to our asylums and refuges, and homes for the friendless, thousands of innocent children. It has committed to our jails and to our prisons, multitudes of unhappy victims, and it is a fact, ascertained from statistics, that three-fourths of the paupers in the workhouse, and three fourths of the crime committed, are the consequences of indulging in intoxicating drink.

The practical question has been raised this evening, What shall be done for the arrest of this evil, which, with a shameless effrontery, is going through our community? The answer has been very fully explained by our friend who has addressed us so intelligently and interpretively during the past hour, yet it seems to me that, besides enlightening the public mind, and besides arresting the public conscience, that we will have to labor in our several spheres to inculcate a sentiment into the public mind touching the matter of prohibition. I know there are some who exceedingly dislike this term prohibition. They suggest that in this land of liberty they cannot make any enactment which says so peremptorily. They forget that the very idea or essence of all law is contained in this principle of prohibition. Is it not right that our law shall say as much respecting this traffic, the evil of which is constantly multiplying vagrants and old demons in our midst? Is it possible that the human heart can be so debased, so degraded, as to become insensible to appeals like this?

Moral suasion will not do. We have tried this from time immemorial, as far back as the memory of some of us can extend. We have made but comparatively little progress. I agree, sir, there is much to be done, and it behooves us, as the friends of temperance, to be up and doing. The speaker then gave a description of the siege of Lucknow, and, in conclusion, said:—Let us all go forth to battle in this cause of Christ and of humanity, and the day may not be far distant when, from every part of our republic and from every part of our globe, the shout shall roll up to heaven, "We are saved! we are saved!"

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