

**N. B. TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE**

The Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance was held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, Fredericton, on Thursday, March 13th, 1930. The various sections of the province were well represented. Mr. C. N. Vroom presided. The devotional periods at the sessions were conducted by Rev. L. H. MacLean, of Newcastle, in the morning, and Rev. Milton Addison, of Petitcodiac, in the afternoon.

Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, of St. Stephen, was elected Convention Secretary.

The minutes of the semi-annual convention were read and confirmed.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed. Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, Rev. Milton Addison, C. E. Picketts, W. M. Burns, A. C. M. Lawson and Rev. A. W. Robertson.

The Resolution Committee: Dr. J. M. Palmer, Rev. G. W. Tilley, Rev. P. J. Trafton, Rev. Dr. H. E. Thomas, T. A. Clarke, F. S. Creed, B. T. Marsten, Rev. A. K. Herman and W. G. Clarke.

Mr. B. T. Marsten presented the Treasurer's report showing receipts of \$2,347.99 and expenditure amounting to \$2,328.37, leaving cash on hand amounting to \$19.62. The bills outstanding were much less than the year previous and it is hoped to wipe out the deficit in a short time, Mr. Vroom acting as financial secretary and organizer until a general secretary is secured by the Executive. The Bulletin will be published by a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. H. E. Thomas, Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick and C. N. Vroom, and as their services will be given it will lessen the expense to the Alliance.

The following important resolutions were enthusiastically adopted:

1. In view of the fact that N. B. is often publicly listed among the provinces reverting from Prohibition to Government Sale of Liquor, we emphasize the fact that the present law is in force only by reason of the gross betrayal of the temperance people by those in authority, one of its basest acts of treachery in the whole history of the province, and we believe that those who are guilty should be held to strict account.

2. The sale of liquor as carried on by the government last year has shown a large increase over the preceding year, with an inevitable result of increased drunkenness, crime and hardship.

Young men and women who have never seen the open bars of former years, and are therefore ignorant of the gross evils attending the free use of strong drink, are now being lured into the body-and-soul destroying habit of drink, through the encouragement of a government that thinks it no dishonour to treat a solemn pledge to the electorate as a mere scrap of paper.

3. To offset the spreading cause of intemperance we urge renewed efforts on the part of all total abstinence organizations for the extension and strengthening of their work, believing that it will require a generation of education and persuasion to overcome the evil that has been wrought by drink in the last two and a half years, and we also commend to the churches a more insistent educational campaign. Your executive therefore recommend that we should put our strength in the direction of creating a body of public opinion opposed to the beverage sale of alcohol:

(a) That the Board of Education provide a special course of scientific temperance instruction to be given in the Provincial Normal School. (b) Whereas the information given in the text now in use in Grades 1 to 8 in the public schools of this province regarding the action of alcohol on the human body is very meagre and inadequate; therefore resolved that a more modern and complete text book be provided for the teachers in the public schools, and that the said teachers be requested to devote at least twenty minutes per week for each class, giving special attention to oral teaching in this important subject. (c) That each Sunday School have a temperance programme at least quarterly. (d) That young people's organizations that meet on week nights have special programmes for temperance and a yearly campaign for pledged abstainers.

4. Our president acting as Field Secretary has travelled largely over the province in an endeavour to arouse and stimulate temperance sentiment. In the ten months he has laid a good foundation for the future.

5. Four issues of the Bulletin have been issued and we would recommend that steps be taken to insure its regular continuance.

6. The question of financing our work is an all important one and your executive recommends:

(a) That the usual annual appeal be made to those who have been generous givers.

(b) That through the local branches and committees of the Alliance, an annual canvass be made for smaller amounts and ordinary membership fees.

(c) That all temperance organizations be asked to contribute annually.

(d) That each church be asked to make an annual contribution.

7. Your executive makes protest against the policy of the authorities in advertising the liquor business through the press and literature for the purpose of increasing revenue from the liquor business.

8. In a short time the electors will be called upon to exercise their franchise in a provincial election. The settled policy of the Alliance is stated as follows: "The Alliance will maintain its complete independence of any political party affiliation, yet it cannot consistently do otherwise than give determined opposition to any party standing for the sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes. The Alliance stands ready as in the last election, to give its full influence to any party which will agree to restore the prohibitory law so shamefully taken from us. In cases where candidates in the field are not satisfactory from a temperance standpoint, it is urged that prohibition candidates be nominated and supported.

9. That the Executive make efforts to establish local units of the Alliance wherever possible, giving thereafter direction and encouragement so that all human resources available for temperance effort may be sought and co-ordinated for the programme of the Alliance.

10. That we commend very earnestly to all Christian people in our province that they seek the help of God in prayer that this liquor traffic may be overthrown, and that righteousness may prevail.

11. That the following telegram be forwarded to the Premier of Canada: "The N. B. Temperance Alliance now in session emphatically endorses the proposed bill making illegal the clearing of liquor to U. S. A."

12. Resolutions of appreciation to C. N.

Vroom, Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick and B. T. Marsten.

13. Resolution of thanks to Trustees of Baptist Church for the use of their Hall for the convention.

New Executive elected as follows:  
President—Rev. Theodore Ross, Sussex.  
Vice-President—T. A. Clarke, Newcastle.  
Secretary—Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, St. Stephen.

Treasurer—B. T. Marsten, Plaster Rock.

Additional Members:

C. N. Vroom, St. Stephen.  
Donald Fraser—Plaster Rock.  
W. G. Clarke—Fredericton.  
Rev. M. Addison—Petitcodiac.  
Rev. Dr. H. E. Thomas—St. John.  
Rev. H. A. Goodwin—St. John.  
F. L. Atherton—Woodstock.  
Hanford Price—Moncton.  
Moses Mitchell—Fredericton.  
F. S. Creed—Sussex.  
W. M. Burns—Fredericton,  
Rev. M. S. Mason—Fredericton.  
Rev. P. J. Trafton—Moncton.

President of Provincial W. C. T. U., G. W. P. of Sons of Temperance, G. I. T., I. O. G. T.

The Convention was a rousing one and it was pervaded with a deeply spiritual note and the closing moments of reverent prayer will not soon be forgotten.

**REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, DISTRICT NO. 3**

The Sunday School Convention of District No. 3 convened at Wood Island on March 12, 1930. The first meeting was held on Wednesday evening, with Pres. Rev. C. R. Hagerman in the chair. Rev. F. A. Dunlop brought a good message to the representatives of the schools entitled "Needs of the Sunday School Executive." It is a pity that there were not more to hear it.

The business meeting was held on Thursday afternoon. Singing, Scripture (Titus II.) and prayer by Revs. F. A. Dunlop and Mrs. H. C. Saunders. President in the chair.

Percy Green was elected secretary pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Roll call found the following ministers and delegates present.

Ministers—  
Revs. F. A. Dunlop, C. R. Hagerman, Mrs. H. C. Sanders, Lic. P. H. Green.

Delegates—  
Wood Island—Chester Green.  
Seal Cove—Mrs. W. H. Gordon.  
North Head—Rev. Mrs. H. C. Sanders.

Reports from the different schools were read, all seemed encouraging, and were accepted.

Voted that the Convention Executive secure the services of some competent person to visit the churches of this district in May in the interest of S. S. work.

Offering at Wednesday evening meeting .....\$2.98  
Calais ..... 1.50  
Wood Island ..... 2.00  
Seal Cove ..... 2.00

Total .....\$8.48

Addresses were then given by Mrs. H. C. Sanders, Rev. C. R. Hagerman, also by Henry Benson. Mrs. W. H. Gordon and Percy Green. Feel that much profit was obtained by the convention meeting.

Meeting adjourned.  
P. H. GREEN, Sec. pro tem