

TEMPERANCE AND HYGIENE EXAMINATIONS

The presentation of medals by the Canadian Temperance League to the successful pupils in the temperance and hygiene examinations at the public schools is now looked forward to with great interest by the citizens, and particularly the school children, of Toronto. Although this step on the part of the League was somewhat of an innovation, the success attained is most gratifying to the friends of temperance.

The Canadian Temperance League was organized in Toronto on the 22nd of November, 1889, and on April 28th, 1890, became an incorporated body. The charter members were twenty-three in number. Mr. J. S. Robertson, who for the past four years has been president, may justly be said to have been the founder of the League, and upon him devolved the duties of drafting the constitution and taking other initial steps. Though among the younger of the societies of the country, it is now widely known throughout the Dominion, its promoters being active and aggressive workers. The Sunday meetings held in the Horticultural pavilion for six months of the year have been made one of the principal features of the organization.

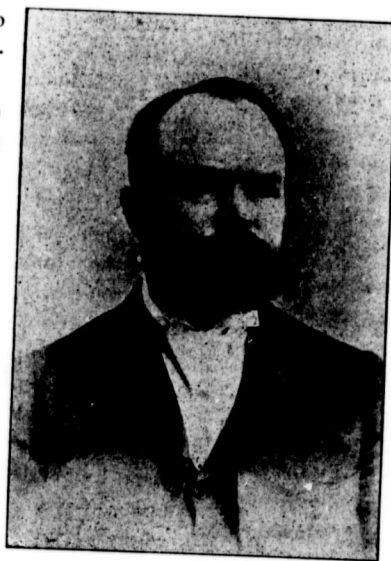
The encouragement of the study of

temperance in the public schools has been another object of the League. It is now four years since permission was secured from the Board of School Trustees to present a medal each year to the pupil who should pass the most successful examination in temperance and hygiene. We need scarcely mention that these subjects now form part

of the public school curriculum. According to the statement of Mr. James L. Hughes, Inspector of Public Schools, these examinations extend over some 5,000 pupils in the fourth and fifth book classes, whilst over 20,000 pupils attending the public schools of Toronto receive instruction in temperance.

The presentation of the League medal each year resulted in three other medals being presented at the examinations in

Toronto this mid-summer. A second prize of a silver medal for the examination in temperance was given by Trustee Davis, while Dr. Noble, also a trustee, offered a gold medal to the boy who would write the best essay on the evil uses of tobacco. Both boys and girls, however, wrote on this subject, Inspector Hughes presenting a supplementary medal to the girl writing the best essay. As a part of the temperance and hygiene



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