

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION.

We notice with pleasure the formation of the Commercial Traveller's Total Abstinence Association, a society designed to interest an influential class of citizens, who, it is hoped will in connection therewith, effect a revolution in circles of business men throughout the country.

MONTREAL TEMPERANCE VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION.

The attention of the citizens of Montreal having been called to the repeated and flagrant violations of the laws, especially those relating to the Sabbath, a society was organized for the purpose of suppressing illicit traffic. Whilst the Vigilance Association does not remove the necessity for the grand work of temperance organizations, its principles and work commend themselves to every temperance reformer, and in fact to every citizen, and the favor with which it has been received encourages us to hope that a more thorough appreciation of the evils of intemperance, and the difficulty of removing them so long as drinking is practiced, and drink selling LEGALIZED will lead many, who have hitherto stood aloof from direct temperance effort, to give society henceforth the benefit of an example that may be safely followed, and earnestly to work for the *entire* suppression of the Liquor Traffic. The object of the Association is all important, the LAW ought to be a *terror to every evil doer*! We therefore recommend that this subject receive the attention of Temperance men everywhere. Each practical assertion of the majesty of the law educates the people to yield, and to demand from others obedience to Prohibitory Law, so soon as it shall be the law of the land.

We now proceed to lay before you an account of the work done by your Executive. During the past year we have held fourteen meetings all of which have been attended by the quorum required by the constitution.

THE REPORT, AND TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

Realizing the importance of the press, in connection with our work, the League has, from its formation, not only encouraged the circulation of temperance literature, but endeavoured to *create* a literature upon the subject. Each Annual Meeting has been signalized by the reading of essays, every one of which has been of immense value to the student of Temperance. The Reports of each Annual Meeting containing these essays have been replete with valuable facts and suggestions.

Upon entering on our duties, we found the League had referred to us manuscripts more numerous than those published in previous years. We could not see our way clear to withhold any of them, and therefore published a pamphlet of sixty-four pages. No provision having been made, as in previous years, for defraying any part of the expense of publication, we issued a circular, asking temperance organizations

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