

" Taking it, however, as it stands, we have the following aggregates :—

- 26 PERILOUS ACCIDENTS THROUGH DRINK.
- 13 ROBBERIES THROUGH DRINK.
- 5 CASES OF DRUNKEN INSANITY.
- 63 DRUNKEN OUTRAGES AND VIOLENT ASSAULTS.
- 20 DRUNKEN STABBINGS, CUTTINGS, AND WOUNDINGS.
- 5 CASES OF DRUNKEN CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.
- 74 ASSAULTS ON WOMEN THROUGH DRINK.
- 13 CASES OF JUVENILE INTOXICATION.
- 70 DRUNKEN ASSAULTS ON CONSTABLES.
- 94 PREMATURE, SUDDEN, OR VIOLENT DEATHS THROUGH DRINK.
- 18 CASES OF SUICIDE ATTEMPTED THROUGH DRINK.
- 15 CASES OF DRUNKEN SUICIDE COMPLETED.
- 12 DRUNKEN MANSLAUGHTERS OR MURDERS.

" The question for the nation now is, How long shall this creation of vice and crime, this dreadful work of violence and slaughter, be suffered to continue? At the door of the liquor traffic the whole foul heap is lying, and, fast as it is swept away, another heap and another still succeeds. There is, in the nature of things there can be, no end to it so long as the common sale of intoxicating drink is allowed by law and practised by lucre-loving men. That common sale the Alliance is continually denouncing, and the nation half listens and half sleeps. But it does not act.

" Perhaps the sight of the products of a fortnight's terrific activity of that traffic which is active every week and every day, may help to make the national conscience, if it is a conscience, somewhat more uneasy than it has been till now. We can only hope that the thinking minds and feeling hearts that shall ponder this awful Black List will permit themselves not only to be made uneasy, but made so uneasy as to breed indignant outcry and stern resolve that these things shall no longer be. And devoutly hoping this, we can but pray that God in his mercy and love for our nation and the world may grant His effective blessing on this painful endeavor to awaken the nation to some sense of its duty in this matter."

THE CANADA TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

We are pleased to notice that the Bill to incorporate the above Company has passed its second reading. We have been favored with a copy. We notice that the Provisional Board, formed of the principal promoters of the enterprise, is an exceptionally good one. Six out of the twenty have honorable attached to their names, and the others are men of well-known business standing and integrity. Nearly all are prominent members of temperance organizations—Dominion Alliance, Sons of Temperance, Good Templars—and, managed by such men, the enterprise ought certainly to be a success, and its guarantee stock an excellent investment. We understand from Mr. H. O'Hara, who is the chief promoter of the Company, that he has been very much encouraged, by the promises of persons to become shareholders or insurers in the Company, as well as applicants for agencies when the organization is complete. It is with pleasure that we call special attention to the second clause in the Bill, which reads as follows: "The company shall maintain separate accounts of the business transacted by it under the "Temperance" and "General" sections, keeping the receipts and expenditures distinct, each section sharing its own profits, and each section paying its proper proportion of expenses;" also clause three, which provides that a majority of the Board shall be total abstainers from the use of intoxicating liquors. We presume many of our readers know Mr. O'Hara as an experienced business and Life Insurance man, and as a life-long active temperance worker. He has occupied the position of Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance, as well as important offices in other Temperance organiza-

tions. We may also add that the Hon. G. W. Ross, Member of Education, is an enthusiastic supporter of this undertaking.

Similar institutions to this are working well in Great Britain. The United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution of London, established in 1840, has been and is one of the soundest and best of English Life Companies. The "Scottish Temperance Life Assurance Company" was organized a short time since, with a capital of £100,000 sterling, and has obtained risks in three months of over \$500,000. There is no doubt that temperance men have been paying too much for their life insurance, and they ought to welcome and support this laudable effort to provide them with safe policies at the rates to which their habits of right living should entitle them. We wish the "Canada Temperance and General Life Assurance Company" great success.

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KIND HEARTED TRADERS.

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PROGRESS OF THE "BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION," FOR DIMINISHING AND DISCOURAGING THE EVILS OF INTEMPERANCE—A PECULIAR ASSOCIATION WITH AN INTERESTING RECORD.

The "Ontario Trade Benevolent Association," incorporated October, 1881, has recently issued its first "Annual," an interesting little manual of seventy-five pages, embellished by a litho-portrait of the President for 1884—Mr. John Douglas, of Stratford. This Association has for one of its objects, as stated by the retiring President in his introductory address, the "diminishing and discouraging the evils of intemperance . . . by the education of its members to the idea that over-indulgence should be discouraged!" It is not a teetotal society. On the contrary, the President takes pleasure in recording the good work done by the O. T. B. A. during the year, thus: "It has convinced even the most sceptical that, if a united body, the teetotal storms and attacks of the skirmishers of the total abstinence army will pass harmlessly by." It may seem strange that a Benevolent society, whose object is to discourage intemperance, should so stoutly oppose other temperance organizations working in the same good cause. Stranger still, that they should organize with men and women, and a paid Secretary devoting all his time, in the the work of opposing the progress of the other temperance organizations. How can such a seeming inconsistency be explained? Let us dip a little deeper into the "Annual" and discover who compose the membership.

This Association is nothing if not Benevolent. (with a big B.) The other three words in its title are merely adjectives and adjuncts intended to explain and emphasize the chief feature—Benevolence (with a big B.) *Bene* well, *volo* to wish; hence Benevolent—well-wishing. In such a society, with such a name, we shall naturally find gospel ministers, church officers and members, Sunday-school teachers, the well-wishers of the soul, physicians, the well-wishers of the body, and school teachers—the well-wishers of the mind. Here is a complete list of the 1,260 members with their occupations. There is not a single representative of any of the classes named! There is a lonesome lawyer, a solitary druggist and a single farmer, and this benevolent trio, strangely enough, live in Halton County, where the despised "teetotal army" has its head-quarters! Then there is a butcher, the only one of his class, and he lives in Brampton, Peel County, next door neighbor as it were. There are nine benevolent manufacturers of soda water—the drink which fizzes but not infuriates. The remaining 1,249 are, what? Traders? No. Mechanics? No. Clerks? No. Laborers? No. Widows? No. Orphans? No. Parents who join so that they may participate in the benefits of the Benevolent fund? No. Workmen who unite to keep up prices and keep down hours of labor in their respective Trades? No. What class, then, thus band themselves together for benevolent work? There are 69 brewers, 8 wholesale liquor-sellers, a few billiard room and cigar keepers and the balance of 1,247 are all hotel and saloon keepers! Queer? Yes, somewhat peculiar, yet so it is. Let fanatical temperance orators beware how they denounce liquor-sellers in future as sordid, selfish mercenary, heartless, cruel dealers in "distilled damnation." Let this great fact constantly stare the