

marked ability upon the most important committees of that body. In his election to the office of Most Worthy Patriarch of the Order in North America, the National Division at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 10, 1884, paid him a merited compliment.

Mr. Dennisson has always shown a deep interest in juvenile temperance work, and was patron of Excelsior and Elm Tree Sections Cadets of Temperance from 1857 to 1872. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Section from 1857 to 1867, and from 1869 until 1872, when his business compelled him to decline further election.

He is an excellent presiding officer, ready debater, fluent speaker, and an indefatigable worker in the cause of temperance.

He is an active member of the Baptist church, being a deacon, and in the Sunday-school a teacher of the Bible class.

In 1855 he entered the Manufacturers' National Bank as a clerk and is now its assistant cashier. He was for years President of the Baptist Social Union of Philadelphia; is now President of the Bank Clerks' Association and of the Sons of Temperance Mutual Relief Society.

Mr. Dennisson is now in the full vigor of middle life, and brings to his new official station a large experience in the Order and rare executive ability.—*Temperance Cause.*

W. C. T. U.

LONDON.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a meeting in the City Hall, London, last week. Present: Mesdames Gregsten, (president), Lancaster, Darch, Sage, Miss Hogg, and others. A lecture on temperance by Dr. Cadieux was arranged for. The President reported that the girls' night school was progressing favorably, and the attendance rapidly increasing. The teacher of the boys' night school had consented to teach the girls also until Christmas, but owing to a press of work, Mrs. and Miss Lancaster had taken charge of the school nearly every night. The boys' school reported as also making excellent progress. It was decided to train the children to take part in the annual entertainment of the Union at New Year's. The President reported that the prisoners at the jail had been visited and talked to, and these visits had resulted in much good feeling on the part of the prisoners. They had received some literature lately from some source, and had also been supplied with temperance reading by the Union. The Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Hon. J. B. Finch, with a view to having him lecture here. The Secretary was instructed to furnish the names of the Scott Act workers to the *Women's Journal*.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Milton was held in the lecture room of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening. The room was well filled, and the proceedings lasted from 6.30 to 10.30. Tea was served till about eight o'clock, when the president, Mrs. Johnston Harrison, took the chair and the intellectual part of the programme began. Rev. D. McKenzie read a portion of the Scriptures and Rev. M. C. Cameron offered prayer. The president then delivered an address, which was followed by a piece of music by Messrs. Harrison and McKay. The Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Brethour, read a report showing the work done by the Union during the past year. This Union has a total membership of about 160 and is the strongest in the province. Its receipts amounted to over \$390 and expenditure \$360, leaving a balance on hand of over \$30. Miss Bowes, who has been chosen by the Provincial Union as organizing agent for the province during the ensuing year, then gave a very interesting address upon the work already accomplished, and outlined briefly the work which it is intended yet to accomplish. A recitation by Mrs. Gray was well rendered. Short stirring speeches were made by Revs. Brethour, Cameron and McKenzie, and Messrs. S. Dice, Sheriff Clements, R. Porter, W. D. Brothers, Jas. Peddie, Johnston Harrison, and J. Ezard. Mrs. Cummer read a touching piece "Give me back my boy." Mr. J. W. Elliot played the Mocking Bird on the violin, with organ accompaniment by Miss Morse; he also played the hymn "Almost Persuaded." The Harrison Bros., Mr. A. and Miss McKay, Miss Harrison, and Mrs. Dr. Roberson all supplied abundance of choice music. The entertainment was brought to a close at 10.30 by Rev. D. McKenzie pronouncing the benediction.—*Haltou News.*

CALIFORNIA.—The Fifth Annual Meeting of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in Oakland recent-

ly, the principal services being held in the Presbyterian church. There was quite a large attendance, the largest ever had, it is thought, and great interest was manifested through the entire sessions.

On Wednesday, after the devotional exercises and reception of new delegates, Mrs. Sublette, of Oakland, gave the Address of Welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. L. P. Williams. Brief reports were presented from some of the local auxiliaries. Interesting reports were also given by Mrs. L. Kelly, Supt. of the Fruit and Flower Mission, and by Mrs. Higgins, the Supt. of Song. Mrs. Sturtevant Peet, now of Haywards, but somewhat recently from the East, took the Question Drawer and answered the enigmas propounded in a very able manner. Mrs. L. P. Williams reported on Coffee House and Reading room. Other reports were given, interspersed with song and prayer.

On Thursday morning the Convention re-assembled, and after devotional exercises proceeded to listen to the reports of various department work. These were all of a deeply interesting character. Greetings were presented from the Good Templars, Bands of Hope, and the Prohibition party. A vote was passed expressing the sense of the Convention that Mrs. M. C. Leavitt be engaged as organizer for this State.

The election of officers resulted in the following choice:—Mrs. P. D. Browne, President; Mrs. Chas. Chamberlain, Treasurer; Mrs. H. H. Havens, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Yan Blarcom, Recording Secretary.

An item of especial interest in the afternoon was the presentation of a banner to the youthful cadets of Temperance and Honor. The presentation speech was made by Rev. Dr. Horton. Sacramento was selected as the place of next meeting.

The ladies of Oakland and vicinity prepared a sumptuous lunch for the delegates and others each day, besides entertaining the delegates in their homes. A deeply earnest, devotional spirit pervaded the entire meetings, and much good must result from the meetings.

On Thursday night, a large audience assembled to hear Rev. F. A. Horton, D.D., address the Convention on "The Crusade and its Results," which he did in a telling, masterly manner, which held the undivided attention of the audience for over an hour, and was warmly applauded. Rev. Dr. Thompson followed in an earnest speech pathetically relating an incident of the Crusade, and closing with words of no uncertain sound on the question of Prohibition. Rev. Dr. Porter followed in a brief speech in which he gave reminiscences of Crusade work and concluded by devoutly invoking God's richest blessing on the abundant efforts of the W.C.T.U.

The convention was eminently successful and the delegates return to their homes enthused with new life and energy for the work of the new year.—*Patriot.*

Literary Record.

TEMPERANCE LONGEVITY, AND INSURANCE, a tract for the times. This is the title of an eight page tract reprinted from THE CANADA CITIZEN, and published at the office of the Citizen Publishing Co., Toronto. It gives in concise and impressive form a number of valuable facts relating to the history of temperance and insurance, and the bearing of habits of total abstinence upon health and longevity. It ought to have a wide circulation. Specimen copies may be obtained from Mr. O'Hara, 30 Adelaide St. East, Toronto. •

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE ALMANAC.—We have received from Mr. J. N. Stearns, 58 Reade street, New York, a copy of this interesting and valuable work, which we would strongly recommend to all our readers. It is full of the most useful information in relation to every department of temperance work, and United States liquor statistics, besides containing the usual almanac information. In addition to these, it has some very attractive features in the form of illustrated tales and poems, puzzles, conundrums, and a special department for children, with choice articles from some of the best writers in the land. Altogether, it is one of the neatest, cheapest, most convenient, and valuable publications ever issued for 10 cents. The Almanac and Year-Book contains 72 pages, printed on fine tinted paper, and is supplied at much less than the cost of publication. Price 10 cents single copies; \$1 per dozen; \$7 per hundred; \$60 per thousand. Sent by mail on receipt of retail and dozen price.