

especially, have rendered us good service, but we want a larger number of willing workers. Will not those who take an interest in our work send for these books and secure contributions for us in their several neighborhoods? Do not forget that it is the little streams multiplied that make the mighty river.

Respecting the enforcement of the Scott Act in those counties which have adopted it, there is evidence that the law is doing much good, although in some parts there has not been all the vigilance exercised which is necessary to make it a complete success. Let those who have adopted the law remember always that they are in duty bound to see that it is enforced. The law has been hindered to some slight extent by appeals from the decisions of the convicting magistrate to the district judge, which has had the effect of holding back for a time the demand of justice, but which will not, we think, after all, enable violators of the laws to go unpunished. In all these cases where convictions have been secured the evidence is perfectly clear. There is no fear, therefore, that any judge will screen persons wilfully violating a law which is as binding upon the people as any other law upon our statute book. We have been greatly assisted in our work by the ladies of the various W. C. T. unions and other temperance organizations. We rejoice to see that our sisters are very active and successful in organizing unions, and in carrying on all departments of their work. Our best wishes are with them in their noble and self-denying efforts. We would again remind our friends throughout the Province of our depository for temperance literature, kept by Mrs. Gales. There is a large and varied supply always on hand, at as low rates as such literature can be purchased elsewhere. Order a supply and see that it is well distributed. Dear friends, we have reason to be encouraged. Let us go forward; we are fighting a great battle. God will not suffer us to fail.

D. V. LUCAS.

The Committee on Business rendered the following report:—

#### COMMITTEES.

*On Legislation.*—Mr. Dougall, Mr. McLaren, and all Senators and Members of Parliament who are members of the Alliance.

*On Nominations.*—Rev. J. Wood, N. Shakespeare, M.P., S. A. Fisher, M.P., Thos. Robertson, M.P., M. Auger, M.P., Jos. Jamieson, M.P., J. W. Manning, C. Burpee, M.P., and J. R. Dougall.

*On Credentials.*—Rev. D. V. Lucas, J. K. Stewart, Rev. Geo. Jamieson, and Rev. A. P. McDiarmid.

*On Resolutions.*—Mr. J. W. Manning, Rev. W. Scott, A. H. Gillmor, M.P., W. McCraney, M.P., and Thos. Lawless.

*On Finance.*—Mr. Geo. May, J. A. Kirk, M.P., J. M. M. Duff, G. G. King, M.P., J. Scriver, M.P., F. S. Spence, and Rev. J. Wood.

*On State of the Work.*—Rev. S. D. Chown, J. W. Manning, D. V. Lucas, Dr. Fergusson, M.P., A. C. McDonald, M.P., S. A. Abbott, Jas. Dobson, N. Shakespeare, M.P., and C. C. Colby, M.P.

#### HOURS OF SESSION.

From 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

#### SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. The Relation of the Branches to the Dominion Alliance.—To be introduced at 2 p.m. by Mr. J. R. Dougall.

2. Electoral Action.—To be introduced at 10 a.m. Friday by Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q.C.

3. The Beer and Light Wine Heresy.—To be introduced by Mr. Manning at 11.30 a.m. Friday.

The above report was on motion received and adopted.

The Report of the Ontario Branch was read by the Secretary, Mr. F. S. Spence.

#### REPORT OF THE ONTARIO BRANCH.

We take pleasure in laying before you at the present meeting the report of a year of unusual progress and success. Following up the results of last session, the Executive Committee urged upon the friends in different parts of the Province the