

only upon inn and saloon keepers, as at present, but upon all who may dare to engage in the traffic. The business, as an avocation, is bad, confessedly bad. Its legitimate fruits are at war with our best interests. Physically, mentally and morally; individually, socially and nationally, we must be losers by its continuance. All the better feelings of man's nature rise up against the traffic. The moral sentiment which naturally elevates the man above the mere animal creation is opposed to it; the principles of christianity which he cherishes discards it; and the patriotism glowing within his breast is hostile to it. The welfare alike of our friends, our fellow-men, and our country, demands the entire abolition of this traffic. What say you, brothers, shall this be accomplished? Let your affirmative response serve to cheer us on to renewed and increased efforts in the good cause. That important body of co-workers with you, the Good Templars, have requested your co-operation in the preparation and circulation of petitions to the Legislature in favor of the passage of a Prohibitory Law, and I suggest the appointment of a committee for such purpose.

Your attention is directed to the formation of a new Temperance organization in Montreal, called the "Canadian Anti-Liquor Traffic League," the declared object of which "is to enlighten and direct public opinion on the evils of the Liquor Traffic, and by all legitimate means to procure its total and immediate abolition."

This new movement is in the hands of some of the strongest Temperance men in the Province, men who have creditably and persistently sustained the staunch old Temperance Advocate under discouraging circumstances for over twenty years; and if it be possible to work the League up to the rank of an efficient and thorough organization, it will surely be done. In Canada West the Sons and Good Templars appear to occupy the ground which may successfully be taken by the League in Canada East. Annexed you will find a copy of the circulars and documents forwarded to me from the League office. I commend them to your careful consideration.

The subject of Temperance Lectures is one of much anxiety with your executive. I am of the opinion greater efforts than have hitherto been put forth should be made to call out and make use of more of the speaking talent found in Subordinate Divisions. At the same time, I think such arrangements might be made by the union of the Subordinate Divisions in sections of the country as would keep two or more travelling lecturers constantly in the field. Men of the right stamp can be found for such purpose provided an assurance could be given that they would be sustained. Bro. Hagarty has been favorably mentioned by many of my Deputies as a gifted, efficient and successful speaker. Bro. Patterson, who is now laboring in the lecturing department for the Montreal Temperance Society, would favor Upper Canada with his services for a time, if required. He is represented as being a powerful and agreeable speaker, and an honor to the Temperance cause. In this connection I desire to introduce the name of Amasa McCoy of Albany, N. Y., for several years the Editor of that valuable Temperance paper, *The Prohibitionist*; a gentleman of high moral standing, and of the first literary attainments. Known to be fluent as a speaker and profound as a reasoner, his services have been called into requisition before many of the Literary Associations in the adjoining Republic, and in some cities in Canada. This gentleman is engaged in writing a "Complete History of the Temperance Reform." For some time past he has been travelling with the view of collecting reliable statistical information relating to the history of

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