

carrying on the year's work amounted to over \$58,000, nearly all of which was raised by voluntary contributions of friends of the cause who understand and appreciate the great work being done by this organization.

Results Attained.

On the lines just mentioned the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance has been instrumental in limiting the hours of the sale of liquor, prohibiting all sale of liquor to minors, and by steady, persistent pressure has succeeded in reducing the number of licenses, so that, whereas 6,185 were issued for the year ending April 30th, 1875, the number issued for the year ending April 30th, 1910, was only 2,200. The returns for the year ending April 30, 1912, have not yet been made public, but from advance figures we may put the total at 1,836. The many victories won last January ensure another cutting down for the year that began on May 1st. There are now about 1,750 liquor-selling places in the Province of Ontario. This reduction has been secured, notwithstanding a great increase of population. It has secured total prohibition of the liquor traffic in many localities. The Alliance efforts have also secured very much better enforcement of the law in every part of the Province.

The sentiment that has made possible and practicable this great progress has been the outcome of the earnest labors of many preachers, teachers and workers. Without that sentiment the Alliance would have been ineffective. Without such an agency as the Alliance the sentiment could not have been concentrated so as to make it effective. The representative plan, the large convention, the full discussion, have resulted in ensuring safe,

wise, practical demands, and such results as could not have been attained in any other way. The value of the Alliance efforts has also been great in preventing bad legislation and rousing public opinion to oppose and thwart every retrogressive proposition that has been made.

Work Done.

Few people know the vast amount of work that the Ontario Branch of the Alliance manages to perform. It is always steadily at work holding meetings, rousing public opinion, and seeking to promote local organization of the temperance vote so as to make it effective in election contests.

Great quantities of temperance literature are circulated dealing with different phases of work. One of the most important services rendered in this connection is the maintaining of *The Pioneer*, with its weekly circulation of 20,000 copies, known and quoted throughout the world as an authoritative and reliable source of information.

In the referendum contest the literature prepared and supplied by the Alliance reached the magnitude of more than thirteen and a half million pages.

The roll of officers of the Alliance from time to time has contained the name of every prominent citizen identified with the great temperance reform in this Province during its existence. The list to-day includes men and women who are recognized leaders in the thought and life of the land, and whose aid is cheerfully and willingly given to this important phase of social reform.

An Encouraging Record.

This record of more than a quarter of a century of work and progress is full of encouragement. We may sometimes think that our advance is slow,

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