

## FINANCES.

The most perfect organization, with the most efficient officers, will find its work crippled on every hand, if the Treasurer is not supplied with funds to meet the numerous liabilities that must be incurred in the discharge of duties such as are required of the Executive of this League. The various temperance organizations have, by a system of weekly dues, done good service by teaching the necessity of systematic giving for temperance work. In addition to system, thoughtfulness is required. Many temperance men there are who contribute something, and that systematically, but do not give in proportion either to their own ability, or to the importance of the work to be done.

Our agent has occasionally been permitted to leave localities (where the appreciation of his address has been manifested by a vote of thanks,) without receiving a sufficient amount to defray the actual expenses incurred by *us* in sending him there. We are not disposed to charge this to illiberality so much as to a want of thought in reference to the work of the League, and the importance of each locality contributing its share of the amount required to carry on the work. A slight effort to supplement the collection with an explanation of the claims of the League by a *resident*, will generally result in procuring an amount sufficient to relieve the Executive from any pecuniary embarrassment, and supply the means required for the extension of the work. We are glad to say the finances of the League are in a satisfactory condition. We expect to be entirely free from debt before this meeting closes, and hope with an increasing membership, and increasing liberality on the part of our friends, that our successors will have the means for carrying on a vigorous work, placed at their disposal.

## IN MEMORIAM.

We cannot close without paying a tribute of respect to our deceased Vice-President, the late Mr. John B. Lay of Waterloo. Those who were present at our first annual meeting will remember the ability displayed by our departed friend in presiding over our deliberations. In his death the temperance cause has lost an earnest and faithful advocate.

## CONCLUSION.

The record of our work for the year is now before you. We have sought to make the League worthy of the respect and co-operation of all good citizens, with what success, we leave others to decide.

Whilst urging and petitioning for "prohibition," we have endeavored to recognize the necessity for an earnest and persistent educational work. We have a firm conviction that if honest effort for man's good and God's glory, is as bread cast upon the waters, the results will most assuredly appear after many days.

We beg all workers in the temperance cause not to be disheartened by reason of the mighty opposition of interest and appetite, but in view of victories already achieved, and vantage ground already gained,