

the work your Church calls on you to perform. The experience of those who are now working in the Association, and of those who have given it a trial, goes to prove what I now seek to leave as the last—and I hope lasting—impression on your minds. Join, and at once, this night, the branch of the Church of England Temperance Society now being organized in your parish, you will do good to yourselves, and to others thereby,

Nor let the meanest think his light too dim
In this dark world the Lord has need of him."

The pledge book was then signed by about forty-seven members, and with the exception of about six the total abstinence pledge was signed for. A Band of Hope was then formed, and about twenty young people enrolled. The officers of the Association were then elected as follows: Vice-President, Charles Nourse; Secretary, Miss Fraser; Treasurer, Miss Nourse; Committee—Frank Smith, Miss Howell, Herbert Reynolds and Richard Dee. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, James Rutledge and John Hopper. The meeting then adjourned for a week, it being nearly 11 o'clock, to complete the enlistment of members and make arrangements for future work. It is confidently expected that the membership in this parish will reach at least one hundred and fifty.—*E. Churchman.*

A correspondent writes from London: "A Band of Hope has been successfully organized in connection with St. Andrew's Church Sunday School. A new departure has been made which pleases the young people and secures their co-operation, it has assumed a military order, and is officered from captains upwards; to attain this honorable distinction one must enlist twenty recruits, which is the limit of a company, the brigade commences with ten companies, and recruiting is still active. The Captain of the Brigade is the Rev. J. A. Murray, the pastor of the congregation, who addressed the troops on their first field day, and predicted that prohibition would be the law of the land in a few years. Every member of this corps will be presented with interesting temperance literature. The chief commission is held by the editor of *The Canadian Band of Hope*. We are glad to say that a juvenile temperance society exists in connection with nearly every Sunday School here. It is by "building up" the rising generation that our cause will become successful."

A temperance prayer-meeting, in connection with the Berkeley Street Methodist Church, was held in the lecture-room of the church on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a large attendance. Rev. I. Tovell, pastor of the church, presided, and interesting addresses were delivered by Mrs. McEwan, the Chairman, Messrs. Tait, Jacob Spence, Coatsworth, and Bengough. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. "That this meeting strongly condemns the pernicious system of granting liquor licenses to take effect in places where groceries are sold, and earnestly urges electors to support for the City Council only candidates who will pledge themselves to vote for a by-law, abolishing the said licenses."
2. "That in the opinion of this meeting, temperance teaching should be, to a far greater extent, introduced into our Sunday Schools, as part of the religious training of children."
3. "That as the circulation of Temperance Literature is one of the most powerful means of arousing public sentiment on this important question, that THE CANADA CITIZEN and the publications of THE CITIZEN PUBLISHING COMPANY are thoroughly adapted to meet this want, this meeting does highly commend the said publications to a wide circulation and hearty support."

Bishop Ireland, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Minnesota, says:—"The need of the hour is a grand tidal wave of total abstinence sweeping over the land. The strongest protest possible must be made against intemperance. Total abstinence is the protest. Will it be made with sufficient force to save the people? This is the vital question for the future of American, and I might add, for the future of religion."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

We hope to publish, next week, a full report of the proceedings of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, at its recent annual session.

Rev. James Scott organized ten divisions of the Sons of Temperance in the Province of Ontario in September, and two or three divisions have recently been organized in the neighborhood of Ottawa, by members of the divisions in that city.

At the last meeting of the Niagara District Division, arrangements were made for the engagement of Mr. E. Carswell, the celebrated agent of the Order, to speak and work for one week in the District. Mr. Carswell came, and the following results have

flowed from his visit.—On the 5th inst., Rescue Division was organized at Port Dalhousie, with 18 charter members. A deputation from Grantham Division was present, and assisted at the organization. The following is the list of officers: E. R. Hutt, W. P.; Mrs. S. Wilkinson, W. A.; Robert Soper, R. S.; Edith Denton, A. R. S.; John Howse, F. S.; Geo. Dalgety, Treas.; Jno. Denton, Chap.; Agnes Denton, Con.; Mrs. E. R. Hutt, A. Con.; Mrs. J. Pirlette, I. S.; L. G. Tench, O. S. On the evening of the 6th inst., Hope Division was organized at Beamsville, with 28 charter members. About twenty members of Grimsby Division assisted at the good work. We have not the full list of officers, but we are glad to learn that Mr. Abernathy was elected W. P., and Mr. A. W. Beverly, formerly of Port Robinson, was elected Treasurer. On the evening of the 9th inst., Merriton Division was organized at Merriton, with 20 charter members. There were large delegations from both St. Catharines and Thorold Divisions. The following were the officers elected for the quarter: James Blakely, W. P.; Mrs. D. M. Walker, W. A.; Jesse Albright, R. S.; Mrs. Dr. Vanderburg, A. R. S.; Wm. Warren, F. S.; Emma Bradley, Treas.; Ellen Albright, Chap.; David L. Scott, Con.; Jennie Metler, A. Con.; Anna Dawdy, I. S.; Marius Phelps, O. S.; Carrie Phelps, P. W. P.; Ellen Albright, Organist. There is every prospect of a strong Division being started at the old town of Niagara, for we understand that the application for a charter has been signed by about fifty names. So well pleased is the Executive Committee at the result of Mr. Carswell's labors, that they are endeavoring to secure him for another six nights' work in the District, in which we hope they will be successful.—*Thorold Post.*

GENERAL.

Three Lodges of Good Templars have recently been organized in Cumberland, N. S., with a membership of ninety. There have been twelve Lodges added to the Order since July.

At the first meeting of the Blue Ribbon Club of Victoria, B.C. held in the new hall of the club, the collection which was taken up amounted to \$1,600.

The membership of the Blue Ribbon society recently organized at Portage La Prairie, N. W. T., numbered over 200 at its second meeting.

The temperance men at a recent Convention at Yarmouth town, N. S., decided to take the necessary steps to adopt the C. T. Act in that County. Prof. Foster, M. P., of Kings County, N. B., was present. He delivered a very able address at a very large public meeting in the evening. A license has not been granted in Yarmouth for very many years, and we believe the C. T. Act will be carried by a sweeping majority.—*Watchman.*

A temperance league has been organized at University College. A committee appointed for the purpose has drawn up a form for a pledge and framed a constitution. The league promises to be a success. A public meeting will be held shortly.—*Casket.*

The Appleby people, on the Middle Road, Halton, held a very successful tea party on Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, in the Methodist Church, in behalf of their Sunday School. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity. Addresses were made by Revs. Ferguson, of Palermo, on "Memory", Brethour, of Milton, and Mr. McMillan, G. W. P., of the Sons of Temperance, of Toronto. The two latter gentlemen spoke on temperance and the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. At the close of the meeting it was proposed that a vote be taken on the Scott Act. The people rose to their feet *en masse* to show their approval of it, and their determination to sustain it in the future, fully 95 per cent. of the people declaring for the prohibition of the liquor traffic. With an almost unanimous voice the orderly, intelligent people of the Middle Road declare "the liquor traffic must go." Count on a solid vote in that part of Halton for the Scott Act.—*Tribune.*

The Plymouth, England, fishermen and watermen have formed themselves into the Bethel Blue Ribbon Army.

W. H. Barnes, a P. G. M., of the A. O. U. W., in a recent lecture, made the assertion that seven-tenths of the deaths in benificial societies, and in public hospitals, are traceable directly to the drinking of beer, causing Bright's disease of the kidneys, and other diseases of that organ and the liver.

An exchange says: One of the members of the Boston school committee, himself a distiller, has ordered vacated a school house in the heart of the city, that certain saloons in the vicinity might not be closed under the operation of the new law forbidding the sale of liquor within four hundred feet of a school house.