

Whatever may be the immediate results, your Executive have a growing faith in the justice, and therefore the necessity, of our request. We press upon the serious consideration of every member of the League, and every lover of mankind, the declaration of principles adopted in 1872; and, believing them to be correct, we ask you to reiterate your determination to antagonize the liquor traffic until it is overthrown. We would not be misunderstood: Prohibitory Law, simply enacted, will not save our country from the drink curse, but Prohibitory Law enforced will. With a view to obtain and enforce such a law, the people must be educated by means of the pulpit, the press, the platform, and temperance organizations. It is also worth while to remember, that wise and practical laws are in themselves most efficient educators.

POLITICAL ACTION.

To careful observers of the signs of the times in connection with the Temperance Movement, there can be no question that the necessity for political action is becoming more and more recognized.

The United Kingdom Alliance maintains its purpose, to introduce the question of Temperance Reform into the various elections throughout the United Kingdom.

As previously stated, "political action" was the leading question at the Saratoga Convention.

The National Division Sons of Temperance, at its last annual session, adopted the following:—

"That, without wishing to interfere with political opinions, this National Division recommends all members of the order to combine, and express their wishes at the ballot box for the purpose of suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquor."

And the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., adopted a very able report of a Committee containing the following clauses:—

"That we will employ our privileges of franchise, in electing to civil offices of honor and trust, only such men, as will favor the enactment of laws prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

"That where political parties are composed of opposing elements, on the question of prohibitory legislation, we recommend the support of a political party distinctly and unequivocally committed to such measures."

The bodies just named represent an aggregate membership of over five hundred thousand, comprising many who have long labored in the cause of Temperance, to their decisions we therefore invite your most serious consideration.

We thought best not to allow the General Election to pass without appealing to the candidates for Parliamentary honors, and therefore prepared an address which was forwarded to those of whose candidature we had any knowledge and whose addresses we were able to ascertain. At the next general election the Leagues throughout the Dominion should be in a position to appoint deputations, and make such arrangements as will be likely to result in obtaining from candidates, pledges to support Prohibitory Legislation.