

Intemperance, we recognize it as the only true and secure basis of a permanent temperance reformation. On the other hand, the liquor traffic, whilst inimical to the interests of individuals and destructive to the order and welfare of Society, cannot be satisfactorily limited or regulated, and ought, therefore to be prohibited. Admitting the correctness of these principles, there is no alternative but to put forth every effort, however feeble and (apparently) unsuccessful, those efforts may be, to bring all the powers of moral and legal suasion to bear for the deliverance of humanity from the terrible thralldom of strong drink.

Before entering upon an account of our own work, permit us to refer to some matters of general interest. One of the important occurrences of the year in connection with the Temperance movement on this Continent, was the

#### SEVENTH NATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION

held in August at Saratoga, New York. The Secretary of the League, at our request, attended, and was cordially received by our American friends. The Convention, which was a representative one, was largely attended, and was exceedingly interesting. Those present were a unit in reference to what are understood to be the fundamental principles of the movement—Total Abstinence, Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, and the necessity for Political Action; the only question being, as to whether the time had arrived for the temperance reformers of the Union, as represented by the convention, to favor a third political party for the nation, or to recommend the friends of Temperance to co-operate with existing party organizations, where such will endorse the legislative policy of prohibition; otherwise to organize and maintain separate independent party action in every State. The Convention by a large majority approved the latter course.

#### THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

We have great pleasure in referring to the successful efforts of W. J. Spicer, Esq., to form a Temperance League for the special benefit of the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway, and the subsequent action of the Directors prohibiting in the refreshment-rooms of the Company, the sale of intoxicating drinks (except beer, which is sold to passengers only). This action whilst practically recognizing the importance of temperance principles, must largely promote the well being of the employees, save to the shareholders the financial burden of many accidents, that drink if sold and used would inevitably cause, and furnish the travelling public with a fresh guarantee of safety. These movements in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway, commend themselves to the support of all good citizens, who should be earnestly urged to encourage those who have been induced to abstain, and also to carry Prohibitory Law beyond the precincts of the line of railway, into every municipality through which the railway passes, to the end that the laudable efforts of the officials of the Company may not be defeated by the indifference of the people generally.