

**Temperance Column.**

The annual meeting of the Orillia Church of England Temperance Society was held under somewhat unfavourable circumstances. The illness of his wife prevented the Rev. G. E. Lloyd from remaining in Orillia for it. Death in the family prevented Mr. J. L. Tipping from contributing to the musical part of the programme; the Rev. W. H. French was unavoidably absent; yet a pleasant, and it is believed profitable meeting was held. The report showed that several public meetings had been held during the year, addressed by the Bishop of Algoma, the Rev. C. H. Marsh, Dr. Elliot, Mr. A. D. Kean, and others. The Rev. S. Weston Jones preached the annual sermon. Although the Scott Act had been adopted in Simcoe the Society had not relaxed its educational work, except that from force of circumstances the Band of Hope had been suspended for a time. It was hoped, however, that that work would be resumed in the near future. The Society did much in the way of distributing temperance literature and possessed a good circulating library, books from which could be obtained at the Dominion Restaurant. The Treasurer had received from all sources \$101.76, and expended \$103.30. The Society being supported wholly by voluntary contributions, members were urged to assist in extending the work by providing more funds. The Branch had done much to promote the cause throughout the Rural Deanery, and rejoiced that flourishing societies were carrying on the work at Waubushene, Elmvale, Waverley, and other places. The Rural Dean was requested to exert his influence to have a branch established in every parish. The membership had increased seventy-nine during the year.

The reports having been adopted, the Rev. John Jones, of Medonte, moved a resolution expressive of thankfulness to God for the progress made at home and throughout the Diocese. He urged greater zeal for the reformation of the intemperate; invoked especially woman's aid therein; referred to the value of a good example; warned his hearers against laughing at the poor drunkard, reminding them that when Noah was drunk, the curse fell upon the son who made sport of it, instead of upon the one who had become drunken; said as the Master came to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance, so his mission as a temperance worker, he conceived, was to the fallen rather than to those who stood upon the safe ground of total abstinence from intoxicants.

The Rev. W. J. Armitage, who presided, adverted to the reports, pointing out what had been accomplished, and urging more zealous efforts for the future.

The following office-bearers were chosen: The Rev. A. Stewart, M.A., President; the Rev. W. J. Armitage, C. S. Elliot, M.D., F. Evans, M.A., G. J. Booth, Esq., S. S. Rob-

inson, Esq., Vice-Presidents; H. Greenland, Secretary; G. H. Hale, Treasurer; Nathaniel Baker, Librarian; Mrs. Nathaniel Baker, Mrs. Goffatt, Miss Stewart, Miss H. Elliot, Miss Thompson, Miss Evans, and Messrs. B. H. Rowe, J. L. Tipping, J. Hern, G. W. Matthews, Wm. Dreyer, and the Rev. J. Jones, Executive Committee.

The Treasurer moved a vote of thanks to the clergymen of the parish, and others who had assisted in the meetings held during the year. He pointed out the evil of welcoming the volunteers or others whom it is sought to honor, with the drink. Though General Middleton stated that the success of our volunteers in the Northwest was largely due to the absence of drink, there was a deplorable amount of drunkenness in Winnipeg and Toronto on their return. One of the 90th, Wm. Wainwright, who died the previous day by his own hand at Toronto, was a South Simcoe boy. A young man of good parts and fair education, who did his duty bravely with one of the most gallant regiments in the Force, he was reduced to wretchedness and suicide, at the early age of twenty-six, by the drink.

The Secretary, Mr. H. Greenland, gave an appropriate reading very effectively.

Hymns were sung at intervals by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. N. Baker, Miss Stewart presiding at the organ.—*Orillia Packet.*

The lamented death of Dr. Cole seems to have stirred up some of the friends of Nashotah. The acting president, Dr. Adams, announces the receipt from a gentleman in New York of \$5,650, and from one in Wisconsin of \$1,000. The ordinary "daily mail" is also quite up to the average.

**RENUNCIATION INDEED.**—It is said, upon good authority, that Mr. C. T. Studd, the well-known Cambridge cricketer, who has gone as a missionary to China, has invested his whole fortune, amounting to about £100,000 for the benefit of the China Inland Mission. This characteristic act is surely one of the brightest incidents of modern Christian life.

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