

# **BLUE RIBBON** **Gospel & Temperance Mission,**

TO BE HELD IN THE

## **Beehive Assembly Rooms,**

STREATHAM COMMON.

FROM

### **MARCH 11 TO 18, 1883, INCLUSIVE**

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**SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS**

WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS :

Tuesday, Feb. 27th : March 6th, Assembly Rooms  
AT EIGHT P.M.

Friday, March 2nd, and 9th, Greyhound Lane Mission  
Room, at 7 P.M.

### **DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS**

Commencing March 12th, will be held in the Assembly Room, from  
12.30 to 1.30.

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An efficient Choir under the direction of Mr. Josiah  
Creagh will sing on each occasion.

**HYMN BOOKS.** Booth's Gospel Temperance Hymns.  
MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE BEEHIVE, 1d. EACH.

*A few Chairs will be reserved till 8 p.m. Tickets, if  
May be obtained of MR. DANIELS, The Beehive or in the  
Assembly Room.*



**ALL OTHER ADMISSION FREE.**

Freewill offerings will be received at close of each Meeting

*Chairman of Committee :* P. B. COW, ESQ.

*Hon. Sec. :* REV. G. I. SWINNERTON.

*By whom donations towards the expenses will be received and acknowledged.*

 All are earnestly invited to attend. All will be heartily welcome. 

See Programme of Meetings on other side.

**To the Christian people and the well wishers to humanity  
dwelling at Streatham Common and in its vicinity.**

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DEAR FRIENDS,

It was decided at the close of last year to hold a week's united Temperance Mission in the District at this time. In this procedure there is perfect oneness of feeling between myself and the Rev. A. McCaig, who may be taken for this instance as representatives of the Church people and Nonconformists of our Parish.

From the long and severe illness, out of which I am even now but very slowly emerging, I am unable, as well as forbidden, to take any part in the conduct of this weighty campaign—with what eagerness I should have thrown myself into it, many of you will know.

It has been thought, however, that my name and formal approval would be of use and I write this to give it.

I entreat every well wisher to his fellows to aid this effort. Aid it Fathers and Mothers and safe-guard the young—aid it heads of houses and sweeten your homesteads—aid it lovers of your country's weal, for "drink" is our national shame. Above all I summon all Christians within reach of my voice, to strengthen this endeavour to stop the tide of woe amongst us, to bless our homes, to awaken souls and snatch them from this sin of intemperance and bring them to God.

Your efforts, your prayers, your associated influence and example, your attendance and your money are all needed. I beseech you to give them for CHRIST'S sake.

Yours most truly,

STENTON EARDLEY.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

We want to call your attention to this coming Blue Ribbon Mission in our Parish. Two reasons, I think, are sufficient to give for this work.

1st. The wide spread misery, caused by the intemperance of our country, the many sad homes, ruined prospects, and lost souls, and to come nearer home, the drunkenness in our own Parish calls to every Christian to do *something*.

2nd. The success which God has evidently given to the Blue Ribbon Mission, and the blessings which have followed it in so many Parishes, calls to us to use this instrumentality here.

Everyone to whom I write will acknowledge the evils of intemperance. Everyone must acknowledge also that great results have followed the efforts of Temperance workers; confessedly something has been, and is being, done to stem the torrent of this national vice: manifestly God has helped us. Until you have found out a perfect way of meeting this evil, come and join the movement which is doing something.

We want your direct personal help and example, we want your prayers. This mission is a Gospel Temperance Mission, for we do not, because we cannot, separate the gospel message from that of temperance if it is to be effectual; and we believe and pray that this Mission week may be the turning point of many souls from darkness to light.

We want each one of you into whose hands this paper falls to be a worker, together with us, in one way or another. We want you to join our prayer meetings; for it is the dependence upon God in prayer that has been the success of the Mission in the past, and must be ours too.

Come and help us. It is God's work. A glorious privilege. A solemn responsibility for each of us.

Yours truly,

G. I. SWINNERTON.

I am very pleased to unite with the Revs. Stenton Eardley and G. I. Swinnerton in drawing your attention to the Gospel Temperance Mission about to be held in Streatham. Surely, it is unnecessary to remind you of the terrible havoc being made by intemperance in our land, and it must be admitted that this neighbourhood is not free from its blighting influence. It therefore becomes everyone who has the good of his fellow-men at heart to do what he can towards banishing the evil from our midst.

That general success has marked the temperance movement in the past is undeniable, while the manifest blessing that has attended this latest phase of that movement stamps it with Divine Approval.

We may therefore hope, that the forthcoming mission will not be fruitless. Success, however, will be in proportion to the efforts put forth and to the faith exercised in the God of all grace. We therefore entreat you to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

To the Christians of this Parish we specially appeal. Your sympathy, your prayers, your practical co-operation, will greatly aid us. Please try to attend the daily prayer meeting and help to sustain it, for there lies the secret of success in this, as in every other good work.

If you are not yet abstainers we commend to your prayerful consideration the Christian Law of self-denial, as illustrated by the Apostle, which many of us have found to be transmitted into a joyful privilege. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother *stumbleth* or is *offended* or is *made weak*." Romans xiv. 21.

We rejoice in the fact that this is a Gospel Temperance Mission. Our desire is not simply to lift the drunkard from the mire of drunkenness to the rock of sobriety, but to raise him, by God's grace, to the Rock of Ages, where alone he can be safe from the surging billows of temptation.

Yours truly,

A. McCAIG.

