

### Temperance Mass Meeting.

According to notices given the previous Sunday in both churches a Mass Meeting of ladies and gentlemen to "consider an important proposition" was held in the Congregational church, Jan. 20th at 3 o'clock p. m. Mr. C. G. Boise was elected chairman, and J. J. Wamberg Esq. secretary. Mr. J. A. Lang stated the object of the meeting to be to consider what steps can be taken to abate the liquor nuisance. Remarks were made by Rev. M. L. Stimson, Mrs. Stevens, Messrs C. J. Paul, E. D. Wallace, and O. H. Quimby.

C. G. Boise, J. J. Wamberg, M. L. Stimson, C. J. Paul and O. H. Quimby were appointed a Committee on Resolutions to be presented to the State Legislature and to the Trustees of the town of Hope, to report to an adjourned meeting.

H. D. Carpenter, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Philip were appointed a committee to recommend a plan for a Temperance organization. The meeting then adjourned.

The adjourned meeting was held at the same place January 27th.

In the absence of Mr. Wamberg, Rev. M. L. Stimson was made secretary.

Mr. C. G. Boise read the report of the committee on Resolutions. The report was taken up for consideration paragraph by paragraph, and discussed by C. J. Paul, Laor King, J. C. Lang, M. L. Stimson, E. D. Wallace, E. H. Badger and H. D. Carpenter. The report as amended was adopted.

E. H. Badger, J. C. Lang and E. D. Wallace were appointed a committee to secure signatures to the petition and present it to the town trustees.

A PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY A MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS OF HOPE, N. D., AND VICINITY, JAN. 26th, 1890.

WHEREAS: We, citizens of Hope township in Mass Meeting assembled this 26th day of Jan. 1891, are alarmed at the recent increase of drunkenness among us, and in the present condition of legislature on the subject of the sale of intoxicating liquors are helpless to enforce the intent of the State Constitution. Therefore.

RESOLVED: That we do earnestly pray the Honorable the legislature of the State of North Dakota, for the immediate re-enactment of prohibitory laws in accordance with the intent here-in of the State Constitution, with penalties affixed sufficient to uphold the dignity of the law.

RESOLVED: That we request the Hon. W. J. Skinner, our Representative in the State Legislature, to present this our desire and prayer with the Preamble thereto, to the Hon. the House of Representatives now in session.

RESOLVED: That we do urge our State Senator, the Hon. F. G. Eger, and our Representatives, the Hon. W. J. Skinner, and the Hon. W. T. McCulloch to use their utmost endeavors and influence to hasten the re-enactment by the State Legislature of Prohibitory Laws in accordance with the will of the people as expressed in the Constitution of the state.

RESOLVED: That the chairman and secretary of this meeting are hereby instructed to sign and forward copies of these Resolutions to the Hon. F. G. Eger, the Hon. W. T. McCulloch and the Hon. W. J. Skinner, at Bismarck, N. D.

#### PETITION.

*To the Trustees of the Town of Hope, Greeting:*

We the undersigned, citizens of Hope and vicinity, believing that the moral welfare of the community demands the enforcement of ordinances as described below, and that no honest interests of its citizens will be exposed or hindered thereby, respectfully request the Trustees of the town of Hope, North Dakota, to pass and enforce ordinances to the intent:

FIRST: That saloons, billiard halls and all places where liquors are or shall be sold be closed to business from 10 o'clock p. m. daily until 6 o'clock a. m. of the following day.

SECOND: That keepers of billiard halls, saloons and all places where liquors are or shall be sold be requested to remove shades, and colored and ground glass from the lower half of all windows next to public highways, and all screens or similar objects within doors or windows which obstruct the view of the interior of their places of business, and that they be requested to conduct their business in the same open and public manner as is commonly done by all traders which are undeniably useful in a community.

THIRD: That all places where liquors are or shall be sold be closed on Sundays.

FOURTH: That a proper and sufficient ordinance be passed to punish any person or persons who shall sell or give to or in any way procure intoxicating liquor for any minor, and to prevent any minor or minors frequenting any saloon, billiard hall, or other place where intoxicating liquors are sold.

FIFTH: And the enactment of any other ordinance within the legal powers of the Trustees which shall abolish or diminish the evils of intemperance and gambling in our town.

Mr. H. D. Carpenter read the report of the committee on temperance organization.

The report was accepted and it was voted to consider the proposed Constitution paragraph by paragraph.

It was voted to consider the pledges first adopted be passed for signatures and those signing be members to vote on the adoption of the constitution. The following pledge was adopted and signed by seventeen persons.

We the undersigned realizing the terrible and growing evils of intemperance and gambling in our midst and believing the time as come when something must be done for their suppression, and believing that such work can best be accomplished by united effort, do hereby pledge ourselves to each other and to God:

FIRST: To work with united effort for the suppression of these vices.

SECOND: That we solemnly promise we will not make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage any intoxicating drinks including wine, beer, and cider.

THIRD: That we will not buy or sell chances, or indulge in any form of gambling.

It was voted that the chairman and secretary of this meeting serve in that capacity in the Temperance society until the constitution is adopted.

On account of the lateness of the hour it was voted to adjourn until Monday, Feb. 2, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

M. L. SIMMONS, Sec.