

## DEDDINGTON.

**A THING WORTH KNOWING.**—Upon reading the *Temperance Census* taken on the 1st of January last (and published in the *Oxford Chronicle* shortly afterwards), by which it is shown that the population in 1881 was 1,484, and that 607 of that number were teetotalers, there would consequently be 877 non-abstainers. Allowing half of this number to be under 14 years of age, as there are ten drinkshops in Deddington, this would give one for every 49 of the non-abstaining adult population. It may be asked what is the opinion of the Licensing Justices upon this state of things?

**THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION.**—A lecture, under the auspices of this Association, will be delivered on Monday next, in the Town Hall, by Mr. W. E. Shipton, of London. His subject is "The aims and claims of the Association."

**MUSICAL SOCIETY.**—On Thursday week this society wound up their season by giving a soiree in the School Room. There was a very good attendance, and the arrangements were all that could be desired. The band of the Banbury R. V. supplied the music.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.**—The uniforms, which have been made by Messrs. Samman and Chislett, have now been supplied to the members. The first practice took place, with both engines on Friday night, and another one on the following Monday, Captain Hedges being in command on both occasions. We understand the Banbury Fire Brigade has promised to attend one of the next drills, for the purpose of giving practical assistance and instruction to the brigade.

**THE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.**—On Tuesday afternoon the Deddington detachment, to the number of 28, assembled in the Market Place, and marched to Aynho Station, where they were joined by 75 members of the Banbury Company, headed by their band. The Banbury company were under the command of Captain Austin and Lieut. Matthews, the Deddington company being commanded by Lieut. Lovell. The whole body was marched to Aynho Grounds, the residence of Captain Austin, where drill was gone through in good style. Captain Austin then invited the officers and men to partake of his hospitality, which took the form of a substantial dinner.

**SERIOUS FIRE.**—On Monday a fire broke out at Hornton, which resulted in the destruction of four cottages, occupied by Messrs. Holme, Haydon, and others. The cottages are the property of Mr. Cooke, of Shenington. The cause of the fire is unknown. The property is insured in the County Fire Office, of which Mr. H. Jarvis, North Bar, is agent.