

The reasons for the organization of such a League were three-fold: First, to aid generally in the wide-spread temperance movement which is now agitating the country; second, to get such an important part of the community as students thoroughly interested in the work—those that are to be, many of them, the future ministers, legislators, lawyers, doctors and teachers of the land; and third, to do a friendly, helpful work of reform among the students themselves, of whom more than a few help to sustain the liquor traffic of the country.

The first general meeting of the League was held on November 29th, with Dr. Wilson, President of the College, in the chair. Moss Hall was well filled with an audience of students, who listened attentively to addresses by Rev. H. M. Parsons, Dr. Geikie, Hon. S. H. Blake, and John Macdonald, Esq., representing theology, medicine, law, and business. Before this meeting was held nearly 130 students had subscribed their names as members of the League—nearly 100 pledging themselves "to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage" (the teetotal pledge), and from 25 to 30 taking the pledge "to abstain from the immoderate use of intoxicating liquors, and neither to treat nor be treated, and also to abstain from drinking in public places." The fact that so many members were obtained without any meeting being held is an indication of the wide-spread temperance movement in our land; for, although many were persuaded by personal appeal and argument, yet many others must have had their convictions formed before coming to the College, joining so readily as they did. These students came from all parts of Ontario.

The personal canvass of the students was again resumed and continued, some adamant cases being "hammered at" repeatedly until they yielded, and at the second general meeting, held March 10th, it was announced that the membership of the League had increased to 204. This meeting was addressed by the Hon. G. W. Ross, Dr. W. T. Aikins and Henry O'Brien, Esq., Prof. Wright occupying the chair. Moss Hall was again well filled and much enthusiasm manifested.

The present membership of this Society is 212, comprised of 13 graduates and 119 undergraduates and students. (Few graduates were asked to join but those still connected in some way with the College). Of the students 170 are total abstainers and 29 "moderates." That the work is permeating the whole student body is shown by the following figures: Of the 14 members of the Literary Society Committee, 11 are total abstainers; of the University Company (K) of the Q. O. R, fully one-half are members of the League; of the members of the Rugby Association football teams, 14 are total abstainers; and at the caucuses held for the coming Literary Society elections, both parties have decided to have no intoxicants at the refreshment booths, an action which was never before taken.

With regard to the "double-barreled" pledge of this League, the opinion of the majority, after five months' trial, is that it works well, and from the fact that 13 members have transferred to the total-abstinence pledge. From the figures given above it will be seen that the total-abstinence pledge is the most popular, and the "moderate" membership has been kept below 30.

Another feature of this society is that pledges may be returned at any time, whenever anyone wishes to cease from membership. Up to the present time only seven pledges have been so returned, and these were given back within a short time after signing.

The League has prospered beyond the most sanguine expectations of its original promoters, and they marvel that such a society was not formed long ago. It has the support and sympathy of some of the most prominent members of the faculty, and the present indications are that it will be a source of great blessing to the country. It is the intention of the committee to endeavor to induce other Colleges to undertake similar work.

The CITIZEN is to be placed in the files of the Literary Society reading room by the League, and we trust that temperance people throughout the country will hear more about us again through its columns.

EX-PRESIDENT.

General News.

CANADIAN.

The Ontario Legislature was prorogued on Tuesday.

The trial of the conspiracy and bribery charge is still going on.

A laborer was instantly killed at Brantford on Friday by the falling

of a large chimney from a frame building which is being torn down on the site selected for the hospital.

A man supposed to be Fred Anstey, a Toronto shoe-crimper and amateur hunter, attempted to cross the Don on the ice Thursday and was drowned.

News comes from the Madawaska of a melancholy accident whereby a man named George Goodfellow lost his life. Deceased was engaged in cutting a tree, which fell on him and crushed him to death.

At Belmont, Mr. Robert Watson had his barn and outbuildings burned on Wednesday, along with eighteen head of cattle, farm implements, and a quantity of hay and grain. The buildings were about the finest in the township of South Dorchester. Loss estimated at about \$3,000. Insured in the North and South Dorchester Mutual. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been tramps.

At Bobcaygeon, on Tuesday morning, at eight o'clock, the steamer *Victoria*, lying in the lock, was discovered to be in flames. The boat was undoubtedly fired by an incendiary. She had just undergone an extensive overhauling, and would be ready for the water in a few days. She was to have been placed on the Trent Valley navigation route. No insurance.

The Indian woman, Mrs. Peter Noddie, whose husband was recently murdered on Walpole Island, was herself shot a few evenings ago by a man who opened the door and shot at her and immediately disappeared. The shot took effect in her left arm, through the fleshy part of which it passed.

At Cobourg, at a convention held on Tuesday, nearly all the municipalities in the united counties were represented, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that we, as representatives of different parts of the united counties, heartily recommend that immediate steps be taken for an early submission of the Canada Temperance Act in the county of Northumberland and Durham." A general committee was appointed to arrange for all necessary proceedings.

At St. John's, Nfld., a violent earthquake shock was experienced last week. The weight of the disturbance was felt on Trinity Bay, Harbor Grace, Heart's Content, Hants Harbor, Brigus Bay, Roberts and Holyrood. At St. John's the disturbance was feeble. The line of volcanic travel was from north to south, and the hour 1.30 to 1.45 p.m. After the earthquake shocks, an hour after sunset, the western sky was lit up with the most lurid, appalling and phenomenal fires ever seen in a northern sky.

UNITED STATES.

In the Connecticut House the bill giving women the right to vote on licenses was overwhelmingly defeated. The bill giving them the right to vote in school meetings was also rejected.

Scores of children of the State Primary School at Monson, Mass., are afflicted with mumps. Dr. Holbrook, physician of the institution, has been also taken down with the disease.

While policeman Kendall, of Boston, was taking James Donovan, a burglar, to the station house, Donovan secured his club, and was beating him brutally when Kendall shot him dead.

At Clarion, Pa., on Wednesday, five men started in a row boat for Parker. The boat capsized, and Hamilton Walker, Wm. Watson and David Fair were drowned.

While John Gossette, W. G. Crockett and an unknown man were playing cards near Hatsbury, Tenn., a dispute arose. The unknown man killed Gossette and Crockett. He was arrested.

At Birchwood, Tenn., James Bowens shot and killed Miss Rourke while handling a pistol, after he had taken her home from church.

A riot occurred in Mulberry street, New York, on the 23rd, in which several hundred people participated. It originated in a quarrel between some Italians and a crowd of street Arabs. A platoon of police were called out and had considerable difficulty in quelling the disturbance.

Near Meadville, Pa., six children from the village of Valonia were out in search of "sugar water." Not finding the camp in operation the boys tapped a tree with pocket knives. All the children sipped the juice, and were soon taken sick with symptoms of poison. Geo. Custy, aged 10, and Johnny Pinkerise, aged 4, are dead, and three others beyond aid. The kind of tree is unknown.

The State of Texas is trying to extend her boundaries, so as to take in 2,400 square miles of fertile lands in Indian territory. Senator Maxey has introduced a bill giving the consent of the United States to Texas to extend her northern boundary to the fork of the Red River. Civilized tribes in the Indian territory are greatly excited over the matter. The lands in question belong to them under treaties made long before Texas was annexed.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

It is announced that Mr. Gladstone has recovered his usual health and will return to Parliament on Monday.