

Electoral District Prohibition Alliances, Leagues or Central Committees, branches of the W. C. T. U., Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, Lodges of the I. O. G. T., Councils of the R. T. o' T., branches of the League of the Cross, prohibition clubs, any prohibition or temperance organizations, church congregations, Young Men's Christian Associations, Salvation Army corps, Societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, branches of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Baptist Young People's Unions, and other young people's associations in connection with church work. Ontario members of the council of the Dominion Alliance elected from representative ecclesiastical temperance and prohibition bodies, members of the Executive Committee of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, Ontario members of Parliament and members of the Provincial Legislature in favor of prohibition will also be members of the convention.

Temperance Legislation League.

The Temperance Legislation League held their regular meeting at the W. C. T. U. headquarters, Elm street, last evening, Rev. J. E. Starr in the chair, when a resolution was passed protesting against the delay announced by Hon. Mr. Ross, but at the same time the incident was regarded as justification for the league's existence. Progress was reported in regard to the district organizations, which are being formed by the league in the city. Mr. John A. Nicholls, organizer, declared the postponement an insult to the 200,000 men who voted for the liquor act and to the temperance sentiment of Ontario.

The Chairman said the present situation called for consideration, and remarked that a "self-appointed deputation which had acted in a very irresponsible way, so far as the alliance was concerned," had waited on the Premier on Wednesday. Many members of the Legislation League were upon the alliance, but there were some things of which they did not hear anything until they were over. He then read from a report of the Premier's reply, which concluded with the promise that he would introduce the bill early next session.

A Long Wait.

"Next century," remarked Rev. Dr. Cleaver, amid some laughter.

The Chairman thought he might suggest a line of action. He had Conservative leanings, he said, if any, but he confessed he did not feel like saying very hard things against the Premier. When he replied to the deputation in January, he had said his action would depend upon the views of his followers. That was common sense, and his latest statement only emphasized the Legislation League's view that if they wanted prohibition or to banish the bar the one thing to do was to unite upon independent political action. He proposed a resolution which, after reciting the circumstances, called on temperance people to unite in furthering independent political action.

Mr. L. Duncan asked how many thousands could be got to wait upon the Government.

"All the deputations you could get would not fizz. That is the result of your bad education in the alliance," was the Chairman's reply.

Miss Lottie Wiggins said she did not blame Mr. Ross. The thing to do was to organize their forces. If she went on another deputation she would like to go like Carrie Nation. She did not believe in going up praying and getting insulted.

Spence in Bad Company.

Mr. L. Duncan protested against the smallness of Wednesday's deputation, when they might have had 10,000 with them. The balance of the clan had got situations with the Government and had said good-bye to the cause. He respected Mr. Spence, but he had very little respect for those who went with him.

Mr. George Coatsworth thought the deputation deserved thanks for gaining information they all wanted to know.

Rev. S. J. Duncan-Clark moved a

resolution, as follows:—"Whereas the hon. Premier has declared the intention of his Government to postpone their response to the demand of the people at the recent referendum until the next session of the Legislature, resolved, that the Temperance Legislation League expresses its emphatic protest at this further trifling with the wishes of the people, and calls the attention of the voters to this fresh evidence of the need of independent political action."

Mr. William Munns, who was a candidate in North York in February, adverted to his own experiences, and impressed, amid laughter, the need of organization in the rural constituencies for the protection of the individual, as well as society.

Mr. Clark's resolution was carried without opposition, and after general discussion on the need of work and an account by Mr. W. H. Orr of the recent interview the meeting adjourned for a fortnight.