

Temperance News.

CHURCH WORK.

TORONTO DIOCESAN C. E. T. S.

In response to a summons issued by the Bishop of Toronto, a largely attended meeting of the clergy and lay representatives of branch temperance societies throughout the diocese was held last Friday night at the Synod offices, when the Church of England Temperance Society for the Diocese of Toronto was fully organized.

The BISHOP expressed his sincere gratification at such a promising commencement, putting into actual operation those good resolutions which they had been carrying from year to year in Synod. His Lordship trusted that this would be the commencement of real active work in the cause of Temperance, and that they would be able as a Church to take up that great branch of Christian work, a work that most properly belonged to them as a Church, and as one that was most calculated by God's blessing to strengthen their hands in their work.

On motion of Mr. N. W. HOYLES, seconded by Rev. J. D. Cayley, Mr. George Mercer was appointed secretary.

The roll of parishes was then called when the following answered to their names:—Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Ashburnham; Rev. Canon Morgan, Barrie; Rev. Rural Dean Johnson, Capt. Blain, Brampton; Rev. R. H. Harris, Brighton; Rev. Dr. Roy, Mr. Patterson, Cobourg; Rev. S. W. Jones, Mr. Martin, Lindsay; Rev. A. Hart, Markham; Rev. Rural Dean Smithett, Dr. Burroughs, and Mr. McCuaig, Omemece; Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, Mr. Evans, Orillia; Rev. Canon O'Meara, Mr. R. Hillard, St. John's Church, Port Hope; Rev. J. S. Baker, Mr. T. Ward, St. Mark's Church, Port Hope; Rev. H. B. Owen, Mr. Thos. Willis, Scarboro'; Rev. Rural Dean Forster, Stayner; Rev. W. W. Bates, Thornhill; Rev. J. D. Cayley, H. W. M. Murray, and Foster, St. George's Church, Toronto; Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Mr. George Mercer, St. Stephen's Church, Toronto; Rev. J. M. Ballard, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Martin, St. Ann's Church, Toronto; Rev. C. Darling, Mr. Barker, St. Matthias' Church, Toronto; Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Messrs. Frost and Wilson, St. Philip's Church, Toronto; Rev. H. G. Baldwin, Mr. Armstrong, Church of the Ascension, Toronto; Rev. C. L. Ingles, Mr. Davis, Parkdale; Rev. J. Davidson, Mr. Hickey, Uxbridge; Rev. G. B. Marley, West Mono; Rev. C. E. Thompson, Weston; Rev. A. J. Fidler, Messrs. J. Ruchy and J. Hopp, Whitby.

The BISHOP stated that according to the returns made to him there are 31 branch societies in the diocese fully organized, and three others partially organized.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The constitution of the Diocesan Society provides that the Bishop shall be president, and that contributors of \$50 and upwards shall be honorary vice-presidents. The announcement that Mr. A. H. Campbell had qualified for the position of honorary vice-president was received with applause. Vice-Presidents, Rev. Canon O'Meara and Mr. N. W. Hoyles. The following Executive Committee was chosen:—Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, Revs. A. J. Broughall, Dr. Roy, Rural Dean Smithett, J. F. Sweeney, C. B. Darling, S. W. Jones, and W. C. Bradshaw; Mr. Holland, Dr. Snelling, Capt. Blain, Mr. B. J. Hickey, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Mr. H. W. M. Murray, Rev. H. G. Baldwin, Mr. W. H. Howland, Mr. J. T. Jones, Rev. C. L. Ingles, Mr. Walter Darling, Mr. Frank Evans, Rev. John Davidson, Mr. A. Hewson, Mr. Willoughby Cummings, Mr. James Rutledge, and Rev. Rural Dean Allen. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. George Mercer.

RAISING FUNDS.

The BISHOP suggested the manner of raising funds for carrying on the work of the association as a proper one for consideration.

A long discussion took place. Capt. Blain proposed a resolution providing for the levying of a *per capita* tax of twenty cents per annum. Several clergymen said this was so high that it would have the effect of killing the societies in the country places. An amendment proposed by Mr. N. W. Hoyles providing that branches able to do so should contribute \$5 per annum was adopted.

A letter from Dr. Snelling, who was unable to be present because of an accident, was read by the Bishop. Dr. Snelling mentioned several matters which he thought the association should give their attention to.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

The appointment of a temperance Sunday was then considered. It was thought that the first Sunday in Lent was the most appropriate day which could be chosen.

The BISHOP promised to appoint that date. His Lordship asked whether the association would authorize him to request other religious bodies to set apart the same day, and to point out that there were special reasons why their society should have temperance Sunday on the date mentioned. The society agreed with the proposal.

RÉSOLUTIONS PASSED.

On motion of Mr. N. W. Hoyles, the society adopted the badge of the Toronto Central Society, and recommended members of the society, male and female, clerical and lay, to wear the badge at all times in public.

Mr. HOYLES moved that in the opinion of the society temperance instruction should be imparted in the Public Schools, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to press the same upon the Government, and take concerted action with other bodies in the matter. Carried.

Mr. HOYLES moved a resolution setting forth the importance of circulating sound temperance literature, and recommending the branches to subscribe for the *Church of England Temperance Chronicle*. Carried.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES the Executive Committee was instructed to watch the action of other temperance societies in efforts to secure restriction of the liquor traffic, and where desirable to co-operate.

The appointment of an agent and the establishment of an organ were not considered advisable at the present time.

The Bishop pronounced the benediction, and the meeting dispersed.—*Mail*.

TORONTO SOCIETIES' MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Church of England Temperance Societies of the city was held last evening in St. James' school-house, the Bishop of Toronto in the chair. The school-room was filled. The programme consisted of addresses by the Bishop, Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity College, and Mr. N. W. Hoyles, and several musical selections. The Bishop made a few introductory remarks. Rev. Prof. Clark spoke of the work which is being done among all classes in England by the C. E. T. S. After a collection, which amounted to \$31.78, had been taken up to defray expenses, Mr. N. W. Hoyles delivered a stirring address. He quoted the Bishop of Durham to show the necessity of earnest work in the temperance cause, and called upon all churchmen to support the Bishop by active exertion and by contribution in his efforts to set the society actively at work in the diocese. He also urged the ladies to co-operate in the work by making it the custom not to drink. He also pleaded with them not to ridicule or to place any obstacles in the way of any who were endeavouring to keep the pledge. The remainder of the programme was made up of a recitation by Miss Madison, a duet by Misses Madison and Morgan, a piano solo by Miss McCutcheon, which was encored, and a duet by Mr. Howland and Miss Howland. The Bishop expressed his gratification at the large attendance, and suggested that they should hold their next meeting in the pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens, or divide the city into sections and hold several meetings simultaneously to accommodate their friends. The doxology was then sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.—*Ex*.

The second annual convention of the American Church Temperance Society was held in Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia. Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, presided. A summary of the year's work was given by Secretary Graham. It was stated that diocesan branch organizations had been formed in twenty-six dioceses. An address was made by Bishop Williams and the Bishop of Rochester. The following resolution, moved by Hon. Ex-Judge Arnoux, of New York, was adopted: Resolved, that it is the duty of the citizens to amend the excise law in the direction of restriction, and to aid the authorities in carrying out its provisions with stringency and effect.—*E. Churchman*.

MR. ROBERT GRAHAM, Secretary of the Church Temperance Society, has recently held meetings and established societies at Jamaica and Oyster Bay, L. I., and at Yonkers and Newburgh. He has, we understand, engagements for months ahead, and expects to