

PLAN OF WORK FOR LOCAL AND COUNTY PRESS COMMITTEES.

1. If possible secure a Superintendent in each County, to solicit the co-operation of newspapers—to obtain the help of local Unions in this direction—to secure a Press Committee or Superintendent in each Union where newspapers are published—and where there are more unions than newspapers, to encourage a division of labor, so that each union may share in the work of supplying items for allotted space.

2. Wise talk with an editor by a local press committee will always awaken more interest and more readily secure an allotment of space, than much writing by the Provincial Press Committee.

3. We strongly urge all our sisters to keep beside them a box marked "W. C. T. U. Clippings." Clip from newspapers, facts, thoughts, arguments, appeals, terse extracts from standard authors or a short argument for Prohibition. Hand these clippings to your Press-committee, who will select for the Editor's use from week to week.

4. Gather with care all items of interest concerning the W. C. T. U., Provincial and Local, and send to editors.

5. When a lecturer is employed, it pays to advertise the meeting and to report the speech. We often forget that a few hundreds can hear a speaker's voice, but the press carries his words to thousands.

6. We recommend frequent reports, short and to the point, to the Provincial and Local Superintendents of this department.

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Sons of Temperance.

THE GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario met in semi-annual session at Uxbridge, on the 27th May. There was a good attendance of representatives present. Among others from a distance were H. S. McCollum, of St. Catharines, Most Worthy Scribe of the National Division of America; Robert Craig, P.G.W.P. of the Province of Quebec; J. W. Manning, of Almonte; Henry Alexander, of Ottawa; Rev. D. L. Brethour, of Milton; Thomas Webster, of Paris; Helena Robbins, of Orillia; G. M. Rose, Henry O'Hara, John McMillan, W. H. Orr, of Toronto; Platt Hinman, of Grafton, and others.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch, Mr. John McMillan, presided.

The reports of the officers of the Grand Division were then presented.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch, John McMillan, reports that as far as possible he visited subordinate divisions and arranged for many public meetings for the discussion of temperance subjects; also that he carried on an extensive correspondence with Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs in every part of his jurisdiction. The reports from those officers were generally of the most encouraging character. Altogether he reports the order in a flourishing condition. Referring to the recent amendments in the Crooks Act he states that they were made in part at the request of a combined deputation of the Independent Order of Good Templars, the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, and the Sons of Temperance. He expresses the opinion that the Crooks Act as amended is as near perfection as a license Act is ever likely to be. He contends, however, that nothing short of prohibition will afford a remedy for the evils of intemperance. He speaks most hopefully of the prospects of the temperance men in the forthcoming Scott Act elections, and declares:—"We have every reason to expect success in all the counties engaged in the contest at present, and nothing that gross mismanagement or criminal indifference on the part of the friends of intemperance can defeat the measure in the several counties grouped by the Alliance." He appeals to the Grand Division to assist the Alliance in every possible way in the matter. The opponents of the Act are in arms, and are subscribing liberally to the fund to be used in the campaign against it. He suggests that a sum of money be voted by this body to the executive of the Alliance in order to enable them to carry out to a successful issue the work they have undertaken, and that the Grand Worthy Patriarch be authorized to issue a circular letter to the subordinate divisions urging them as a matter of duty to make a regular annual subscription to the funds of the Alliance. The Sons of Temperance have, he says, an honorable record in the work of temperance reform, and he urges the members of the Order to be true to themselves in the present crisis.—*Casket*.

A special report of the session, prepared for the CANADA CITIZEN, is unavoidably held over for the present, but will appear in a future issue.

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Session of the Grand Division met at Lower Horton on Tuesday last, as announced, and closed its labors on Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday evening temperance meetings were held at Lower Horton and Wolfville, the speakers being supplied from among Grand Division attendance. Not a very large number were present, as it is a busy time of year, but the work was earnest, and a very interesting and profitable session was had throughout. Among the resolutions the most important was one to petition the Dominion Government by petitions to be circulated throughout this province, with a request to other provinces to do the same that "Total Prohibition" pure and simple should become the law in this Dominion. This resolution was passed unanimously, and with enthusiasm. Another motion was in relation to the temperance "Text Book" in the public schools. At the last annual meeting of the Grand Division this question was brought up and a resolution was passed to the effect that "it be urged upon the council of public instruction the placing of the book on the list of books prescribed for use in the public schools of this Province." The Superintendent replied to the request by stating that it was ordered "that the Temperance Lesson Book by B. W. Richardson, M. A., M. D., LL. D., F. R. S., be placed on the list of books recommended for the use of teachers, trustees of schools be requested as far as practicable to place a copy of this manual on the teachers desk, with other books of reference, and that teachers be instructed to give their pupils orally, according to the age and capacity the substance of the lessons contained therein. By the discussion which ensued it would appear that nowhere excepting in the city of Halifax has this order been regarded, and only there through the strenuous efforts of a few earnest workers in temperance circles, who have untiringly brought it before the notice of the trustees. It was resolved by the Grand Division that the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe be empowered to get up a circular addressed to the trustees of every school section in Nova Scotia urging the necessity of having this book placed in the hands of each teacher in their various sections, and that they should be instructed to study the book, and give to the children under their care from time to time instructions from it.—*The Watchman*.

A grand central temperance convention will be held at Carleton Place on Tuesday, July 1st. Workers will be present from all parts of Lanark County and from elsewhere. Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, is likely to be present, and a very large gathering of representative men from all over the Province will assemble. The Drill Hall is likely to be the place of meeting. The Committee at this place particularly desire the co-operation of all temperance workers, ministers and temperance societies in the County. It is desirable that between this date and July 1st, local organizations, the churches and all who are interested in this matter should make ample use of the next few weeks in anticipation of sending representatives to this convention.—*Carleton Place Herald*.

British.

The National Temperance Congress is to be held under the auspices of all the English Temperance Societies, in the St. George's Hall, Liverpool, from June 16th to 20th. The Right Rev., the Lord Bishop of Exeter will preside, and will be assisted by a general council comprising some of the most prominent English representative men. The list of speakers is unusually large, and the subjects to be discussed of the deepest interest. The work is divided into four sections. (1.) The scientific phases of temperance. (2.) Social and educational aspects of temperance. (3.) Temperance economics and statistics. (4.) Legislative remedies for intemperance. The conference will doubtless be productive of much good.

On Friday evening, May 23rd, the annual conversazione of the National Temperance League took place in the Cannon-street Hotel at London. About 600 ladies and gentlemen were present. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Alderman White, Rev. W. J. Spriggs-Smith and Rev. Dr. Clifford, and interesting lectures were delivered by the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster and Mr. A. B. Harding.

The same afternoon a Ladies' Conference of unusual interest was held in the Pillar Hall of the same building.