

persons who ordered them, at cost price; copies were also sent to members of the League, clergymen, and other prominent persons, or distributed by the agent. We have reason to believe the circulation of the report has in many cases resulted in good; where Temperance Literature is scarce, it has been highly prized. In several Temperance organizations the essays have been read with profit, and we trust the Annual Report of the Proceedings of this League will continue to be a valuable pamphlet affording instruction and encouragement to Temperance workers in every part of the land.

AGENCY AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

As experience proves that the Temperance reform cannot be systematically and successfully carried on without a large amount of public platform advocacy, we resolved at the commencement of the year, to request the General Secretary to continue his services as Agent of the League. Mr. Gales has delivered about 250 Temperance addresses during the year, some of which have been to children, and some from the pulpit on the Sabbath; he has met a large number of people in various parts of the Province, and in addition to lecturing upon temperance, has conveyed much valuable information regarding the temperance cause in general and the League in particular. He has usually succeeded in reaching his appointments, and reports having met with a cordial reception almost everywhere. His work in the County of Compton was left undone, owing to sickness in his family, and it was too late to make other arrangements before the Annual Meeting.

ONE PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION.

At the last meeting of the League, the propriety of organizing "Branches" was introduced and discussed, but the majority disapproving of such a step, nothing was done; lest some should still think it desirable, and with a view of answering queries upon the subject, your committee beg to state that, in their opinion, "Branches" could not be organized without defeating some of the important objects of the League. There are at present in the Province of Quebec, 29 Divisions S. of T., with 1500 members; 96 Temples, I. O. G. T., with 5200 members; 12 Lodges of B. A. O. G. T. with 1,100 members; 2 Tents of Rechabites, with 140 members; as well as a few open societies, either on the basis of the Montreal Temperance Society, or in connection with religious congregations. These societies contain the best and most experienced temperance workers in the Province, whose aid is indispensable to the League, and whose sympathy and confidence your Executive must possess, or they cannot possibly carry on an earnest and successful agitation. The formation of "Branches" of the League in localities where the organizations referred to, exist, would be considered rivalry, and would result in alienating many persons whose support the League would otherwise receive.

The various "Orders" are so constituted as to enlist many who, but for them, would stand aloof from the temperance movement. They