

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, of which the following is a summary:—

*Henry Alexander, Grand Treasurer in account with Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of Ontario from Jan. 23 to Nov. 15, 1884.*

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

##### RECEIPTS.

Per Capita Tax, Supplies, etc. .... \$2,430 13  
Expenditure over Revenue..... 219 66

\$2,649 79

##### ASSETS.

Sons of Temperance Supplies.....\$291 38  
Office Supplies..... 100 00  
Balance due by Subordinate Divisions..... 235 85  
Cash on hand by Grand Treasurer..... 285 67  
Rent due on St. Thomas Hall..... 30 00  
Trustees.—Invested by them..... 901 39

\$1,844 29

##### LIABILITIES.

Balance to credit of Subordinate Divisions..\$ 17 63  
Balance of Assets over Liabilities..... 1,826 66

\$1,844 29

The reports were referred to the usual committees and subsequently adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following:—

Grand Worthy Patriarch..... J. W. Manning, Almonte.  
G. W. Associate..... T. B. Smith, Ottawa.  
Grand Scribe..... J. K. Stewart, "  
G. Treasurer..... Henry Alexander, "  
G. Chaplain..... Platt Hinman, Grafton.  
G. Conductor..... C. Campbell, Ottawa.  
G. Sentinel..... F. Tracy, Kingston.

Resolutions were adopted affirming the loyalty of the Order to the Scott Act agitation and the prohibitory movement, and instructing the Executive to wait upon the Local Government to ask for legislation to making the Scott Act still more effective. Resolutions were also adopted expressing strong and kind appreciation of the services of the retiring officers, specially in reference to Bro. McMillan, under whose direction the Order has enjoyed extraordinary prosperity, and Bro. Webster who has filled the office of Grand Scribe for a number of years with unusual zeal and success.

### The Campaign Everywhere.

**BRANT.**—The feeling in this county grows stronger as the polling day comes nearer. Large and enthusiastic meetings have been held everywhere. Hen. J. B. Finch, of Nebraska, delivered a telling address in Paris on Saturday evening. On Sunday, Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, held a number of meetings in Brantford and South Dumfries Townships. At each place the feeling in favor of the Scott Act was overpowering. The prospects are for a grand majority.

**BRANTFORD.**—In this city there is a most effective and thorough organization of the temperance forces. Temperance sermons were preached on Sunday last. On Saturday night there was a large meeting in Wycliffe Hall, addressed by Mr. F. S. Spence. Mr. C. Watts, of this city, spoke in opposition to the Act, but the audience unanimously endorsed the Scott Act by a standing vote. Hen. J. B. Finch spoke in the same place on Tuesday evening to a very large and enthusiastic audience.

**PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL.**—The Prescott hotel-keepers have formed themselves into an association, binding every hotel-keeper in the county to pay \$2 towards opposing the Scott Act. Anyone who does not pay is to be boycotted by the rest. The Russell men are requested to do likewise. This decision is sent out in a circular, signed by Mr. B. McManus, secretary-treasurer of the association, in which the hotel-keepers are also requested to give free board and lodging to a certain Mr. Evanson, because he some time ago declared from a public platform that he could see no benefit in the Scott Act to the sacred cause of temperance. Pity the "sacred cause of temperance" when it has the hotel-keepers for its guardians!

**MIDDLESEX.**—The Scott Act campaign in this county is being most vigorously pushed. To make sure work the petition will be again deposited in the Sheriff's office for another 10 days. Able lecturers are in the field. Rev. Mr. McAdam, of Strathroy, is doing grand service in the West Riding. Rev. Mr. Ball, of London Township, addressed two meetings last week, one at the South Nissouri Presbyterian Church, the other at Opposition corners near St. Marys. Rev. Mr. Robbins, of Belmont, spoke at Crumlin, Bethesda Church, Nissouri, and Abeneser Church, Nissouri, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. After a most thorough consideration of the subject the audience by a splendid vote showed their appreciation of the Act. Mr. Robbins also preached quite recently at his church at Belmont a sermon on the plea of "compensation," completely tearing down this refuge of lies set up by the traffic. Rev. W. A. McKay delivered two lectures, one at Nilestone the other at Glanworth, both lectures told in the interest of the Act.

Mr. D. H. Williams, the efficient Secretary is indefatigable in his work. The prospects for the Act in Middlesex are simply grand.

**COMPTON** has, by a majority of about 450, decided to continue under the liquor traffic. It is only fair to this county to say that if the vote had been taken simply on the question of "liquor traffic, or no liquor traffic," the result would have been very different. But unfortunately there was another element introduced into the contest—the influence of certain individuals in high places, with the control both of money and men. The liquor party succeeded in converting the matter into a political issue, and by the grossest falsehoods and misrepresentations deceived the more unread portion of the electorate. The recent election will long remain a stain upon the record of Compton. But the dark cloud is not without its silver lining. The temperance people worked well, and they were assisted by the more enlightened of those who would probably not care to be called temperance people. Senator Cochrane publicly declared his intention of voting for the Act, and the township in which he lives gave a splendid majority on the right side. But the liquor traffic has gained a reprieve of three more years; and men and women who would have given their very lives to save loved ones from the accursed temptation of the drink shop are mourning over the defeat.—*War Notes.*

**HAMILTON.**—The temperance element in this city has inaugurated or revived a movement looking to the suppression of grocers' licenses, and the various labor organizations which exist here have been invited and are likely to co-operate. Coming at this particular time, the movement seems designed to exert an influence upon the approaching municipal elections, with the object of securing the return of men to the Council likely to give a favorable consideration to the petition that will follow. The removal of liquor from the groceries would be an almost inestimable blessing to the working-men of Hamilton, who by the way are a very respectable and intelligent class of people and well able to understand the vast influence for evil that constantly flows from the average whiskey-selling corner grocery, to say nothing of the injustice resulting from the system to those wishing to engage or engaging in the legitimate grocery trade only, as well as the facilities furnished "ward bosses" to "hold the fort" behind bulwarks of barrels and boxes in license-holding groceries and direct therefrom the political and municipal administration, and perhaps to some extent influence the social and even the religious sentiment of the city. There has been a sentiment growing for years in Hamilton in favor of the separation of the grocery and liquor trades, and we rejoice that there is now a prospect of such a combination of elements as will bring speedy fruition to the labors and influences of the past. It will be a happy day for the working men of Hamilton when they and their families can go to the groceries to buy supplies of the necessities of life without being exposed to the malevolent influences of a whiskey-charged atmosphere and the degrading contact with beer-bloated attendants and *habitués*; and there will be rejoicing among grocers themselves, to whom the change must bring relief from a very oppressive system of injustice.—*Canada Casket.*

**MANITOBA.**—The office of the Provincial Secretary of the Manitoba Alliance, is at present deluged with correspondence from all parts of the province regarding the Scott Act campaign, now in progress. The communications testify to the energy and enthusiasm of the various county and municipal committees, and give promise of grand