

PROHIBITION LEAGUES.

The Dominion Alliance seeks to unite all other existing religious and temperance organizations in a general effort to secure the prohibition of the liquor traffic and does not seek to establish any special local organization beyond what is necessary for this purpose. Alliance agents, however, frequently find localities in which friends of the cause desire to form a local league for the promotion of political and legislative temperance work. For the convenience of such we submit the following draft of constitution or working rules for such a society. It will be found useful as a suggestion, and may of course be modified to suit the necessities or views of the friends in any locality.

Any further information or advice concerning this important matter will be promptly furnished by the secretary of the Dominion Alliance, with whom correspondence is invited.

Prohibition League Rules.

1. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Waterville Prohibition League.

2. OBJECTS.

The object of the League shall be to call forth and direct an enlightened public opinion to secure the total suppression of the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

3. METHODS.

With this object in view the League shall work for the adoption and enforcement of all available prohibitions and limitations of the liquor traffic, and the election to all legislative and executive positions of representatives who are known, avowed and reliable supporters of the principles and methods of the League, and the declaration through the ballot box of the people's desire for total prohibition.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

Persons of good moral character who reside or vote in the municipality shall be eligible for membership.

Persons desiring to join the League may be proposed at any regular meeting and a two-third vote will be necessary to elect them. They shall then become members on signing the following:

DECLARATION.

We the undersigned, approve of the objects and methods of the Waterville Prohibition League, and agree to work together in promotion of the same in accordance with the constitution of the said League.

5. FEES.

The membership fee shall be twenty-five cents per year, payable in advance.

6. OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected yearly at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected.

7. COMMITTEES.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers named and nine other persons elected at the same time. This committee shall meet at the call of the President and Secretary.

Other standing or special committees may be appointed from time to time as the League may deem necessary or advisable.

8. MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the League will be held the first Tuesday of the month of October. Other meetings will be held at the call of the Executive Committee. Nine members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

If at the annual meeting of the League there are not present sufficient members to form a quorum, then the next meeting at which there are present enough members to form a quorum shall be considered the annual meeting.

9. BY-LAWS.

The League may enact any By-Laws or adopt any order of business deemed necessary for the carrying out of its objects or the transaction of its business.

10. AMENDMENTS.

These rules shall be amended only by a two-third vote of the members present at a regularly called meeting of the Society.

IMPORTANT.

TORONTO, 1901

DEAR FRIEND,—

You are respectfully requested to carefully examine **The Camp Fire**, a neat four page monthly Prohibition paper, full of bright, pointed, convenient facts and arguments; containing also a valuable summary of the latest news about our cause. It is just what is needed to **inspire workers and make votes**.

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THE FOOTING SYSTEM.

A letter to the Manchester Guardian from Rev. Canon Hicks, throws some light on the probable cause of increase of drinking among women in England. He describes at some length the "footing" system by which all new employees in mills are required to treat their new associates to intoxicating liquor.

He states that every girl entering a mill is practically compelled to furnish intoxicating liquor for her fellows. Also that before holidays, festivals and other celebrations every girl in a room must, for weeks beforehand, save up something to be spent on liquor. The regular treat is whiskey, wine and cake. The spirits are supposed to be consumed by the men and the wine by the women, but the distinction is not adhered to. It is hard for a girl to resist this tyranny of custom.

Not long ago the Canon saw three young girls in their teens brought to the hospital dead drunk, owing to a "footing" in their mill. They had been picked up by the police as they lay unconscious in the middle of the road outside the mill, drenched to the skin with rain.

AN ANCIENT PLEDGE.

Some English temperance journals have been discussing the question of antiquity of formal temperance pledges. One of the oldest yet produced is found in one of the volumes of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. A copy forwarded by Mr. J. H. Martin of Dundee is published in the Scottish Temperance League Journal and is as follows:—

Excerpt from Report on the Manuscripts of Erskine of Dun, prepared for the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, 1875.

"Temperance Bond, Dundee, 5th July 1627.—The parties to this contract, which is attested by four witnesses, are Alexander Erskine, of Dun, and Sir Jhone Blair, of Balgillo. They bound themselves to drink nothing except in their own dwellings, till the 1st of May 1628, under the penalty of 500 merks Scots, for the first 'faulzie and brack,' and 100 merks, for every succeeding one, and for security agreed to register the contract. The reasons alleged for this agreement is that the 'access [i. e., excess] of drinking is prohibit bothe be the Law of God and Man,' and that they were willing 'to give guid exampill to vthe is be their lyff and conversacioun to abstain from the lyke abuse.'"

PROHIBITION ENFORCED.

The Capitol, the leading daily journal of Topeka, Kan., recently sent a series of questions regarding the condition of temperance sentiment and law enforcement to leading citizens in 101 of the 105 counties throughout the State. The counties from which information was not sought are so sparsely settled that little could be said regarding them and what could be said would not have much weight. Seventy-four of the 101 counties replied. Of these, 31 stated that temperance sentiment showed a marked improvement since a year ago, 27 reported some improvement, 13 reported no change and two reported a weakened sentiment. Fifty counties replied on the question of law enforcement. One said that the joint evil had been entirely suppressed, eight reported fewer than five illicit places and the other 18 counties reported a total of 426 law-breaking liquor sellers.

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