

Temperance Column.

By the Ocala Temperance Reform Club.

Edited by J. A. Menden.

The Club meets every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Temperance Hall. The Public are invited.

CATHOLICS SPEAK.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America convened at Columbus Hall, New York, Aug. 7, and continued in session three days.

Among the prominent speakers were Archbishop Ryan and J. Washington Loague, of Philadelphia, and President Glory.

It was recommended that the lecturing system be extended as much as possible; that temperance literature be disseminated in every place, and that total abstinence societies be started in every parish.

To show the trend of the speeches, we quote from one speaker as follows:

"It is not the sin of drunkenness alone that our grand organization is prepared to combat. Our far-reaching purpose is to aid in correcting the foolish drinking customs of society, to make the practice of total abstinence popular, and to brand with odium the indefensible and dangerous social customs that are a stumbling block to the weak and a temptation to all. There can be no affiliation between the church and the saloon. The church will not and cannot permit that the drinking den shall flourish beneath the shadow of the consecrated house of prayer."

The following resolutions were adopted among others:

"Resolved, That we urge everywhere, by votes and influence, the enactment of such laws as the 'screen law,' the 'single entrance' law, and all laws which may in any way help towards the strict enforcement of the present excise laws.

"Resolved, That we co-operate with our non-Catholic fellow-citizens in every legitimate effort to restrict the evils of intemperance.

"Resolved, That we urge the formation of total abstinence societies among women, girls and boys, and we urge men's societies to give them every encouragement in their power.

Jacksonville seems to be somewhat stirred up over the Sunday saloon ordinance. The leader of the anti-saloon men is one of the councilmen, who declares he is going to fight the non-enforcement of the law to the last ditch. He will be reinforced by almost every minister in the city. The battle promises to be a hot one. We sincerely hope the defenders of the ordinance will come out victorious.

The attendance at the Ocala Temperance Reform Club yesterday was not as large as usual, owing to the inclement weather; but Miss Bertha Gamble was on hand, and rendered, with excellent effect, an impressive recitation, entitled "A Barrel of Whisky"—enumerating by the barrel the immense catalogue of woes it contained as it was started out on its mission.

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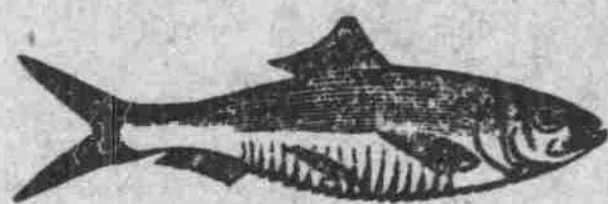
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