

The Corresponding Secretary then read the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The rapid flight of time has again brought the representatives of the Dominion Alliance together in Council to review the past, to take such immediate action as the present position of the movement may require, and to strengthen and encourage each other for future work.

Your Secretary has not the material out of which to prepare a report covering the entire work of the Alliance, and can only glean from the documents in his possession a few general statements regarding each Provincial Branch, which will doubtless be supplemented by verbal reports from representatives here assembled.

THE PROVINCIAL BRANCHES.

ONTARIO.—During the year the Secretary of the Ontario Branch, Prof. George E. Foster, resigned his position and the duties of that important office have since been carried on by his successor, Mr. W. G. Fee, who has devoted considerable time to promoting the organization of county and local Alliances and opening the way for the submission of the Canada Temperance Act. The Executive of the Branch has petitioned the Local Legislature so to amend the law as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors, to prevent the granting of licenses to shops and hotels without the required accommodation and to enforce higher penalties for drunkenness. It has also sought by petition to secure the introduction of scientific temperance text books into the schools.

The Executive published a call to ministers of all denominations to preach temperance sermons on the third Sunday in December, which was responded to by many.

The county of Halton is the only county in Ontario in which the Canada Temperance Act is in force, and there, as might be expected, the power of the liquor party has been concentrated to render it inoperative. The reports received by your Secretary indicate the failure of these efforts. The testimony of persons best qualified to judge is that the Act in Halton is doing good service and that it has already effected great improvement in the county.

The counties of Carleton, Middlesex, Elgin and Oxford and the city of St. Thomas are preparing for the submission of the Act.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Branch, recently held in Toronto, was one of unusual interest and the decisions reached indicate an earnest and aggressive spirit in that Province. The