

proceedings of the meeting. Each one should prepare himself in advance for a thorough debating of that subject in which he finds himself most interested. Such preparation would stamp the meeting as one of the most valuable in the history of the association.

LIQUOR IN CHOCOLATES.

A short time ago three dealers in chocolates in Toronto were fined by the Police Magistrate for selling chocolates containing liquor. There is no doubt about the facts in the case, as all three pleaded guilty and accepted the fine of \$50.

One can hardly imagine that it was a mere thoughtless act on the part of these persons to keep such goods for sale. On the other hand, it cannot be argued that they entered upon such a business for the good of the public. The only conclusion that one can come to is that these goods were kept for sale in the hope that they would be popular and, thereby, yield a good profit.

It is difficult to imagine that these dealers did not regard such a trade as wrong. Any one who handles chocolates for sale will soon know what class of persons are his customers. This sort of goods soon pass into the hands of comparatively young persons, many of whom never tasted a drop of alcoholic liquor before they partook of the doped chocolates.

We think that all such acts as this should be punished with marked severity. There is no excuse for them. One might just as properly offer for sale cigars containing opium, because they might sell well, regardless of the harm they might do. All attempts at drugging or doping foods or drinks sold for the proper use of the people must be stopped.

THE INSANE AT LARGE.

In our last issue we drew attention to the danger of the insane at large. During the month that has just gone past a number of cases of homicide and suicide have been recorded in the press of the country as the unfortunate acts of the insane. The following may be taken as a type:—

“Mrs. ——— this morning murdered her three-year-old son, W., and then committed suicide. The deed was done in a moment of insanity, brought on by illness. Her husband left the house at 7 o'clock to open his store, and when he returned, an hour later, for