

Branches have not yet ascertained the best way of collecting what their friends are quite able and willing to give. In forming financial plans, it will be well to appeal to men of means for subscriptions somewhat in proportion to what they give to other philanthropic and benevolent institutions, but there are thousands on whom the permanency and efficiency of the work largely depends who can only be expected to give comparatively small sums. To provide for the thorough and regular collection of contributions both large and small, in order that the widest possible paying constituency may be secured, is one of the great duties of every Branch of the Alliance. The right of each Provincial Branch to raise and disburse funds independently of the Council does not relieve each from the duty and responsibility of doing its best to promote the interests of the Dominion Alliance within its own jurisdiction. It must ever be borne in mind, that each Branch must establish and maintain its claim for financial support by earnest, unceasing and practical efforts to advance the work the Alliance has in hand.

#### DELEGATES TO THE COUNCIL.

It will be observed that the Provincial Branches are the only bodies entitled to send delegates to this Council. In the judgment of your Secretary there is no occasion for alteration in this respect. A suggestion has, however, been made with a view to creating a more general interest in the Council on the part of the county and local Alliances; the suggestion is for each Provincial Branch to invite all county or local Alliances to nominate persons whose names, together with others nominated by the Provincial Executive, shall make up a list out of which the delegates from the Branch should be chosen.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Secretary has, during the year, received a large number of letters of enquiry on various topics, some of which should have been addressed to the Secretary of one of the Provincial Branches. The letters that related to points of law have been referred to our Solicitor, Mr. Maclaren, to whose constant kindness and courtesy your Secretary and the Alliance are greatly indebted.

One gentleman, speaking of temperance men who do not support the Canada Temperance Act, says: "We want facts to satisfy them of the good of the Act: please furnish me with all the particulars you can." The demand is a reasonable one, and there should be some well-understood plan of collecting and collating facts to be used whenever required. Your Secretary, whilst en-