

BAND OF HOPE WORK.

As frequent enquiries come to us respecting the formation of Bands of Hope, we have much pleasure in giving space to the following circular issued by the W. C. T. U.:

Educating the children of our country in the principles of total abstinence and prohibition is one of the most important features of our temperance work.

In view of this fact, the following suggestions are offered for the organizing of Bands of Hope.

1. Seek out six or eight boys and girls who are ready to sign a Pledge Roll. Then
2. Choose your Conductor—a warm-hearted man or woman, filled with the love of Jesus, and willing to work.
3. Let the Conductor get these and other children together—enroll *his own* name and their names in a Pledge-book, give each of them a card and badge, and let them choose their own officers as in the Constitution annexed.
4. Adopt this Constitution with such changes as your local circumstances may require.
5. Hold your meetings at regular intervals; open them with a brief Bible-reading and prayer; make them lively; have a definite lesson, along with recitations, singing, &c. The following will be found useful helps:—Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, (25 cents.) The Temperance Manual, (30 cents.) Band of Hope Lesson and Song Quarterly, (10 cents a year.) Catechism, (5 cents.) Roll of Honor or Pledge Roll, (10 cents.) Silk Badges, (2 cts.) Metal Badges, (8 cents.)

The above Requisites and Cards, &c., will be supplied, and information cheerfully given, by

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called..... of.....

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to instruct our boys and girls in Gospel Temperance principles.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Conductor; and other officers, as Secretary, Treasurer, &c., shall be members of the Band.

ART. 4. Any child may become a member by signing the Pledge-roll, and paying into the Treasury one cent a week, if able to do so.

ART. 5. The meetings of the Society shall be held..... the time to be fixed by the Society itself.

ART. 6. A badge shall be worn at every meeting of the Band, and on all public occasions.

PLEDGE.

God help me evermore to keep
This promise that I make—
I will not chew, nor smoke nor swear,
Nor poison liquors take,
I'll try to get my little friends,
To take this promise too:
And every day I'll try to find
Some temperance work to do.

General News.

CANADIAN.

A great flood at Meaford last week destroyed a good deal of property. Manning defeated Withrow in the contest for the Toronto Mayoralty by a majority of 142.

Toronto gave a majority of over 8,000 for the abolition of tax exemptions.

A young woman and a boy were drowned last week in the Bay of Quinte.

At Winnipeg, on the 1st inst., the thermometer registered 46° below zero.

Retail booksellers are complaining against the small margin of profit allowed them on the new authorized readers.

The workmen in Garth & Co.'s brass manufacturing establishment in Montreal have been put upon short time work.

On Tuesday afternoon, John Danfield, aged 6, was killed on the Michigan Central Railway, at Petrolia, while playing with a hand car.

On the last day of 1884 three boys were drowned in Toronto Bay. They had been skating.

Mrs. A. McKenzie, of Keppelon, Ont., committed suicide last week by hanging.

The body of Lewis Stillwell was found in the woods near St. Thomas with a bullet hole in his head. It is believed that a murder was committed.

On New Year's morning at four o'clock at a dance in Toronto, a young girl named Mary Purtell, who had been dancing all night, fell dead in her partner's arms.

FIRES.—The parish church of St. Thomas, Quebec, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon. Loss, \$100,000.—A dwelling house at Welland was burned on the 6th inst. Loss, \$1,800.—Russell's flour mill at Claremont, Ont., was completely burned down on Saturday. Loss, \$7,000.—The Trinity Episcopal Church at Quebec, took fire on Saturday. The flames were extinguished after the building had been damaged to the extent of \$4,000.—At Hull, on last Friday, two houses were burned, and a three-year-old child perished in the flames.—There were small fires on the 1st inst., at Niagara, Brussels, and Millbrook in Ontario.

UNITED STATES.

There is a strike among the carpet weavers at Roxbury, Mass.

A Milwaukee steamer went ashore at Ludington. Four lives were lost.

An earthquake was felt in the Southern States on the night of the 2nd inst.

The tug *Admiral* was sunk at Chicago by a bursting boiler. Five lives were lost.

A bill has been introduced into the United States Senate to establish international copyright.

The boiler of the steam tug *Sol Thomas*, exploded at Marshfield, O., on the 6th; six men were killed.

Floods in Indiana have caused much damage to property. Many dwelling houses have been swept away.

A large number of the Pa. coal mines have closed down, throwing nearly 10,000 men and boys out of work.

The bark *Lena* from South America for Philadelphia stranded on Dec. 27th at Hog Is., and was broken up. Eight lives were lost.

At Newark, N.J., on Saturday morning, a large furniture factory was burned with a number of adjoining dwellings. Seven families are left homeless.

There are serious labor troubles in Ohio. In Cleveland alone 13,000 people are said to be suffering through want of employment.

A railroad tunnel at Bristol was fired by a mob of riotous strikers.

At Moorfield, W. Va., there has been a serious riot over a local election, armed men parading the streets, and several citizens being seriously injured.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Mr. Gladstone has been sick.

Small pox is prevalent in London.

The Grand Vizier at Constantinople has resigned.

Earthquake shocks have been felt in different parts of Italy.

Four French men of war have been sent to assist Admiral Courbet.

Germany is endeavoring to obtain possession of the British Island of Heligoland.

A British barkentine was lost on Scattarie Isd. on Christmas day; all hands escaped.

There is a noticeable revival of activity in the ship-building interests throughout Great Britain.

A railway collision occurred on the 1st at Barnsley. Four persons were killed and three injured.

M. Campeon, French Minister of War, has resigned, and his place has been taken by Gen. Lewal.

Lord Wolseley has received a letter from Gen. Gordon, dated Dec. 14th. The latter was then safe at Khartoum.

Latest advices from Korti are to the effect that Gen. Wolseley expects to commence his desert march to Khartoum on Friday.

A number of rebellious students in the Moscow Theological Seminary have been flogged by soldiers, at the direction of the Archbishop.

In London last Friday another dynamite explosion occurred on the underground railway. No lives were lost. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

More Orange riots are reported from St. John's Nfld., as having occurred at Bay Roberts. The man-of-war *Tenados* was sent to the place and peace has been restored.

There have been further earthquakes in Spain. Some disaster nearly every day. Over two thousand people have perished. There is terrible destitution among those whose property has been destroyed. Large amounts of money are being subscribed for their relief.