

The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year: George H. Morgan, G. W. C. T.; S. T. Parsons, G. Counsellor; Mrs. L. A. Welch, G. W. V. T.; N. J. Gibson, G. W. Sec. and Treas.; George W. Price, G. W. M.; Miss Belle Sloan, G. W. D. M.; J. B. Holloway, Messenger; H. A. Lowes, G. W. Chap.; W. L. Carter, Sentinel; Miss Mary Wolfenden, G. W. Guard; Miss Jennie A. Dawes, C. J. T.

The Committee on Official Organ made a report recommending the *Good Templar* to the Order, and making an appropriation of two hundred dollars to aid its publishers in its publication.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

THE SONS AND THE ALLIANCE.

The following extracts from the annual address of the G. W. P. of Quebec show clearly the position of the S. of T. in reference to the question of Prohibition and the work of the Alliance:—

"The Alliance, during the past year, has proved its usefulness beyond all cavil."

"No other organization can so readily unite and concentrate whatever temperance sentiment exists in the different political parties, churches, and open and close societies."

"The action of the Alliance Executive in providing for the regular defence of the constitutionality of the 'Canada Temperance Act' before the Privy Council in England, and the patient, watchful supervision over the progress of the License Act through the Dominion Parliament, is worthy of the commendation of every friend of temperance."

"To promote correct thinking on the temperance question the 'Alliance' is circulating the works of some of the best writers of the day, dealing with the subject in its bearing on social, political, religious, financial, and other phases of the reform."

"As Sons of Temperance we can give the Alliance our hearty support."

"One of the best methods of aiding the Alliance is by strengthening our subordinate divisions—the more numerous and active the force behind the Alliance the more influential and powerful it will be as a political agent."

"One of the best features in the License Act adopted by the Dominion Parliament last session is the clause prohibiting grocers from selling intoxicating liquors. I believe the 'Alliance' would be doing a good work in agitating for a similar law in connection with hotels."

"There is no good reason why a bar-room for retailing intoxicating liquors should be considered necessary in the equipment of a hotel."

"I believe the majority of tourists and travellers in Canada are total abstainers, they have a right to be protected from contact with the unpleasant associations inseparable from the public bar-room."

"Managers of hotels are, as a rule, active and enterprising; by prohibiting the running of bar-rooms on their premises they would no longer have a pecuniary interest in the liquor traffic, and it would thereby be deprived of a large number of respectable supporters."

"Certainly, by narrowing the limits of the liquor traffic the position of the temperance reformers will be strengthened and their work made easier."

We should hail the success of a law suppressing hotel bar-rooms as an immense stride towards the total prohibition of the liquor traffic."

GENERAL.

The Provincial S. S. Convention has just closed its annual session at Cobourg. The subject of Temperance had a prominent place on the programme. An address was delivered by Mr. F. S. Spence, and a memorial from the W. C. T. U. was presented by Mrs. A. Andrews, who also spoke very effectively. The Convention unanimously adopted a very strongly worded resolution in favor of the Temperance movement.

The first regular meeting for the season of the Cathedral branch of the Church of England Temperance Society in St. James School house, Toronto, last Monday night, was one of the most successful held by the branch for some time. Rev. Dyson Hague gave an address on the history and general advancement of the Society in the Old Country and Canada, showing that in the last ten years the membership roll had been increased by 500,000 names. Mr. F. S. Spence spoke on the properties of alcohol, and its effect on

the human body, and showed the physical as well as moral benefits which result from abstinence from intoxicating liquors. A number of musical and literary selections were given by various members of the Society, among which a song by the Misses Parsons, recitations and readings by Master Geo. Stagg and Mr. Oliver Howland were worthy of notice. At the close of the meeting, which was a very large one, numbers came forward and enrolled themselves as members of the Society.

The fourth annual meeting of the Toronto Christian Mission was held last night in Old St. Andrews Church. The Missionary, Rev. H. Melville, read an interesting report of his past year's work. He had pressed the claims of the Society personally before thirty-four churches. Meetings had been held in Albert Hall, and 350 signatures to the pledge had been secured. Stirring addresses were then delivered by Mr. Robert McLean, Rev. J. Antliffe, Dr. Geikie, and Mr. Burgess. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. G. M. Milligan; Vice-President, Rev. H. D. Powis; Directors, Rev. John Smith, Rev. J. C. Antliff, Rev. W. H. Laird, Messrs. A. Farley, T. Wardell, James Dobson, W. Burgess, J. Spence, Wilkinson, H. M. Graham, V. Cozens, and D. Archibald. The Society will organize a Blue Ribbon Club next Thursday evening in the Mission Church on Elm and University streets. Public meetings will be held on Sundays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., as well as on other evenings of the week.

The Toronto West End Christian Temperance Society held its annual tea-meeting in St. Andrew's Hall on the Thursday evening of last week. After tea the chair was taken by the president, Mr. Arthur Farley, who gave an exceedingly interesting epitome of the Society's history. It has now been in operation eight years, and at its meetings 8,000 persons have signed the pledge in addition to an enrolled pledged membership of 2,000. Branches had been formed in different places, and there had also been organized two Bands of Hope with an aggregate membership of 2,000. Their history was full of encouragement and their future full of promise.

The secretary's report was read and adopted.

Strongly-worded resolutions were carried. 1. Pledging support to the movement for the erection of a new hall. 2. Strongly censuring the City Council's action to refer to grocer's licenses and calling upon electors to support candidates for municipal offices who would pledge themselves to endeavor to do away with this useless and dangerous form of license, and 3, favoring the circulation of Temperance Literature and specially commending THE CANADA CITIZEN to public support.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Cullen and Messrs. Joseph Tait, Thos. Bengough, Miller, W. Munn and F. S. Spence.

The brass band of the Dominion Bolt Co. added to the interest of the meeting.

Temperance Societies among the British soldiers in India were formed 45 years ago, and their suppression, under some misguided idea of discipline, was a great loss both to the State and to the soldiers. Their revival and official recognition of late years is a subject for great congratulation; and, as everyone knows, or ought to know, the chief mover in this good work has been the Rev. J. Gelson Gregson, who has furnished the following return, under date June 8th:—

Annual Return of Abstainers in India.

Royal Engineers.....	60
Royal Artillery.....	1,493
Cavalry.....	584
Infantry.....	9,469
	11,496
Railways.....	626
In Egypt.....	1,499
	13,499

Temperance Honors Awarded.

Six Months' Cards of Honor.....	3,597
One year Silver Medals.....	1,682
Two " Bar.....	660
Three " Star.....	263
Four " Bar.....	99
Five " Star.....	98
Special " Medals.....	52
Afghan " Bar.....	11

6,492

The strength of the army is 60,000, so that we have *one-fifth* of the men total abstainers.—*Casket*.