

THE CERTIFICATE, AND PLEDGE.

One thousand pledge certificates of membership have been lithographed expressly for the Society, at an expense of two hundred dollars, and though the outlay is large, the character of the work is such as to make them an article well worth framing and preserving, aside from their value as silent preachers of our principles.

The Society is much indebted to Mr. John M. Rowe, of the Committee, for time and attention given in the getting up of these certificates.

The wording of the pledge is simple, being a promise "to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, for Christ's sake."

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's report, annexed, shows an expenditure to December 31st of \$302.16, and a balance on hand of \$17.34; but the Society will require its well wishers to kindly furnish further aid. Ere long, money will be needed for necessary expenses, and to make good the amount used of the piano fund, which has been encroached upon to the extent of \$9.66.

VIOLATIONS AND TEMPTATIONS.

There have been a few cases in which the pledge has been violated, some ten in all, as far as known. But it is difficult for those in the comfortable classes of society, to realize the almost overwhelming temptations to which others less favored are subject. In the case of no other sin openly practised in Christendom, are Satan's agents so numerous and attractive—so bold and respectable; in no other cases are Christians so willing to endorse their practices, and even to share them; yet there is scarcely a man amongst us, who does not know of one or more of his friends, or even relations, either lost or in danger from its fatal snares.

During the past year even a legal organization, the Grand Jury, has pointed out the inconsistency of the Government licensing some men to deal out intoxicants, and then punish-