

Temperance News.

C. E. T. S.

The society in St. Lukes, Ashburnham, has a membership of about two hundred and fifty.

A very promising branch of the C. E. T. S. has been organized at Cannington. The following are the officers:—President, Rev. J. Vicars; Vice-President, W. H. Hoyle; Secretary, A. Lindsay; Treasurer, A. Wyatt.

A meeting, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, for the Parish of Rosemont, Mulmer, was held in St. Luke's church on Friday, Dec. 7th. The Hon. S. H. Blake, of Toronto, and Rev. E. Sibbald, of Belleville, had been announced as the speakers, but were both unavoidably prevented from being present. Much disappointment was felt at first, but it seemed to teach those present the necessity of relying, under God, upon their own endeavors. After the singing of a hymn, reading God's word, and asking the Divine guidance, the basis, objects, &c., of the Society were set before the meeting by the Incumbent, Rev. C. H. Marsh. Short, practical, and stirring addresses were delivered by Mr. Dickey, Mr. R. Brett, and Mr. McIntyre, with singing of hymns interspersed. Then an invitation was given to those present to join in the good work, to which ninety-four responded and enrolled themselves as members, about ninety taking the total abstinence pledge.—*E. Churchman.*

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Grand Division of Ontario is to be held in the City of Ottawa, commencing on Tuesday the 22nd of January next, at two o'clock, p.m. The use of the City Hall has been secured for the occasion, and an unusually large attendance of representatives is expected. Arrangements are being made for reduced fares on the Railways. Representatives who expect to be present are requested to send their names to Colin Campbell, Esq., Secretary of the Reception Committee, Ottawa.

BRO. THOMAS MCMURRAY, Grand Division Lecturer, writes encouragingly of the success that is attending his labors. On the 4th inst., at Perth, he organized Granite Division No. 12, with forty charter members.

The *America Reformer* gives the following items:

Mrs. Peckham has recently organized five good, healthy Divisions, and resuscitated one Division in Vermont.

The Annual Session of the Grand Division of Michigan will be held at Bay City, commencing December 6. This is one of the live Grand Divisions in which aggressive work is never suspended. Edward Carswell, of Canada, P. M. W. A., expects to be present.

Moulton De Forrest, Esq., C. S., lately G. W. P., of Kansas, is hard at work, with good prospects in that jurisdiction.

Four Divisions have been organized in New Hampshire during the last month, and plans are matured for an effective winter's work.

A Division with about fifty charter members was organized at Suspension Bridge in the Grand Division of Western New York, Monday evening, November 26.

Prof. McCarron, of Tennessee, now laboring in North Carolina, is pushing the work of the order in the latter State toward Raleigh. He is meeting with success everywhere.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Last week Bro. W. H. Rodden, organizing representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, organized the Esqueving Crown Lodge in Stewart Town, County of Halton. The following officers were elected and installed: Capt. W. P. Appelbe, L. C. and W. C.; Thos. H. Thompson, W. C. T.; Miss Theresa Thompson, W. V. T.; J. R. Thompson, W. Sec.; J. Wilson, W. F. S.; Miss Velina Stewart, W. T.; H. Campbell, W. M.; Jonas Harrison, P. C. T.; Miss Martha Campbell, W. I. G.; Peter Ross, W. O. G. The Lodge meets on Monday evenings.

Alliston Lodge No. 300 was also organized recently. Bro. John Faithful is Lodge Deputy. Night of meeting Thursday.

Bro. Rodden also visited Royal Oak Lodge, at Glen Williams, in the county of Halton. This lodge has a well-earned title to the qualities of strength, dignity and duration indicated by its name, and its Deputy Grand C. T., Bro. T. H. James is himself also a personification of these same qualities. Bro. James is a real veteran in the temperance cause. He it was whose faith rallied and led the

other promoters of the Scott Act campaign in Halton when symptoms of wavering appeared amongst them, and when the movement was by some friends thought to be a forlorn hope.

Bro. Rodden informs us that on the night of his visit a circular from the Oxford County brethren was read, asking for financial aid towards the expenses of the Scott Act agitation there. The Royal Oak response was \$5, being all in their treasury except two cents. In addition to this a special contribution was at once taken up, making the sum \$11 for the object named. A good programme was then rendered by the members, and all through the meeting bright temperance intelligence beamed from the happy faces there.

It would be a neglect of the right to make this notice without naming the fact that the two officers of Past Chief and Chief Templar are filled by lady members, who discharge the duties thereof with much ability and success. Their names are Sister Mrs. Irvie Williams and Sister Miss Lizzie Hutchinson. It is also worthy of record that Royal Oak Lodge has not missed a meeting in its history of 22 years. This is the kind of institution that cultivates the kind of sentiment that carries a prohibitory law; and Royal Oak Lodge did its full share of the work that gave the victory to the Scott Act in Halton, and made it the banner county of Ontario in adopting the prohibitory legislation that has so notably accomplished a great moral improvement in the county.

A new lodge was instituted on Wednesday, the 12th inst., in Carlton, in the County of York, by Bro. Rodden. It is to be known as Carlton Union Lodge, and it meets on Friday evenings, in Lindner's Hall. Several of the Toronto brethren and sisters attended and assisted in the institution. This lodge gives more than usual promise of success. Its formation was preceded by brief but eloquent addresses by Bro. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, and Bro. J. Green, of Davenport. The following are the charter officers:—Edward Williams, W. C. T.; Jennie Brown, W. V. T.; J. M. McCallum, W. Sec'y; H. Bouchier, W. F. S.; Jos. Green, W. T.; Oscar Phillips, W. M.; J. Brown, W. O. G.; Rev. J. W. McCallum, W. C. and L. D.; J. S. Turner, P. W. C. T.

ROYAL TEMPLARS.

Bro. P. M. Pattison, organizing agent for the Grand Council of Ontario, has organized a promising Council at Barrie with twenty charter members. The following are the principal officers:—S.C., Thos. Duff; V.C., C. H. Bosanko; P.C., Robert Story; Chap., Rev. J. I. Hindley; R.S., John Peutney; F.S., W. J. Valteau; Treas., J. M. Stevenson; Her., W. J. Clarkson; D.H., J. A. Tod; Guard, Geo. Member; Sentinel, N. B. Johnson; Med. Examiner, Dr. Watson. This makes one hundred and nine Select Councils now working in Ontario.

Bro. Pattison organized Council No. 108 at Collingwood with twenty charter members on the 4th inst.

GENERAL.

The Dominion Alliance meets at Ottawa in January.

Rev. D. L. Brethour has been addressing a number of very enthusiastic meetings for the promotion of the Scott Act movement in the western part of Ontario.

A special meeting of the executive of the Ontario Provincial Alliance was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon, Mr. S. H. Blake, the President, in the chair. The meeting was called to appoint a Secretary in place of Mr. W. G. Fee, who, since his appointment to the office of Provincial License Inspector for the Western Division, has been unable to attend to the affairs of the Alliance. Mr. F. S. Spence, editor and manager of *The Citizen* was appointed Secretary of the Alliance. Mr. James Thomson was appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing a statement of the books. Rev. John Smith and Messrs. Spence and Thomson were appointed a committee to take whatever steps were considered necessary to get the affairs of the Alliance into shape, and to prepare for the annual meeting to be held in January.—*Globe.*

On the 4th inst. a thoroughly representative gathering of temperance workers from every part of Norfolk met at Simcoe, over 200 delegates were present. A county organization was formed and every preparation made for carrying on a vigorous campaign. A large number of ladies were present and warmly sympathized with the movement. A grand mass meeting was held in the Baptist Church.

It is said that the Scott Act will be submitted to the united counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.