

BRANCHES.

The propriety of organizing Branches of the League, *i. e.* Societies independent of other local Societies, having their own officers, rules, and finances, has at former meetings been discussed and disapproved of. That some advantages might result therefrom is unquestionable, whilst on the other hand, the existence of a net work of branches would make the League an organization distinct from, and having no special claim upon the sympathy and support of other organizations. To make the League a Bond of Union between the various temperance organizations, we must work with them and through them. Some plan might be adopted in each locality for making arrangements for public meetings, circulating petitions and literature, enrolling members and collecting funds. There can be no objection to the members of the League in each locality constituting themselves into a Committee for the above purposes, and suggesting a suitable person to represent the locality on the General Committee. We recommend that a list of places that should be represented on the General Committee be submitted to this meeting, and that one person be selected from each place, into whose hands the interests of the League in that place, shall be committed for the year, and from whom a report shall be expected at the next meeting.

What has been said in reference to branches, if approved of by this meeting, is not intended to interfere with our successors in office aiding and encouraging the formation of Electoral Associations, for the simple purpose of securing the united vote of temperance men in the municipal and parliamentary elections, if that course should be thought most desirable.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Our attention having been directed to the importance of holding occasional County Temperance Conventions, we referred the subject to a special committee, who, whilst approving the suggestion, thought best to recommend that no action be taken until the subject had received the attention of the present meeting. Such conventions, well arranged and properly conducted, would give an impetus to the work; but it must rest with you to determine whether they could profitably be undertaken, and if so, in what way. It is proper to state that, a strong reason assigned by our Committee for not taking action in reference to the matter, was the fact that several county organizations already exist and are doing good work.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

It has been the desire of your Executive to sustain the most friendly relations with all temperance bodies, and we are happy to state that, to the best of our knowledge, our efforts in that direction have been successful. The increased activity of the various organizations, and the formation of societies in connection with several religious congregations, are causes for gratitude and hopefulness.

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