

business which is supposed to be a respectable business. It is not necessary that there should be any loss to the grocers if this by-law is carried. It is known to all that liquor is a saleable article, unfortunately, and it will even be improved by keeping. It will be an advantage to the city to be relieved of these 96 places where drink is sold. As it is at present, greater facilities are given to the people to get drunk than if these licensed groceries did not exist. We want to save those who are easily tempted. There has been a good woman writing to the *Globe* to-day against women being denounced as the chief sinners in this matter. We do not want to say one word that will be detrimental to the women of Toronto, but we want to put down everything that is bad. I know of a case in which a man and his wife who were great drunkards reformed and stopped drinking. When the woman went to buy her Christmas groceries the grocer put a bottle of brandy on the counter with the goods as a present. She handed it back to him, and asked him to give her the worth of it in sugar and tea, but he refused and said if she would not take the brandy he would not give her anything. There was great wisdom in that man's gift. He was throwing out a sprat to catch a whale. If he could only get the seed of intemperance planted in that family again he knew that it would be profitable to him. Concluding, Mr. McLeod said he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Ald. HARVIE, who was in the audience, stepped upon the platform to explain his position in reference to the action of the City Council in the matter. He said that some of his friends had requested him and the other aldermen in favour of withholding liquor licenses from grocers not to take action in the matter then. This was done after the Mayor had informed them that they could not carry it as they wished, and they thought it would be better to keep it back for a while, as there were about two to one against those in favour of it in the Council.

Mr. JAMES FAHEY spoke on behalf of the grocers who hold licenses to sell liquor. He argued that the demand for liquor would be lessened, and many men would, therefore, be thrown out of work, and shop rents would be brought down. It was hardly the time, he said, for Rev. Mr. McLeod to complain about the Mayor and Aldermen. He should have done it in January when the election took place, if he paid any taxes and had a vote.

Mr. McLEOD—"I pay \$67 taxes a year. How much do you pay?"

Mr. FAHEY replied that he paid an income tax, and after a few more remarks, in which he failed to make himself heard above the cheers and hisses of a portion of the audience, he was interrupted by a detachment of the Salvation Army who entered the hall, the men and women being dressed in uniform, and with their colors. These, led by Sergeant Manton, sung a verse of a hymn which was very appropriate to the occasion, and commenced as follows:—

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Save them in pity from sin and the grave."

Among the other speakers were Mrs. Jarman, Sergeants Manton and Duncan, of the Salvation Army, and Messrs. Mill and Hamilton Cassels. The latter said there were 300 prisoners in the Central Prison, and it was estimated that nine-tenths of them found their way there through drink.

Mr. Wallace's resolution was then put to the meeting and carried, only one man standing up when the negative was called for.

Before the meeting adjourned the Salvation Army led in the National Anthem.—*Globe*.

Bro. Edwin Potts writes us a very interesting account of a concert held on Monday, in Chestnut Street Mission Hall, by Hope of Toronto Lodge, under the auspices of the R. W. G. L. of the World. We clip the following from his letter: "The programme was a very good one, every song and recitation bearing on the great question of Temperance. The Mission Hall was crowded, and Mr. Beckett, as chairman, excelled himself. All through it was good. Afterwards eight persons came up and made application to join us next Monday evening. We now number 65 good sound members, and we trust that our work will go on till there is not a drunkard in St. John's Ward. We are after them, and lay ourselves out for the help of such. We shall take a share in the work of the 25th inst. We are now arranging to canvas the streets, and on that day we expect to have a conveyance, and will do all we can to help to stop the CURSE OF MEN AND WOMEN. God help us all and bless our efforts that day."

ALGOMA.—A very successful branch of the C. E. T. S. has been formed in Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma, by the missionary, Rev. Geo.

B. Cooke. Public meetings are held every Tuesday evening, and already many good results of the work are manifested. Besides the Temperance Society a Band of Hope is also established, which meets on Friday nights in the reading-room. The boys are displaying great interest in the lectures which treat on the scientific aspect of the use of alcohol, and many of them have signed the pledge against liquor, tobacco and profanity.—*E. Churchman*.

ILLINOIS.—Cornell, a town in Livingston County in this state, during a dram shop rule of ten years, paid a pauper bill of eleven hundred dollars a year. Then it changed to prohibition, and at the end of four years the pauper expense was reduced to two dollars and fifty cents. Yet some people claim that prohibition don't pay.—*Decatur, Ill., Sentinel*.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

OTTAWA.—A new lodge of this Order was instituted in the city of Ottawa, on Thursday evening, by Bro. W. H. Rodden. It is to be known as Rideau Lodge, and will meet on Tuesday evenings. Bro. N. Shakespeare, M. P. of British Columbia, a P. G. W. C. T., assisted in the ceremonies. Eighteen members were enrolled and a number more proposed.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Grand Lodge of this Province recently held its semi-annual session at Charlottetown. The following report of its proceedings is taken from *The Examiner* of that city.

The lodge commenced its session at noon, the Hon. J. C. Underhay, G. W. C. T., occupying the chair. The committee on credentials reported favorably for the delegates present, the report was adopted, and they were initiated members of Grand Lodge and took their seats. The officers' report was then handed in, discussed and passed, the various committees appointed to pronounce upon the different questions of lodge business, having also handed in their reports. As a proof of the harmony existing among the members of the various lodges, the committee on appeals announced through their chairman, Bro. J. M. Davis, that they had no appeals to consider, which is certainly a most satisfactory state of affairs.

The Grand Lodge at the afternoon session changed to work in the subordinate degrees, and the reports from the delegates representing the various lodges were at once entered upon. The following brethren acted as representatives; speaking for their respective lodges: Bros. Campbell, R. Smallwood, J. M. Davis, F. H. Campbell, Coffin, Wayne, S. Anderson, Kaneen, Lord, Bears, Scott, E. J. Campbell, Brehaut, J. A. Morson, and several others who subsequently addressed the lodge.

It was decided by unanimous vote that our G. W. C. T. should be placed on the list as a representative to the R. W. G. L., and that G. W. S. should obtain all necessary information as to the working of the Scott Act, for the guidance of the Order. Adjournment at six o'clock, to resume at seven.

At the evening session, after the usual necessary and preliminary business was attended to, and a vote of condolence passed with Grand Worthy Guard, Sister Aitken, of Bay Fortune, on account of serious illness, which condolence will be conveyed to her by the G. W. C. T., the forthcoming election in Prince county on the Scott Act, was brought under consideration, and the following resolution carried unanimously:

Whereas application has been made to the Governor-General in Council for an election in Prince county, under Canada Temperance Act, 1878, and in accordance with said application the electors of Prince county aforesaid will in a short time be called upon to express by their votes the disapproval or otherwise of the said Canada Temperance Act.

And Whereas determined efforts have been made by persons engaged in the sale of liquors to defeat the object of parliament in passing the said Temperance Act, by testing the constitutionality of the law in the courts of the Empire, thereby paralyzing for a time the friends of temperance, yet a marked decrease has taken place in drunkenness and crime, in consequence of the operations of the said Canada Temperance Act in the counties of this province.

And Whereas the decisions of the highest courts have sustained the legality of the Canada Temperance Act, and the legislation of parliament supplied means for the enforcement of its provisions in the future much more effectually than heretofore.