

mittee reported the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted :—

Whereas the delegates from the different parts of the county attending the Convention have reported that the amount of liquor sold in the towns and villages is

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and in the rural districts has practically ceased altogether; that the condition of families formerly in a state of misery through drunkenness is much improved; and that many who were formerly opposed to the Act are now speaking in its favour; and whereas the public records show that during the last sixteen months (setting aside convictions made for violations of the Scott Act) crime has decreased about seventy per cent. in the county, and that at the sittings of the last three Assize Courts there were no criminal cases on the docket. *Resolved*, that the Act is a success and that it is doing all that the most sanguine could reasonably expect it would do to decrease drunkenness in the county. After a vote of thanks to the papers represented by reporters at the Convention, the Convention adjourned subject to the call of the President and Secretary; the President, Rev. M. C. Cameron, closing the exercises with the benediction.

G. E. T. S.

The Toronto Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society has announced an immense mass-meeting to be held in the Pavillion of the Horticultural Gardens, Toronto, on the evening of Monday, March 3rd. Prominent and able representatives of different denominations will deliver addresses. The preceding day, Sunday, the 2nd, has been set apart by the Bishop as a temperance Sunday. It is expected that special sermons on the subject of temperance will be preached on that day in all the Episcopalian churches.

A branch of the C. of E. Temperance Society has been established in connection with St. George's Church, Guelph. Mr. Hoyles, of Toronto, attended on Friday, the 4th, to give the benefit of his experience to the new branch, and gave a very interesting and impressive speech. In the opening address the Archdeacon gave his reasons for supporting the C. of E. T. S. on its two-fold basis. He held that the Church was the grand Temperance Society, and that we are bound at our baptism to recognize this, for we are pledged to keep our bodies in temperance, soberness and chastity. And further, it is impressed upon us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost, and whosoever defileth that temple him will God destroy. The C. of E. T. S. is based on this doctrine, recognizing temperance as the law of the Gospel, and tota' abstinence as a rule of expediency in certain cases. He denounced the fanaticism of those who in very intemperate language denounced the temperate use of wine as a crime, and even followed the heresy of the Gnostics, forbidding the wine our Saviour enjoined, thus vitiating and profaning the Sacrament. At a subsequent meeting held on the 7th, a large number joined the new society, about equal numbers in the two branches. It was determined further, on the recommendation of the Archdeacon and Rev. Mr. Irving, that the constitution of the branch in the Episcopal Church in the United States be adopted as much better adapted to the social circumstances of this country and its requirements, than that of the English church. Both societies are on the same two-fold basis of temperance and total abstinence. —*Dominion Churchman.*

A well attended meeting took place in St. Peter's schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, on the occasion of the inauguration of a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The chair was occupied by the rector, Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, who, in opening the proceedings, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large company present, and trusted that all would join the society. Dr. Snelling delivered an earnest, practical address on temperance work in this diocese, after which an adjournment took place, during which refreshments were served. Pledge books were also sent round, and about eighty persons took one or other of the four pledges of the society. On resuming, Mr. Lye gave a song, and the proceedings concluded with an address by Mr. S. Caldecott, in which he called attention to some of the admitted evils of the use of liquors, many of which were of a startling character, markedly the increasing number of "women tipplers," of which Toronto appeared to have a very large number. He urged self-abrogation, sympathy, per-

sonal effort, and combination as essential to the reformation of the intemperate, and the advancement of the grand cause of temperance reform in Canada.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

THE GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO met in Ottawa on Tuesday the 22nd inst. We hope to give our readers a full report of its proceedings next week.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

A NEW DISTRICT LODGE, a grand convention of representatives from the Lodges of the county of York and the city of Toronto was held on Thursday of last week in the Hall of the Toronto Union Lodge on Yonge street, Toronto. Fourteen Lodges were represented. The meeting was very enthusiastic. The chair was taken by Bro. F. S. Spence, Toronto District Deputy, who stated the object for which the convention was called.

After a number of earnest addresses, resolutions were carried in favor of organization and a District Lodge was at once formed. The following officers were elected :—

W. C. T.,	Bro. John Morrison,	Dominion Lodge.
W. V. T.,	Sister Mason,	Woodbridge "
W. S.,	Bro. C. Hollingshead,	Woodbridge "
W. F. S.,	Bro. W. Norris,	Union Star "
W. T.,	Sister Smellie,	St. John's "
W. M.,	Bro. J. Leake,	Unity "
W. I. G.,	Sister C. Ward,	Union Star "
W. O. G.,	Bro. Brown,	Weston "
W. Chap.,	Rev. Bro. McCollum.	Carleton Union "
P. W. C. T.,	Bro. Sanderson,	Richmond Hill "
W. R. H. S.,	Sister Miller,	St. John's "
W. L. H. S.,	Sister Jackson,	Dominion "
W. D. M.,	Sister Leake,	Unity "
W. A. S.,	Sister Cordingly,	Albion "

The newly elected officers were then installed by Bro. G. J. Fanner, York County Deputy.

In the evening an open meeting was held under the auspices of the Toronto Union Lodge. The hall was crowded. Bro. Morrison, Dist. W. C. T., presided. A carefully prepared address was delivered on "The Science of Temperance," by Bro. Spence, Dist. Dep. The audience was remarkably appreciative and interested. Other members kindly contributed literary and musical selections.

On Saturday night the Toronto District Lodge met in Wolsley Hall, and resolved to merge its identity in the newly-formed Lodge, cordially approving of its formation.

We take the following encouraging notes of progress from *Truth*, the official organ of the G. L. of Canada :

NEW LODGE.—At Ancaster, Wentworth County, a new lodge was instituted by Bro. R. W. Dingle, of Dundas, assisted by the members of his lodge. "Mountain Village" Lodge begins work with good prospects of success. Meetings every Tuesday evening. James E. Ritchie, L. D.; Sister Jackson, W. V.; Bro. Jackson, W. S.; J. Collins, W. T.; G. McCrimmon, W. F. S.; J. Crooks, W. M. Bro. Dingle since writes, saying: "The last time I visited the new lodge they initiated five new members and several proposals were received. They are doing well."

HAMPDEN, GREY CO.—Bro. T. C. Smith, L. D., of the newly organized lodge, writes :—"At a public meeting held in the school house, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th, it was decided by those present to form a temperance society in connection with the I. O. Good Templars. On Wednesday, Dec. 12th, the officers of Refuge Lodge initiated thirty-eight persons into the Order and organized the lodge, to be known as Hampden Lodge, No. 133. The officers were installed by Bro. C. Ramage, L. D., of Refuge Lodge. There is a lively interest being taken in the Lodge just now, which I hope may continue. Eight persons have joined us since the organization, making a present total of forty-six members in less than a month. If they continue to come in as it is thought they will, I trust to have a good report for another quarter."

ANOTHER NEW LODGE.—On Friday evening of last week "Peninsula" Lodge was instituted in the city of St. Catharines with twenty-four charter members, by Bro. T. W. Casey, G. W. S. The new lodge is composed of excellent material, being all active and