

when the W. P. Bro. Colin Campbell, in a few well-chosen words, warmly welcomed Bro. Tilley to Atlantic Division. Sir Leonard replied in an eloquent and instructive address, occupying over an hour in its delivery. He recounted many early reminiscences of his early association with the Order, and strongly recommended the Sons of Temperance to young men, not only for its total abstinence principles, but as an excellent school in which to acquire the art of public speaking, and a knowledge of the rules of order, etc., governing the conduct and business of public meetings, and thereby train themselves for taking an intelligent part in the municipal and public affairs generally. Sir Leonard said that he had in the past forty years been connected with a good many temperance organizations, but after a membership of some thirty-seven years in the Sons of Temperance he yielded to no one in his admiration for that particular organization of temperance workers, which he considered after the trial of many others to be the best adapted to keep alive and promote a healthy temperance sentiment in any community. He strongly urged the several Divisions belonging to the city of Ottawa to secure a desirable and conveniently situated hall, which should be as comfortably furnished as their own parlors, and in every way made attractive to the members, and in order to secure such a place of meeting for the Sons of Temperance of Ottawa, he promised, when called upon, to give a liberal donation in aid of that object. Sir Leonard concluded an admirable address by wishing the Order, and Atlantic Division in particular, God speed. After the close of Sir Leonard's address, the members of Atlantic Division, with their characteristic hospitality, entertained their visiting brothers and sisters, numbering over a hundred, to an excellent cup of coffee and a bountiful supply of cake, etc. After partaking of refreshments, at the request of Bro. Colin Campbell, the company united in singing in stirring strains the national anthem, after which the division was closed in due form. The visitors from Bytown Division, over thirty in number, were generously conveyed free of charge to and from Archville, by Bro. James Cuddy, one of the "ancients" of old Bytown, in one of his large and comfortable vans.—*Ex.*

BRANT.—At the annual meeting of the Brant District, Sons of Temperance, held on the 13th, Bro. F. M. Misner, of Jerseyville, presided. At the election of officers, Bro. John Campbell, of Jerseyville, was elected Chaplain, and F. S. Misner, P. D. W. P. Several new divisions of the Order have lately been organized in the counties of Lincoln, Welland, Grey, Simcoe and York. Mrs. Susannah Peck Evans has been lecturing with great success under auspices of the Order, in the County of York. It is proposed to secure her services for a series of meetings in Brant county. The annual session of the Grand Division of Ontario takes place in Ottawa on the 22nd January next.—*True Banner.*

ROYAL TEMPLARS.

P. M. Pattison has organized Select Councils at Collingwood, Thornbury and Stayner.

Rev. B. B. Keefer, has organized Select Councils at Wingham and Kincardine.

Subordinate Councils have also been reorganized by Rev. J. W. Bell, B. A., at Otenaw and Marringhurst, Manitoba, and applications have been received from Sarnia, Shelburne and Riverview, Ont.

The Province of Manitoba, Canada, the youngest of the confederation, and the most promising, has been invaded by Royal Templarism. By the union with the United Temperance Association of Canada a number of lodges in this province, assumed the title of Royal Templars of Temperance, and performed the functions of primary councils. A short time ago Mr. W. W. Buchanan, a past National President of the U. T. A. and a prominent Ontario Royal Templar, visited Winnipeg, the capital city of the new province, and the result of that visit is the establishment of a flourishing Select Council in connection with Winnipeg No. 1 Primary Council. The new council will be known as Aurora No. 1, and it numbers in its ranks several of the first men of the city and province. Bro. Buchanan promises that the select work will make rapid headway in the North-west, and that after the meeting of the Provincial Grand Council in January some excellent reports may be expected.—*R. T. Advocate.*

PENNSYLVANIA.—We note with pleasure that our sister organization in the state of Pennsylvania is taking on a new lease of life. At the Grand Division of that Order held in Philadelphia, Oct. 24th, the reports of the Grand Officers showed an increase of interest in the work. 81 new Divisions were instituted last year. Present number of Divisions in the state, 156, and present membership 7563. We extend fraternal greetings to our brothers and sisters in the

Order of Sons of Temperance and promise co-operation in every good undertaking in which they may be engaged.—*Good Templars Official Organ.*

POLITICAL.

Two Preliminary Conventions have been held in the County of Norfolk, Ont., to prepare for a Canada Temperance Act campaign. One was held at Waterford and the other at Simcoe, and both were well attended and enthusiastic. A county association was formed, and township branches are contemplated. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, a well known power in the cause, has been offered the position of agent, and will accept it if he can arrange for his pulpit supply.

At the last meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance it was resolved to organize a branch in every county in the Province; to prepare and print a constitution for such, a digest of all judicial decisions given upon the Canada Temperance Act and sets of legal forms required in enforcing that law; to have the whole Province brought under the provisions of the Act; to employ a competent lawyer in the city of Halifax to look after all cases under the Act coming up to the Supreme Court of the province, and, where necessary, to send an agent to organize the branches.

The province of New Brunswick is almost wholly organized in the Prohibitory Alliance. At a meeting of prominent temperance workers, held in St. John a few days ago, it was resolved to organize the St. John City and County Alliance. Mr. Foster, M. P., was present, and submitted a form of by-laws, which was adopted. A committee of five was appointed to nominate officers and report at next meeting to be held on the first Friday in January. To provide financial resources for the Provincial Alliance, it is proposed that fees shall be all paid into the county branches, each of which shall contribute \$50 or more to the Provincial fund. The Albert County Prohibitory Alliance was formed at a convention held at Hillsboro, the following being the officers: Messrs. Robert M. Taylor, President; Andrew Anderson, Secretary, and John L. B. Steeves, Treasurer, with a Vice-President for each parish in the county, and an executive committee consisting of the officers above named, and the Rev. Messrs. Howe, Blakeney, Fisher and Gross.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Of sixteen municipal elections in Massachusetts held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, eight voted "License;" and eight voted "No License." A license majority of 400 last year, in Brockton, was changed to 100 in favor of no license. Springfield, in ordinary circumstances, a license city, went no license this year.—*Ex.*

ARKANSAS.—The temperance fight is waxing hot in Arkansas. A state law provides that a majority of the adult population, male and female together, may, by petition, prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors within three miles of a church or school-house. Of course this makes it optional with each city, town, and village whether it shall enforce prohibition, for even in Arkansas the three-mile limit would include all centres of population. Just now Little Rock, the state capital, is the scene of the hottest contest. The temperance people are holding mass meetings, and the liquor dealers are boycotting business men who favor the closing of saloons.—*Steuber Signal.*

IOWA.—The supreme court of Iowa has decided that where the ordinances of a town provide that licenses to sell liquor may be issued by the proper authorities, the repeal of such ordinances operates also to revoke the licenses granted under it. The license to sell liquor, says the court, is not a contract between the state and person licensed, clothing such person with vested rights which it would be unconstitutional afterwards to divest him of, but it is merely a permission to do that which, under other circumstances, would be a public offense; and such permission may be withdrawn at the pleasure of the authorities originally granting it.—*Commonwealth.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The temperance people in South Carolina are waging an active war against the rum-sellers, and are succeeding beyond their own sanguine expectations. During the past week elections have been held under the local option law in five of the largest towns of the State, on the question of licensing the sale of liquor within their corporate limits. In only one of these elections were the liquor men successful. In Spartanburg, Winnsboro, Orangeburg and Marion, the Prohibitionists were successful, and in Greenville they were defeated by a majority of only 80. In this crusade against whisky, the colored people are arrayed on the side of temperance, and have rendered most efficient service. The colored churches and charitable societies are fighting whisky with a zeal that is remarkable, and in their efforts have the warmest support of the best people in the State.—*Rescue.*