

Templars. He (Mr. O'H.) represented the Sons of Temperance. These were different battalions of the same great army, all united in determined warfare against a common foe. The Alliance furnished them a common platform, a common leadership, and a prospect of speedy victory. He heartily endorsed the movement. The resolution was carried.

Mr. JOHN MACDONALD moved, "That as public opinion is awakened to the destructive results upon the individual, the family, and the community at large of the licensed liquor traffic, it is the duty of the Government to restrict that traffic within narrower limits, and as an important step in this direction, we would urge that licenses be granted exclusively to hotels that are necessary for the accommodation of the travelling public, and in stores the sale of intoxicating liquors should be kept separate from that of all other kinds of merchandise." He was perfectly willing to accept the position occupied by the Dominion Alliance. The success of the movement depended much upon the feelings and actions of individuals. They must endeavor to create in every home a strong antipathy to the whole terrible drink system. Under the old Jewish dispensation, the building in which a fretting leprosy was found, had to be torn down, and every stone of it cast into the depths of the sea. The liquor traffic was a fretting leprosy, and the only way in which we could protect ourselves from its fearful effects was to utterly destroy it. He had studied the question of prohibition carefully and long; considering whether or not stringent legislation might drive law-breakers to subterfuge and deception, and add the evils of hypocrisy to those of drunkenness; considering whether or not moral suasion without legal coercion was the right method of reform. The conclusion to which he had arrived was in favor of prohibition. Even if some men did practice deception, the general effect of the law would be good. If 75 per cent. of drunkenness were removed, there would be a mighty moral gain, even though hypocrisy became associated with the other 25 per cent. So he went in for prohibition. Reliable evidence proved that the State of Maine, where prohibition has been in force for many years, was remarkable for its prosperity and progress. The advance of public sentiment in Canada was great and encouraging. He urged all to personally abstain, to induce others to abstain and to use every effort to secure total prohibition. He believed they would yet succeed.

Mr. M. FORBES, of London, England, seconded the Resolution. The liquor business differed from every other business, inasmuch as other trades prospered as the community prospered. The prosperity of this business meant the degradation of the community. He did not abuse liquor-sellers, but he wanted to see them doing something better. He briefly sketched the history and success of restriction in Great Britain, where Scotland leads the ranks of reform, and England brings up the rear. The Imperial Parliament attended to a great many minor matters, but could not find time to respond to the nation's demand for a local option law. He believed in limiting the number of saloons. A reformed man often had a hard struggle to get past a saloon, and ten saloons meant ten times a danger and temptation. He then spoke of the success and permanency of the Blue Ribbon movement. In one town where 1,200 had joined it, 93 per cent. had remained true to their pledge. Much success depended upon the efforts of local workers. A pleasing feature of this great movement was that it united all classes and denominations, breaking down the barriers of sectarian prejudice and bringing ministers of different denominations into contact and sympathy. He urged his audience to come out in force to the meetings that he will hold on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the present week.

The resolution was carried. The chairman announced Mr. Forbes' meetings, declared his determination to support, for legislative positions, men who could be relied on to stand up for temperance reform, and called upon others to do the same.

The meeting closed with the doxology and a benediction.

The W. C. T. U.

A meeting of the Toronto Women's Christian Temperance Union was held on Monday afternoon. This Society is now getting into shape for an active winter's campaign. Delegates were elected to the annual meeting of the Provincial Union to be held at Ottawa, commencing Tuesday, October 16th. Mrs. Rutherford, Secretary of the Union, was appointed Superintendent of the Band of Hope, under its auspices. This Band of Hope re-commences its operations at McMillan's Hall this afternoon, and we bespeak for it a hearty support from the temperance friends of Toronto.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Ontario will hold its annual session at Ottawa, on the 15th, 16, 17th and 18th days of this month. A large and interesting meeting is expected. Local Unions are urged to appoint delegates and do all they can to make this convention a great success. Further information may be obtained by application to the secretary.

The present officers of the Provincial Union are: President, Mrs. D. B. Chisholm. Hamilton; First Vice-President, Mrs. Tilton. Ottawa;

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Cowan, Toronto; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Orchard, Brantford; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Fawcett, Scarboro; Treasurer, Mrs. Brethour, Milton.

The tenth annual meeting of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Central M. E. Church, Detroit, Michigan, beginning October 31, and continuing four days. The convention will be composed of the "Executive committee," the state corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers, the superintendents, of departments, the editor and publisher of our official organ, one delegate at large from each auxiliary State, and one delegate for every five hundred paying members of auxiliary State unions. Territories and the District of Columbia will be represented on the same basis.

Addresses will be made in several churches of the city on Sunday following the convention, and the last hour of each morning session will be regularly observed as a time of religious devotion. The executive committee will meet October 30, at 2 o'clock, p. m., and every member is requested to be present. Each State corresponding secretary will be supplied with blank credentials for the delegates from her State. Delegates desiring entertainment will please send their names to Mrs. G. W. Scripps, 173 Harrison avenue, Detroit, chairman of committee on entertainment. For railroad rates, address Mrs. T. B. Carse, 159 South Wood street, Chicago. It is earnestly desired that October 23 be observed as a day of prayer by our local auxiliaries, that the Holy Spirit may rest upon this National convention.

Yours for "God and Home, and Native Land,"

FRANCIS E. WILLARD, Pres.,

CAROLINE E. BUELL, Cor. Sec. N. W. C. T. U.

The tenth annual meeting of the Wisconsin W. C. T. U. will be held at Sparta, commencing Wednesday, October 17th.

A branch of the W. C. T. U. was organized in the M. E. Church, Bothwell, Ont., on Monday.

Mrs. J. E. Foster, who has been speaking in Ohio the last few weeks, has gone to Iowa to help close the campaign in that State for prohibition.

Collections, netting in all over, \$1,000, were taken up at the temperance meetings which Miss Francis E. Willard has recently been holding in California. She was strongly urged to take this for her own necessities and use, but she preferred to leave it to help to carry on the work.

The tenth annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Iowa, will be held at Muscatine, October 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Sons of Temperance.

THE ORDER IN ONTARIO.

Since the semi-annual session, held in Paris in May last, seventeen new Divisions have been organized, and two have been resuscitated. Applications have been received for charters for three new Divisions during the past week. Rev. J. Scott, D.M.W.P. of the National Division is at present laboring in the counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce as Lecturer and agent of the Order, and Mr. Thomas McMurray, Prov. D.G.W.P., is working in the same capacity in eastern Ontario. We understand that the executive of the Grand Division are desirous of securing the services of a number of competent organizers in different parts of the Province.

Bro. G. M. Rose, P.G.W.P., has returned from his visit to the old country. He is looking well and hearty, and no doubt our cause and Order will be benefitted by his renewed health and vigor.

We notice from an exchange that the Division at St. Davids, near Niagara, is doing a good work, and hopes to entirely drive the liquor traffic out of the little village in which it meets.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Division of this Province is doing wonderful work. Since January 1, 1882, it has had an addition of 100 subordinate Divisions, and 5,000 members. We clip the following items from a recent letter to *The Watchman*, written by Mr. Thos. Hutchings, P.G.P.,—who is on an organizing tour through the Province:—

"Thursday evening, Aug. 16, held a 2nd meeting, at Louisburg, and at the close organized New Hope Division, No. 542, under exceedingly favorable prospects for the future.

"Monday evening, Aug. 20th, organized RISING DAWN Division, No. 543, at South Bar, Sydney, with 31 Charter Members. This new accession to our Order bids fair to enjoy a season of success in advancing our cause here.

"Sunday evening, Aug. 26, held a Gospel Temperance Meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Baddeck, which was largely attended.

"Thursday evening, Aug. 30, organized CRYSTAL LIGHT Division, No. 546, with 31 Charter Members.

"Friday evening, Aug. 31, organized SPEEDWELL Division, No. 547, at Baddeck, with 41 Charter Members.

"Tuesday evening, Sept. 4, organized VALLEY VIEW Division, No. 548, at Big Baddeck, with 30 Charter applicants.