

would relieve this Alliance of a great financial burden. The Citizen Publishing Company of this city purpose establishing a Temperance Book Room in connection with their business, and offer to keep in stock this class of literature. All the papers in connection with this proposal will be placed before you at the proper time. The whole question of literature is one deserving serious and careful consideration.

OBJECTS OF THE CONVENTION.

We have assembled here to-day to review the past and hold a thorough consultation upon the present and future of the Temperance work in Ontario. Among other important questions claiming your attention will be the following :

1.—The adaption of the Canada Temperance Act in all counties where feasible, and the maturing of some plan by which the Act may be submitted to a number of counties at the same time.

2.—What political or other action is necessary in view of the proposed legislation by the Dominion Government.

3.—Amendments of the License Law, so as to provide (a) that it shall be necessary to obtain the signature of the majority of the voters, in each polling subdivision respectively, before a license be granted to any person for the sale of intoxicating liquors within the said subdivision ; (b) the separation of the sale of liquors and groceries ; (c) the doing away of all saloon license ; (d) the restriction of *bona fide* hotel license to one for every 1000 people ; (e) the prohibition of the sale of liquors to minors ; (f) the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors at all Industrial Arts and Agricultural Exhibitions ; (g) the prohibition of the sale of liquors aboard all steamboats or other vessels, and railway trains carrying passengers or excursion parties ; (h) the prohibiting of the sale on all legal holidays ; (i) the removal of all intoxicating liquors from railway stations ; (j) prohibiting the sale in any house where billiards, cards or any other article or device is used in gaming.

COUNCIL OF THE ALLIANCE.

The Council of the Alliance will hold its next annual session in the city of Ottawa on the 14th and 15th of February. This Council is important as a bond of union between the several Provincial Branches and as a medium for concerted action in reference to Dominion legislation. In view of the proposed legislation by the Dominion Parliament at its next session, it is of the utmost importance that Ontario should be well represented.

This Branch is entitled to appoint thirty delegates. Several gentlemen have been invited to allow themselves to be appointed, and we trust there will be no difficulty in securing the requisite number of delegates.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Your Secretary has during the past five months, in the discharge of his duties, travelled over 4,000 miles, written upwards of 6,000 letters and circulars, visited and conversed with prominent temperance workers on the present condition and needs of the work in nearly thirty counties and cities. In addition to this, Prof. Foster delivered during his term of office, 31 public addresses.

The present aspect of the temperance question in this Province is indeed encouraging. The public mind has been roused to think on this subject as it never has in the past.

In conclusion I desire to thank the friends of this Alliance who have supported our work during the past year, and call upon all to put forth renewed and persistent efforts. This Alliance stands to-day, where, if its friends but rally round, it may accomplish a grand work for the Temperance cause in this Province.

W. G. FEE,
Secretary.