

This sermon was delivered in Central Church, Winnipeg, Sunday morning, March 9, 1913, by Rev. Jas. L. Gordon, D.D., on the request of Aurora Council, No. 1, R. T. of T., to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mr. W. W. Buchanan, the father and founder of the Council. An annual banquet has been given by Aurora Council in honor of this occasion for a number of years, but as the date fell on Sunday this year, a church service was substituted. It is estimated that 600 members of Aurora Council attended the service, and a great audience of nearly 2500 filled the big church.

William Wallace Buchanan, journalist, lecturer and social reformer, was born in Sarnia, Ontario, on the ninth day of March, 1855. Thirty years ago, next November, when editor of the Winnipeg Daily Sun, he instituted Aurora Council, the mother society of the Royal Templar movement in the Canadian West. He was the first presiding officer of the Council, the first head of the Provincial Body for Manitoba, and for twelve years was the National Chief. His voice has been heard in every part of the Dominion, as well as in other lands, and he is the Vice-President for Canada of the International Prohibition Federation.

Aurora Council holds a public temperance meeting every Thursday evening, in the Odd Fellow's Temple, Winnipeg, keeps up a continuous pledge-signing movement and an enterprising literature campaign. Friends of the cause, even if not able to attend regular meetings, are invited to become members. Two dollars for men and one dollar for women is the annual membership fee.