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THE ALLIANCE CONVENTION.

THE Albance meeting was a success It was a Convention of earnest, level headed men, anxious to do the best thing in the best way, for the promotion of the Prohibition cause. There was no nonsense about them, business was pushed through with prompitude and expedition. There was no hesitawere supposed to be (politically speak- support of public opinion all lawmeet, then to go to work judiciously for the removal of these impediments.

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toms of the community.

valuable assistance to our cause. proposition for a great national Con the evil. We have to get and give vention to be held during the ap-| clear ideas as to the rights of minorproaching summer. If the Executive ities; and we have to combat with Committee of the Dominion Alliance the merciless logic of fact that fusty Association halls. We want a central take hold of this matter judiciously and and fossilized folly that prohibition place where we can all come together may win.

energetically, we have no doubt but fails to prohibit. Only so can we as one body. Our city is rapidly exthat they will secure the hearty co- raise true men. Let our recruits be operation of the other branches of the fed on facts and exercised by contro-Alliance, and that this year will be versy and Scott Act contests, and never before been held in Canada

On the whole our present position is oncouraging The annual Alhance meet and surfeit. It therefore becomes us ing of 1888 was not as large as some that had preceded it; many workers campaign, to meet in council, but the line of action we have indicated may feeling of the Convention was good. The review of the ground gone over was encouraging, the prospects were bright, and every delegate went away confident that this year would be remembered in the history of our reform, as one of steady, definite progress in the right direction.

THE BASIS OF OUR REFORM.

It is sometimes necessary, in every great reformation, for even the most advanced advocates to go back to 10fresh both mind and spirit by a review of the initial principles. Ignorance amongst the rank and file may perhaps apply in carnal warfare, but,-

"Theirs not to reason why, Their but to do and die."

are not the lines on which to gain any great moral victory. A full, complete, tion about denouncing wrong-doing, no [heart-stirring knowledge of the "rea matter who was the offender. There son why " gives energy and stability, was no desire to shirk the disagreeable and forms the very backbone of the duty of exposing political insincerity, enterprise. This is so in our great even though the insincer politicians temperance reformation. Without the ing) in harmony with the exposer, and especially permissive law-must The desire of the Convention, was to ever fail so accomplish the end for find the causes of the difficulties our which it was enacted. But what is movement had met, and was likely to public opinion but concensus of conviction, and how is conviction possible without the inception and comparison The tone of the Convention was of evidence! He who would do must good, there was no uncertainty or know. Men without firm convictions half-heartedness about it. Regret was seldom perform great actions. Nearly expressed that political conplications all our weak-kneed prohibitionists are and party machinations should have of a class who have never studied the worked against us in Halton, but great and eternal principles that lie at there is to be no going back, no slack- the very foundation of the temperening of leffort. Repeal movement lance reformation. He who knows by will be fought, and agitation will the calm evidence of history and the vigorous voice of daily experience, triumph, and the liquor traffic is that the manufacture and public sale of strong drinks are always and under A good deal of attention was given to all conditions evil, varied only in dethe "moral sussion" line of campaign | gree, he who has learned by the logic work It was recognized that sound of common sense that willingly to perpublic opinion based on intelligent re- mit an evil is to become morally recognition of the facts upon which sponsible for and verily guilty of its temperance reform are based, is the crimes such a man can have but one strength of our movement, and that mind, one voice, one vote respecting while there is to be no slackening in | it, and with all three, nay, with every political work, neither must there be power of body and spirit he will cry any relaxation in persistent effort to "Exterminate! Prohibit! Extermin develop and strengthen public opinion ate the whole drinking system." We in favor of total abstinence and against | would warn the temperance workers the still too prevalent drinking cus of this country that they build not a lofty, imposing superstructure that The same wise policy of electoral is not wind and weather proof action, that had proved itself so effec | There are dark days and tempestuods tive where fairly tried, was again re- seasons for every great undertaking, commended. There were those pre and woe to that edifice that is reased sent who found fault with electoral ac- on the sands of mere sentiment or progress and moral reform; a paper that must sent who found fault with electoral action the sands of mere sentiment or do good wherever it goes; bright, fresh, pure, tion, and did not believe it to be prace passing excitement. Let us build able, attractive, and full of information and tigable but testimony was forthcoming on a good foundation, hown deep into ticable, but testimony was forthcoming on a good foundation, hewn deep into to show that in many constituencies the rock bed of eternal truth. Let our it had made itself felt, and the in-knowledge be our power, and then creased Prohibition vote of the present every step that raises us nearer the Parliament over the last, was pointed high ambition of our hope, once taken out as proof that the line of campaign | will be forever gained. There is inwork adopted, has not been ineffective. | deed no small wisdom in making haste More than usual attention was slowly One of the crying needs of given to the important subject of our time is the careful, continual in-Prohibition Literature. The CANADA culcation of the initial truths in the CITIZEN was strongly commended in a temperance platform. As of old, we carefully prepared report, backed up have to teach the uselessness and dan by forcible and stirring speeches. Our ger of drink to the individual, to show workers are beginning to recognize the that it is not bread, but sure, if slow, value and extent of the work perform | poison We have to pass on to the ed in " is direction, and we trust the proposition that which is not good ringing utterances of the President, so for the members of a community in warmly endorsed by many other speak- dividually cannot be good for the ers, will not be forgotten by friends in | members of that community collective every part of the country, who, by ly, or, in the words of a great writer, helping to extend the circulation of "What is physically injurious is our Probabition paper, can render in morally wrong; w' tis morally wrong can never be politically right." We Perhaps the most important subject must reiterate and illustrate the old that came before the meeting, was the truism that as are the facilities so is

exhaustion, just as reception without activity means indolonce, stagnation to be active in all departments of tem perance effort and to lond a helping seem slow; it may be such as are over to await the fruition But there must ever be seasons of sowing and of har vest-waiting is sometimes working! Poets paint Truth as ever-youthful; she can afford to wait. God forbid that we should endure this Receible iniquity in our midst one moment longer than needs be Far be it from us to counsel sloth. We would much rather raise the fiery cross at any moment than wait in ambush. But battles are often won before the fight begins. Let us therefore make sure We must not fail to organize Re member, only by the same methods as those by which we gained, can we retain, what we have. Any institution which keeps united our frienc's and any literature which silently works on i the minds and hearts of men should. ever known

our work. Ours is no mere ulilitarian | would be handed from one to another movement. It is the enlistment of and likely give the whole thing up in truth in a high, a sacred, struggle for men. It is a warfare the weapons of which are not carnal, and to the furtherance of which we may call the highest and noblest instincts of men, and may seek and expect the approval and support of the Omnipotent.

HEADQUARTERS AGAIN.

An Interesting Letter.

Our W. C. T. U. friends are pushing their scheme with commendable energy and enthusiasm. One of these earnest ladies sends us the following done and where the rooms of the W.C. paper which we have much pleasure in T.U are like a hive of busy he s. I laying before our readers

will arise and build.

good city, and what do you see? A are devoted.

could any organisation have a higher ing, and we are pledged against one for aim We think not. Our weak wo | who has entered our homes and stolen men's arms have girdled the world our bravest and best. Surely when we round. We stand united shoulder to ask for a corner in this great and good shoulder, heart to heart, to labor till city it will not be denied. So may we we put the curse out of our land, yes, set up our "Women's Temple" where out of the world. Our women's voices we can try with God's help to do better go up unitedly to God's throne from and nobler work for "God and home every land the sun shines on, pleading and native land." for our sons and daughters. Surely, surely we have a right to a " Home we can call our own, in this fair Queen

can met ? Is not the old proverb the W C.T U. building fund. true, "Birds of a feather flock together?" Men are drawn by their various interests to form themselves into societies, and all these have a common meeting place and no money spared to make it pleasant and attractive. Surely we women are not differently constituted! As we are now situated we are never sure where our meetings are to be held, one time it is Richmond street, another Shaftesbury or

tending and more unions are constantly being formed. If you want to find out anything about these unions Alliance, and that this year will be versy and Scott Act contests, and in the suburbs of the city, what a dffi-marked by a gathering, such as for they will "be strong." But remem- cult matter it is. We hardly over magnitude, character and interest, has ber, exercise without nutrition means come in contact with one another. As a metaber of the Y.'s, I may say we scarcely know anything of our parent, and our work would be helped in a great degree by having a "Home." We want a place for our Flower Mission Kitchen and Band of Hope work. could not spare the time from hot hand to every work and worker. The We want a place where supplies for these various works may be obtained without writing to Ottawa or Chicago and waiting two or three months belooking for results will be ill content fore you get what is wanted. We want a place where, if I am asked to meet a friend and go with her to some far off Band of Hope, to do the best I can to instruct the children about keeping their bodies pure, she can say, "Meet me at the W C. T. U." instead of saying, "corner of Queen and Yonge," when the thermometer is down among the zeros. Now, young men, say, "Meet me at the Y. M. O A" or at one or other of the places where their interests happen to be Why should we women not have a meeting place of our own instead of street corners. The women connected with our city unions number over 500 our ground and make clear our paths | Give us a recognised place in our city and I am confident our number will be doubled in a short time In many of the cities of the United

States the W C T U have buildings devoted to their work. Let any woman interested in temperance or Christian enlightens the public generally is good, work carried on by women come to this city a stranger, probably after a good deal of trouble she would find out some member or officer of one of the be welcome. The world has gained unions who would give her information more by quiet, persiste it labor than as far as she know. The stranger asks, by all the sudden impulses it has "Have you a report of your work?" "Oh, no! Mrs. So and so has the reports." And ten chances to one the Above all, let us not form too low an unfortunate stranger in the pursuit of estimate of the nature and value of W. C. T. U. knowledge in our city disgust. How different in some of the cities I visited a short time ago in the the salvation of the bodies and souls of States. The W.C.T.U. card in a neat frame hung side by side with its brother Y.M.C.A., no trouble to hunt up if you have only a few hours to spare. Go to their rooms and you are met by kindly women, who tell you all you want to know and who claim you as their sis ter. Perhaps it happens you are more particularly interested in one branck of work, they advise you what part of the city to go to in order to see what you desire, give you written directions to find the place, hours of meeting, etc., and you start off sure of correct information, and there is no waste of time when that is precious. I tested this in Chicago, where there is a grand work went to a distant part of the city, saw "Every wise woman buildeth her the tramps' lodging-house, creche and house," so said the wisest man who coffee rooms, all under the auspices of ever lived. Surely then if Solomon the W.CTU Now, had I been obgave his opinion about a single wo liged to hunt up somebody to tell me man, we, W. C. T. U. women of our where to go the probability is I never fair city, ought to say Amen. The could have seen what I did I met Lord of Heaven will prosper us, we with Christian women, as a stranger in a strange place, but my heart went out Walk through the streets of our with loving sympathy towards the workers in that busy city, when the grand Y. M C. A. and many fine club first thing my eye took in on entering rooms, where members meet in the in- the waiting room at the station after a terest of science, literature or recreationg, weary journey, was the card head tion. There are Masonic, Oddfellows ed with the four letters so dear and se and Orangemen's hall. Knights of homelike that I started off at once to Labor, Knights of Pythias, and many the Chicago " Home" of the W.C.T.U. other cabalistic signs to be seen on In San Francisco also I visited their buildings in various parts of the city. rooms and was directed to their coffee-Where are the four letters dear to room and reading room for men. The every true woman in this continent; day is past when the sneer was fluing at Alas! We are homeless. Why should us that we could not organize because we not have a home as well as our we always quarrelled or were jealous of fathers and brothers? Ours is a one another. There is no body of men nobler cause than any of those to united as we are, there is no body of which many of these fine buildings people on earth united as we are, because it is a union of those who have "God, Home and Native Country," suffered-yes, who are even now suffer-

A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL X. N.B .- Contributions in aid of the object above referred to will be thank fully received and duly acknowledged Advantages do you ask! Why do if sent to Mrs E. Skinner, 273 Youge men love to build places where they street, Toronto, Secretary Treasurer of

The Scottish Permissive Bill.

Ox April 17th the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association will have opportunity to test their strength in the British House of Commons. Mr. Mo-Lagan has secured that date for the second reading of his excellent little bill, and the Association is making atrenuous efforts to get it through the House. We know they will show good fight, and we trust they