

Temperance Items.

CHURCH WORK.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.—The General Conference of the Evangelical Association of Churches, reporting about two thousand ministers at its recent annual sessions, adopted the following from its Committee on Public Morals:

"With regard to the wide-spread use of *alcoholic beverages*, whether distilled, brewed, or fermented, we believe, now as ever, that it is the crying evil of the times; that we are thoroughly convinced by long observation the alcohol is a poison, undermining the health and demoralizing the conscience, and should therefore be avoided by all. We believe that alcohol contains nothing from which any element of the human organization can be constructed. We earnestly and affectionately admonish all who value health and happiness to abstain from these destroying beverages. We are furthermore convinced that it is our duty as ministers of the Gospel and friends and guardians of public morality, to use all our influence in public and private to oppose the manufacture of and traffic in intoxicating liquors; and that, as Christian citizens, we shall embrace every opportunity so to vote that this nefarious traffic may be abolished. We heartily rejoice in every triumph that is achieved by the friends of temperance, and believe that the only relief from the liquor traffic lies in its total prohibition by appropriate laws."—*R. S. Advocate*.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.—Rt. Rev. Dr. Therold, who is on a visit to this country, addressed the Episcopal convention in Philadelphia, closing with: "We may have as many free churches as we please; we may open as many free libraries as we please; but as long as the demon of intemperance haunts our homes, our churches will be useless, sermons useless, and efforts of laymen useless. At St. Louis recently I listened to some of the best speaking I ever heard. A man got up at a meeting and stated that all the ravages of fire, civil war, etc., were not equal to the evils caused by intemperance. If you want to earn the eternal gratitude of the masses, you will use your energies and prayers in this battle against intemperance. What I desire and hope to see is a thoroughly organized system of temperance. If the Episcopal church in America will throw herself into the strife, the blessing of God will be with her."—*Southern Herald*.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY, at its annual meeting, adopted a stirring report of its committee on temperance. The following resolution was also offered by the committee:

"That this synod expresses its profound sense of the importance of this subject, and urges its ministers and people to more preaching and praying in promotion of the cause of temperance, and that then all shall act and work as they pray."

The following amendment was offered by a member of the synod:

"And that without pledging ourselves to any political party, we declare ourselves in favor of the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic."

A lengthy debate occurred upon the amendment, some fearing it would be sanctioning a political party, but Drs. Aikman, McIlvain, Proudfoot, and others advocated the amendment, and it was adopted by a vote of 178 to 91. The original resolution was adopted unanimously. It would be well if the New York State Synod had more men who would dare to stand up and defend the right, and not be placed in a false attitude before the public.—*Nat. Temp. Advocate*.

W. C. T. U.

TORONTO.—We have received a letter from Mrs. Rutherford, Recording-secretary of the Toronto Union, giving a very interesting account of an all-day prayer-meeting, held at Shaftesbury Hall on the 8th inst. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Denovan, Land, Parsons, Powis and others. The meeting was a great success. The Secretary says: "In this work we need the sympathy of Christian people, and the help of ministers, not only in occasional sermons (which are needed oftener than we get them) but in kind words and earnest prayers. We are also deeply grateful to the public papers that notice and report our meetings from time to time. This does good that we are not able to estimate."

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION of St. John, N. B., held its sixth anniversary on December 11th. It has now 180 members, comparatively few of whom, however, actively engage

in temperance work. A coffee room operated by it promises well, although it lost \$88 the past year. The Union started a Wide Awake Club, that has now a membership of 50 girls and 80 boys, pledged against drinking, smoking and profanity, and regularly instructed in the philosophy of alcohol and hygiene. Members of the Union had by hard work raised \$844.27 to erect a drinking fountain in King Square. Stupid aldermen rejected the scriptural design of the ladies and erected a monstrosity.—*Witness*.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

THE ORDER IN ONTARIO is marching steadily on. New lodges are being organized, dormant lodges resuscitated, and it is confidently expected that at next Grand Lodge Session a large increase of membership will be reported.

EVERY FRIEND OF TEMPERANCE, whether a Good Templar or not, will deeply regret to hear that Mr. W. H. Lambly, of Inverness, G. W. C. T. of the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., of Quebec, has been very ill and therefore prevented so far this season from entering the lecture field, to which in former years he sacrificed a large measure of time from his extensive business.

NEW LODGES have been formed at Lornvale, Londonderry, N. S., and at New Perth, P. E. I., the agents being respectively Mr. P. J. Chisholm and Mr. J. C. Underhay, each G. W. C. T. of his own province.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia reports a membership of 535, a gain of 55 during the year; eighteen lodges, and a balance in the treasury of \$148.41, with no debts outstanding. A healthy showing.

OREGON organized forty-five and re-organized two lodges during the year, giving them 115 lodges and an increase in membership of 1132, and a total membership of 4450. Their receipts during the year were \$3,796.49; they are out of debt, and have a balance of \$560.98 in their treasury. They also organized 43 Juvenile Temples during the year which have a membership of 3624.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The annual session of the Ontario Grand Division will be held at Ottawa, commencing on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 10 a. m. Arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk, Canada Pacific and other railways, to convey members of the Order to Ottawa and return at ONE FARE AND ONE-THIRD for the double journey, and tickets will be made good to go from the 17th to the 22nd, and to return until the 31st January, on presentation of a certificate at the ticket office at the commencement of the journey. Through tickets to Ottawa may be procured at stations of the Grand Trunk Railway, thus avoiding the necessity of procuring tickets on the Canada Pacific Railway at Brockville. Certificates for this privilege may be obtained on application to the Grand Scribe, and should be applied for immediately.

This meeting is expected to be of unusual interest. The Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division and distinguished members of the Order from other Grand Division jurisdictions are expected to be present. Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of representatives by the Ottawa Divisions. Let there be a grand turn-out of those entitled to attend.

Remarkable development is shown by "Valley" Division, Portland, N. B., organized on November 7th, 1882, with 29 members, it has now a membership of 199, still increasing. A few evenings ago a hall, the property of the Division, was dedicated to its use.

RECEPTION OF SIR LEONARD TILLEY.—On Tuesday evening, 27th ult., the Atlantic Division Sons of Temperance, Archville, held a reception of the members of the Order in honor of the visit to Atlantic Division of Bro. Past Most Worthy Patriarch, the Hon. Sir Leonard Tilley, C. B., K. C. M. G. There was a large attendance of the members of Bytown Division, with representatives from Mount Sherwood Division, Quarries Division and Chaudiere Division. On the platform were Bro. Colin Campbell, W. P., of Atlantic Division; Bro. Sir Leonard Tilley, P. M. W. P.; Bro. W. Rac. W. P. of Chaudiere Division; Bro. J. McGee, W. P. of the Quarries Division; Bro. J. T. Bartram, W. P. of Bytown Division, and Rev. Kelly, W. P. of Mount Sherwood Division, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch J. M. T. Hannum. Sir Leonard, having been introduced in due form to assembled brothers and sisters, was conducted to the post of honor, the Past Worthy Patriarch's chair,