

is doing a noble work in the general diffusion of our principles and the creation of public temperance sentiment. Its financial position will be fully laid before you in the report of the Publishing Committee, and I bespeak at your hands a most earnest and thorough treatment of the whole matter. Temperance literature is the right arm of our movement, we must sacrifice personally and collectively in order to its maintenance.

#### UNION WITH OTHER BODIES.

At the last annual session a committee was appointed to confer with other sister temperance organizations, so as to bring about, if possible, greater oneness of aim and feeling, and with the ultimate hope of building up for Canada a distinctive and independent national organization. The idea is a grand and inspiring one, and if resolutely followed, may, in the not very distant future, be wholly realized. This committee will lay its report of proceeding before you during the session.

#### LECTURING.

Owing to lack of funds the National Lodge has been unable to put or keep into the field a general agent and lecturer. Anyone can see of what inestimable use a thorough and capable man would be to our work, to visit, encourage and institute Lodges, to explain the principles of our Order, to canvas for our paper and distribute widely our temperance literature. We shall not be completely equipped until we possess such an arm to our work. I ask you to consider whether some such department of labor could not be efficiently maintained, either singly by the National Lodge, or by united efforts of the National and Provincial Lodges.

#### TEMPERANCE DEPOSITORY AND PUBLICATION HOUSE.

Last year the Secretary was empowered to open a depository of temperance publications in connection with his office. This he has accordingly done, and his own report will show you the work accomplished in this direction. I cannot over-rate the importance of this effort; if we will succeed in Canada we must fumigate the whole country with a wholesome sound literature. A Temperance Year Book and Calendar was published by the Committee, and a detailed statement of the same will be duly laid before you.

#### INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

Bro. McDougall, from Great Britain, came over to our country, and while here a meeting of the International Council was held at Goderich