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CONTAINING TESTIMONIES PROM

THE PAROCHIAL CLERGY OF THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY;
THE JUDGES, POLICE MAGISTRATES, RECORDERS, AND CORONERS OF ENGLAND AND
WALES;

THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF LUNATIC ASYLUMS IN ENGLAND AND WALES; THE GOVERNORS AND CHAPLAINS OF PRISONS, AND READS OF THE CONSTABULARY THROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN; AND THE MASTERS OF WORKHOUSES THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES;

ON

THE EXTENT, THE CAUSES, THE RESULTS, AND THE REMEDIES, OF INTEMPERANCE.

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## PREFACE.

In presenting the extracts, which will be found in the Appendix, it may be well to state that they have been selected from replies received in answer to inquiries issued by the Committee of Convocation appointed "to consider and report on the prevalence of Intemperance, the evils which result therefrom, and the remedies which may be applied." The original returns are in the possession of the Chairman of the Committee.

The Appendix has been compiled with great care from a large mass of testimony, furnished from many quarters; and presents a fair sample of evidence, afforded by credible witnesses, on questions with which they must be necessarily fully acquainted, so as to speak upon them with authority.

It is hoped that, under these circumstances, the Appendix may contribute in some measure to the solution of the great and momentous question before the country, and which, more than any other, affects the welfare of our people.

To enable the reader more fully to judge of the nature of the replies, the list of queries addressed to the different correspondents is appended.

JOHN SANDFORD.

Chairman.

June 14, 1869.

### HEADS OF INQUIRY.

### I .-- ADDRESSED TO CLERGY OF PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

I. Extent of the Evil.

II. Probable Causes.

III. Results.

IV. Remedies.

Name of Parish.

County and Diocese.

### I. EXTENT OF THE EVIL:

- (a) (1) Population of Parish?
  - (2) Agricultural or Manufacturing?
- (b) Number (1) of Public-Houses?
  - (2) Beer-Shops?
- (c) Amount of Intemperance prevalent in Parish,—whether occasional or habitual?
  - (1) Men?
  - (2) Women?
- (d) Class or Classes chiefly addicted to it?
- (e) Its increase or decrease (relatively to population) since 1830 ?
- (f) The earliest age at which it begins?

### IL. PROBABLE CAUSES:

- (g) Legislative enactments, or absence of these?
- (h) Social or Trade usages?
- (i) Supposed medical properties of Intoxicating drinks?

### III. CONSEQUENCES OF INTEMPERATE HABITS AS APPECTING-

- (k) Morality, and attendance on the ordinances of Religion?
- (1) Domestic happiness and comfort?
- (m) Education of Working Classes?
- (n) Health of Population?
- (o) Crime, panperism, lunacy, and attendant expenses to the community at large?
- (p) Special influence for evil of traffic in Intoxicating liquors on Sundays, or at late hours on other days?

(q) General influence of the Liquor traffic on the vigilance and fidelity of the Police?

### IV. REMEDIES SUGGESTED, e.g. :

- (r) Counteractions which have been found most efficacious in diminishing the occasions or checking the practice of Intemperance.
- (s) Other means, whether Legislative or otherwise, which might be desirable.

The Names of Parishes will not be given in any Report which may hereafter appear

without proper sanotion.

The Clergy are respectfully requested, before sending their repties, to confer with the Medical authorities of their respective Parishes.

### II .- RECORDERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

- I. What proportion of the cases which have come under your cognizance, as Recorder, have been the results of Intemperance?
- II. What remedial measures against Intemperance can you kindly suggest?

# III.—GOVERNORS AND CHAPLAINS OF PRISONS TEROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN.

- I. What proportion of those who have come under your cognizance, as criminals, have been the victims of Intemperance?
- II. How far do you consider the health of prisoners to be affected by total abstinence from intoxicating drinks?
- III. What remedial measures against Intemperance can you kindly suggest?

### IV .- CHIEF CONSTABLES AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF POLICE THROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN.

- I. What proportion of those who have come under your cognizance, as criminals, have been the victims of Intemperance?
- II. In what respects do you consider the traffic in intoxicating drinks productive of crime?

- III. What remedial measures against Intemperance can you kindly suggest?
- IV. Will you be good enough to supply me with a List of Parishes in your County where there is neither Public House nor Beer-Shop?

### V.—Superintendents of Lunatic Asylums throughout England and Wales.

- I. What proportion of those who have come under your cognizance, as lunatics, have been the victims of Intemperance?
- II. How far do you consider the health of patients to be affected by total abstinence from intoxicating drinks?
- III. What remedial measures against Intemperance can you kindly suggest?

### VI .-- CORONERS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES.

- I. What proportion of the cases which have come under your cognizance, as Coroner, have been the results of Intemperance?
- II. What remedial measures against Intemperance can you kindly suggest?

# VII.—GOVERNORS OF WORKHOUSES THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES.

- 1. What proportion of those who have come under your cognizance, as paupers, have been the victims of Intemperance?
- II. How far do you consider the health of panpers to be affected by total abstinence from intoxicating drinks?
- III. What remedial measures against Intemperance can you kindly suggest?

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