

very tastefully fitted up for the occasion,—was well filled, and much interest was manifested throughout. The usual difficulty to the pleasant and successful transaction of real business,—too much talking, especially by those of not the most experience, and not always of the best judgment—was a good deal felt, and in consequence not a little confusion and delay was unavoidable, but throughout there was a cordial spirit manifested and the earnest desire shown for the real advancement of the Temperance work.

THE OFFICERS REPORTS.—The G.W.P., Mr. G. M. Rose, of Toronto, first presented his report, which is a carefully prepared document of nine printed pages, in which a number of important questions are referred to, such as the work of Prohibition, the License Law, Inebriate Asylums, Lecturers and Organizers, Juvenile Organizations, the National Division, the Membership, the Deputies, and the financial position. We have not space to give even a summary of these. It is evident that the Sons, in common with the other Orders, have felt much the discouragement and hindrances to success during the past three or four years. In regard to the financial position the report states that at the beginning of the fiscal year the G.D. indebtedness amounted to \$1,385, and the expenditure in 1879 exceeded the revenue by the amount of \$1,047. The G.W.P. closes by saying:—"I have now great pleasure in reporting that although the revenue of the last thirteen months is considerably under that of the previous year, yet our deficiency only amounts to \$378 in contrast to \$1,047 and I feel satisfied that if the Grand Division look carefully at the details of expenditure as appears in this report it will be easily seen where further savings can be made and govern itself accordingly!"

The Grand Scribe's report shows that during the last quarter there were returns received from 124 Divisions representing 4,882 members. It is computed

that the total membership in good standing is 6,708. During the half year ten new Divisions have been instituted and three resuscitated. Bros. R. M. Barratt and John A. Nicholls have been employed as lecturers and their labours have resulted in good to the work. The total cash receipts for the half year are \$919.21.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.—In the evening of the first day there was a public temperance meeting held in the Opera House. The attendance of the town's people was quite small, but the meeting was one of the best of the kind it has ever been our pleasure to attend. The G. W.P. presided, and on the platform were the leading officials of the order. The speakers were Bros. G. M. Rose, G.W.P., Mr. Burgess, of England, Rev. E. R. Young, Rev. C. H. Meade, of Buffalo, and G. W. Ross, M.P. Every speech was a good one, and the excellent singing of the Division choir added greatly to the interest and pleasure of the meeting.

THE OFFICERS.—The election of the office bearers for the current year, which took place on the second day, resulted as follows:—G. W. Patriarch, G. M. Rose, Toronto; G. W. Associate, Platt Hinman, Esq., Grafton; G. Scribe, Thomas Webster, Brantford; G. Treasurer, David Millar, Toronto; G. Chaplain, Rev. E. R. Young, Colborne; G. Conductor, A. C. McMillan, Nassagaweya; G. Sentinel, Wilson Powers, Bowmanville.

The next semi-annual session will be held at St. Catharines in May next.

The Grand Division.

THE following are a few extracts from the Report presented by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, at the Annual Session convened at Oshawa, on the 7th December last.

THE WORK OF PROHIBITION.

I am happy to inform you that the principles of Prohibition, which this and kindred organizations have been inculcating during

the last thirty years, have begun to tell on the intelligent portion of the Canadian people, and that there is now every indication that the year on which we are about to enter will be a very active one for temperance work. From the counties of Wentworth, Halton, Lincoln, Welland, Middlesex, Norfolk, Kent, Oxford, Elgin, Huron, Carlton and Bruce, and the cities of Hamilton and St. Catharines, come the cheering news that friends are agitating for the "Scott Act," and also that the whole of Prince Edward Island, eight counties and one city in New Brunswick, Digby in Nova Scotia, Marquette in Manitoba, and Lambton in Ontario, have carried this Act, and that preparations are now in progress for its submission in several other counties in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. There is little doubt that this is the best Permissive Prohibitory Liquor Act in any country, and if our people only combine and work heartily together, we can carry county after county, and ultimately force our legislators to give us a general Act of Prohibition, which will forever destroy the hydra-headed monster—Alcohol. Let us remember we are a leading Order in Ontario, and that it will be our duty during this session to discuss such measures as will enable us to carry on the work before us. Had some of our Divisions, in the places where the Dunkin Act was carried, kept steadily at work, instead of relinquishing the agitation, that law might still be in force in many parts of Ontario. Divisions will remain a necessity for years after Prohibition is carried; yes, until the last trafficker in liquor is turned from the error of his ways.

THE LICENSE LAW.

It is rumoured that during the next Session of the Local Legislature the Government will introduce certain amendments to the License Law. Our opponents, the traffickers in strong drinks, imagining that they see an opportunity to destroy the usefulness of the law, have begun an agitation