

The opinion that "No Sabbath School complete unless a Band of Hope be attached therewith," is fast becoming generally accepted, and hence, during the last few years, efforts have been put forth to establish Bands of Hope in connection with Sabbath Schools of almost every denomination. But, unfortunately, for want of some organization by which every Band of Hope should receive help and encouragement, many that began well ceased to exist, and others endured so feebly that they

the principles of temperance to every Sabbath school and educational institution in the district. Since the commencement of the Union it has been rapidly increasing, and by the appointment of speakers and visitors, the spread of temperance literature, and other similar means, it is now rendering valuable aid to *sixty-five Bands of Hope*, and has thus brought within its influence upwards of *twenty thousand young people* who are at stated periods addressed by a voluntary staff of *eighty speakers*.

COUNCIL MEETING.

THE usual monthly meeting of the Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire Band of Hope Union was held on Wednesday evening, June 14th, at 51, Piccadilly.

The chairman, Mr. E. Barton, presided. There was a very fair attendance of representatives from the various societies in the Union. The arrangements for the Annual Park Demonstration and Free Trade Hall Band of Hope Festival occupied most of the evening. It was decided that the demonstration for No. 1 District, in Queen's Park, should take place on Saturday, July 8th; that for No. 2 District, in Peel Park, on Saturday, July 22nd; and No. 3 District, in Philip's Park, on Saturday, August 5th.

The sub-committee reported their proceedings in regard to the Grand Festival in the Free Trade Hall, the greater portion of which were confirmed, and it was resolved that arrangements should be made for holding it in September or October next.

It was also resolved that in future the Council meetings should be held on the second Thursday in each month, at 7.30 p.m., at 51, Piccadilly.

Orders for upwards of 2,000 copies of "ONWARD" were given in by the representatives. Several speakers were added to the Union list, and other important business transacted.

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