

of the 13th June, and the Memorial was presented by Alderman Bell. We take the following account of the proceedings in reference to it from the *Daily Sun* of 17th:—

CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, June 15.

THE SALOON ADJOINING THEATRE.

Ald. Bell moved, and Ald. Noble seconded, the following resolution:

"Resolved, That his worship the Mayor be respectfully requested not to grant license for the sale of spirituous liquors in a saloon recently erected in connection with or adjoining the theatre."

Ald. Bell explained at length the object of memorialists.

Ald. Noble fully endorsed the sentiments of memorialists.

Ald. Wills said that there was a place next door; why not close it up also?

Ald. Young enquired whether the council had the power to refuse licenses?

Ald. Jennings said, to his mind his worship had no power to refuse; and if this be the case, it was folly to tamper with the matter. It appeared invidious that one party should have a license and another party should be refused. Where a license is granted, you have control over those establishments; where there is no license, you have no control.

Ald. Barry—When Mr Stewart applied the other day, he stated that if his license was refused, he would sell in defiance of the law.

Ald. Lownds was of the opinion that the license law could not be interfered with here, as it was a provincial act.

Ald. Bell replied that the authorities frequently refused license to parties in Barrack street; and that in order to give effect to all licenses, it was necessary to obtain the assent of the Mayor.

Ald. McKay was decidedly of the opinion that the council had the power to refuse licenses, and in this instance he felt disposed to vote for the resolution.

Ald. Conway inquired whether a party could hold two licenses.

His honor the Recorder replied that it was his opinion that it was purely discretionary for the Mayor to grant or withhold licenses.

Ald. Young appreciated the remarks of Ald. Bell in a moral point of view. He feared in this instance, however, it would be a hardship, as licenses were granted to other parties, and he could not see how the license could be withheld here.

Ald. Caldwell—As he was the proprietor of the building in question, he stated that it had no connection with the theatre; it comprised only one room, and there could be no concealment. If the license was refused, it is quite likely the proprietor would find accommodation in some other place.

Ald. Morrissey expatiated at length on the pleasures of the drama, and could not see any feasible reason why a license should be withheld from a man who would keep a respectable house of refreshment.

Ald. Jennings reiterated his former remarks, with this addition, that if the license were refused, the authorities had no power to enter the house, and he might sell in defiance of the law. "Of two evils he would choose the least; the least would be to grant him the license, and impose whatever restrictions are necessary."

Ald. Ross was in favor of granting the license.

Ald. Conway was opposed to granting two licenses to the same person.

The resolution, on being put, was lost, 6 to 10. The names being called, they stood thus:

For.
Ald. Conway,
" Barry,
" Ring,
" Noble,
" Bell,
" McKay.

Against.
Ald. Longard,
" Caldwell,
" Lownds,
" Wills,
" Young,
" Morrissey,
" King,
" Donohoe,
" Jennings,
" Ross.

We understand that a Mr Stewart has obtained a license for the sale of liquors in the Saloon referred to. The Memorial was signed by all present at the meeting, and additional signatures were procured previous to its presentation.

A meeting of the "Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence Society" was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, 15th June, the following account of which is copied from the *Daily Sun* of 20th June, as furnished by a "Member":—

"CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY."

The second Quarterly Meeting of the Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence Society was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening last; between six and seven hundred persons were present. At eight o'clock the Rev John Higginbotham, President of the Society, took the chair. The following officers of the Society occupied seats on the platform—Messrs. Daniel Creamer, Patrick Power, Roger Cunningham, Patrick Donahoe, Richard Anderson, Bernard O'Niell, J. W. Quinan and Patrick Monaghan.

The President announced that the Secretary would call over the names of subscribing members. Previous to calling the names, the secretary announced that five hundred and fifty adult male members had enrolled themselves as paying members, nearly four hundred of whom answered to their names and paid their quarterly subscription of seven pence halfpenny.

The names having been all called, the Secretary read the minutes of the first regular meeting of the Society, and the President called on the respective guardians of the City Wards for their reports—they generally were favorable, few violations of the pledge having come to the knowledge of the guardians.

The President addressed the meeting in language that may be truly styled eloquent, every word of which must have made an impression, and a lasting one, on the minds of his hearers. In the course of his remarks, he alluded to a brave man over whose remains he had on that day read the burial service, a man who had gallantly passed through the dangers of the late Russian campaign, and had endured the innumerable hardships of a Russian winter; a man whose breast was adorned with the honors conferred by his own beloved Sovereign, and to whom was on its way an honor conferred by the Emperor of France;

yet, he had yielded to the insidious enemy that we are organized to make battle against, and, in consequence of such yielding, had closed an honorable career by a premature death. He alluded to many other lamentable cases where the victims had not only brought misery, suffering, and premature death upon themselves, but in many instances over those whom God had placed them as protectors.

The Rev Gentleman also made pleasing reference to the fact of so many young lads uniting with the Society, and expressed a hope that the example of the old would have a continued tendency to bring forward the young, and the example of the young would have a powerful tendency to strengthen the old, in their determination to adhere faithfully to their obligations. He closed a most pleasing and affecting address by a general admonition to all.

The President also announced that a benefit branch had been formed from the main body, already numbering one hundred members, and that he had administered the pledge to twenty six hundred persons.

A resolution was unanimously passed empowering the officers and guardians to make the necessary arrangements to carry out the annual procession on the 15th of August.

During the evening a number of persons took the pledge."

In addition to the foregoing we would state that the Secretary, Mr J. W. Quinan, also addressed the meeting; his remarks were chiefly in reference to a number of persons who had been reclaimed from drunkenness by the Society, and the indefatigable efforts of the Rev President. Mr Q.'s observations were well timed and received with applause.

We would respectfully suggest to the officers of this now active and useful organization the propriety (and we might add, necessity) of holding monthly instead of quarterly meetings; frequent meetings will prove advantageous to the Society, as well as the individual.

The G. W. P. arrived in the city on Wednesday evening, 17th June, on his return home, via Windsor, from the session of the National Division, which was held at Providence, R. I. He paid an official visit on that evening to the Mayflower Division, and addressed the members at some length.

On the following evening, Thursday, he also paid an official visit to Chebucto Division; the W. P. welcomed him on behalf of the Division, to which he made a suitable reply.

The D. G. W. P., having summoned the members of the Order (by public notice) to attend, there was a large gathering: a number of P. W. P.'s appeared in their Grand Division Regalia and the Grand Officers resident in the city in