

1. *Improved Business Methods in this Council.*—Without casting any reflections upon the methods previously followed, I think it will be within the knowledge of all of us that these methods could be improved.

Our meeting could and should be more generally advertised, and an effort should be made to give to it a national importance. It should be a representative gathering of the freshest and strongest from the whole field of work, and be looked upon as an event in the yearly history of our movement. The city should be thoroughly advised of the time and place of our meeting, and a public demonstration fitting to the importance of the time and the place should be organized under the auspices of the Council. Members of Parliament should be interested, and made to see that in this gathering could be felt the pulse and spirit of Canadian Prohibition. Invitations from the Executive, sent to all members and Senators, would no doubt gain the attendance of a large proportion of these gentlemen.

I would recommend, also, that we have a public breakfast or supper for members and friends of the Alliance, which should be made a stated incident of this yearly gathering, where in the unrestrained and informal enjoyment and amity of social intercourse we could better learn to understand the oneness and scope of our organization, and in short talks arrive at a better appreciation of the work performed and that which remains to be done. In this way, by a thorough advertisement of our annual meeting, by a thoroughly organized public demonstration, and by the freedom of intercourse and good fellowship developed at the social board, we should give a standing and importance to this representative gathering of the Alliance which it does not now enjoy.

2. *We need, also, a better arrangement of business, and a better execution of our resolves.*—Too much time is wasted in getting to work, and too much breaking up of the meeting by calling committees out during the hours of the sessions. If the session of the Alliance were to begin in the evening, when committees could be appointed who should have their work ready for the regular morning session, or if standing committees would be prepared with their reports for presentation in the early part of the sessions, much valuable time would be saved, and the Council could sooner and more profitably go to its real work.

Then, again, we must have a resolve, and hand our work to our Executive during recess. Often this is not done. There were last year many things recommended, and there has not been a moiety of them looked after. It is of little use for to meet, discuss and come to conclusions, and then allow our conclusions to lie over, unembodied, until we again meet. The Executive should see to it that what has been entrusted to it be carefully carried out.

Then we need a thorough and systematized report of the work in Canada presented to us by the Executive at the beginning of the session. This should consist not of extracts from Provincial reports merely, but should include every event of importance that has transpired in the Temperance movement in our country for the year past.

And, lastly, we should have our YEAR BOOK published as soon after our meeting closes as possible. People wish to get, it when the subject matter is fresh, and care comparatively little about it if it is delayed until the close of the year.

It is of the first importance, too, that in our Alliance work we strive earnestly to

3. *Eliminate all party bias and party rivalries from our organization, here and in the Provinces.*—In our selection of officers, in our organization of committees, in our utterances and discussions, we should always recollect that there are two great political parties represented by our membership; that each of them sends its strong and faithful temperance men to take part in deliberation, and that it would be to the last degree fatal to the success of our Alliance work if the union and harmony so essential should be broken by indiscreet allusions, ill-considered utterances, or any other development of that party spirit which has no legitimate or useful place in an organization like ours. Hitherto we have been very successful in maintaining that united and harmonious spirit, and I make these remarks, not in any way to reflect upon the past, but rather as an added caution for the future. Prohibition is getting farther and farther into politics; the sentiment is getting stronger and stronger in the country.