

constituency to take at once the best possible steps to secure the defeat of any political candidate who will not favor such legislation, and to secure the nomination and election of such candidates who can be relied upon to carry out the policy above stated.

7. The report of membership and the state of finances will be presented by other officers.

8. The Juvenile work has been neglected, the G.S.J.T. having moved out of the Province. I would urge that our members admit children at as early an age as possible.

9. Let us consecrate ourselves afresh so that we can rouse the people to smite the traffic. So many of our Christian friends seem to be asleep while thousands are slaughtered by strong drink—are we doing our duty? The question is applicable to-day which was addressed to Cain: "Where is Abel, thy brother?" There are cries daily reaching the ear of God, which impel Him to ask His professed followers the question: "Where is thy brother?" From prison cells, palaces, wretched hovels, and uncomfortable homes goes up the cry that we dare not disregard. Let us beware of echoing Cain's answer: "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are responsible for our brethren, for our example to them, for those powers God has given us. Powers for which He will call us to account, to see if we have tried to save from misery the fallen. Intemperance is smiting down our brothers and sisters; it is desolating the world; it is a cloud on every fair prospect; and a hindrance to all that is good and true. It is filling our jails and lunatic asylums with those who, but for it, might have been happy members of society, but whom it has thrown aside in the great onward march. We are bound to listen to the plaintive cry, and re-echo the words: "Where is my brother?" And to ask what is being done to counteract its ravages.

10. I am afraid the Christian Church is not fully alive to the importance of the question. No! No! Mercy does not come as she ought and might to the help of the Lord against the mightiest foe that has ever fought against the welfare of man, and I am convinced that in proportion as the Christian Church identifies herself with Temperance movement so will be her success. The Archbishop of York once said: "The Temperance movement lies at the root of the success of all religious organizations, and unless Temperance flourishes, all other Christian work necessarily languishes."

11. We believe in prayer. But I agree with the Epworth Herald, which says the question cannot be settled in prayer meeting. God hears and answers the petitions of those who trust in Him. No doubt about that. We believe in prayer meetings. The assembling of God's people to talk together about the Kingdom and to ask His blessing upon those who toil for its upbuilding, is every way right and good. But there are some problems which can never be solved in the prayer meeting. The saloon is one of them. We may preach about it and sing about it, and resolve about it, and pray about it, until Gabriel blows his trumpet, and if we do nothing more we shall accomplish nothing. The millionaire brewer and the red-faced saloonist want us to keep right on at our devotions. They will meanwhile laugh in very glee. God will not do for us what we ourselves can do. We cannot preach the saloon out. We cannot resolve, sing or weep it out. We cannot pray it out. But we can arise from our knees and trusting in God, go forth and smite the monster hip and thigh, by the conquering power of a citizens' ballot. When will the Christian forces of the world see how easy it would be to crush the saloon power if they could only move out from the churches in one great, eager determined, united, victorious army?"

Brethren, we appeal to you in God's name to do what you can to answer your own prayers, for rest assured that God's time will be just when Christian men vote as they pray. We want your help! If you cannot attend our Lodge sessions every week, you can at least join us, and by your moral and financial help each do a little to help on the work. If you are not actually enrolled in any Temperance Society, we ask you to join the greatest Temperance brotherhood in the world.

12. We also appeal to the thousands who have passed through our Lodges,