

HALDIMAND.—A gathering of the friends of the temperance cause met in the Baptist Church at 2.30 on the afternoon of Friday, 20th inst. The meeting was a representative one. Messrs. Grant, Forman and Randall being present, and many from the different denominations. Mr. Grant was elected to the chair, giving his opinion that the time for action in the temperance cause had arrived and urged the immediate formation of a County Convention, and the submission of the Scott Act to the people of Haldimand. Mr. Grant was followed by Messrs. Randall and Forman, who also declared in favor of the movement, and announced their intention of lending all their aid and influence in the cause of temperance in general, and the Scott Act in particular.

Mr. Huff gave a synopsis of his past work in connection with the temperance movement, and his opinion of the location and plan of conducting the convention. It was finally moved, seconded and almost unanimously carried that Hagersville be selected as the most advantageous point, the 5th of March being fixed as the date. The following committees were appointed:—Rev. Messrs. Grant, Randall and Forman, as a committee to work in conjunction with Mr. Huff in the present work; also Messrs. S. Llewellyn, S. W. Howard, R. C. Whittel, D. Caldwell and D. Forsyth, and Wm. Harrison (Chairman) as a Committee to arrange for the accommodation of all visiting delegates on the day of Convention. Mr. Huff is pushing the work energetically in this county, and is getting in an average of eight meetings per week up to the date of the County Convention. Urgent invitations will be circulated among all temperance workers to be present on that occasion. Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, and several prominent temperance orators are expected to be present. There will be two sessions of the Convention, and a grand mass meeting in the evening of the same day.—*Hagersville Times*.

OTTAWA.—At a recent meeting of the Chaudiere Lodge, No. 538, I.O.G.T., in this city, a very pleasing and appropriate interruption took place, business was suspended, the Lodge doors thrown open, and a deputation entered from the Carleton County Scott Act Association. Bro. E. Storr was called from his place in the Lodge and presented by Rev. G. M. Clarke, President of the Scott Act Association, with a costly and elegant water pitcher accompanied by the following address:—

To Mr. E. Storr, Ottawa:

DEAR SIR,—The Scott Act Association at their recent meeting unanimously passed a resolution expressive of their admiration of you as a temperance worker. They have not been unobservant of the steady, faithful interest you have manifested for many years in the advancement of temperance principles. Specially they desire to note your firmness and pluck in resisting every argument and effort to stay the people from testing at the polls their desire to have the Scott Act in force in the County of Carleton. And now that your determination, strengthened by many others of like spirit, has been successful, they unite with you in praising God for victory.

Their desire is that you may be spared many years to engage in philanthropic work, and as a token of their admiration of faithful devotion in a good cause, they present to you this piece of plate, as you see in the form of a water pitcher, which will remind you of one of God's choicest blessings—pure, sparkling water.

By order of the Scott Act Association,

G. M. CLARK, President.

J. McKELLAR, Treasurer.

Bro. Storr feelingly replied, thanking his co-workers for their kind mark of appreciation, and expressing his deep and unwavering interest in the great cause of moral reform. The president stated that his work was not yet finished, and calling upon T. H. Cluff, presented him with a very handsome gold chain and an address. Mr. Cluff responded in an earnest address, in which he paid high compliment to the zeal and efficiency of Bro. Storr and his other co-workers. Mr. John McKellar, county treasurer, then spoke complimenting Bros. Storr and Cluff, and stating how much the County Association was indebted to both these gentlemen for their valuable assistance in the recent campaign.

RENFREW.—A meeting was held in the Renfrew Temperance Hall, on Friday of last week, to close up the business of the County Alliance, in its Scott Act campaign, and to start afresh for the work of enforcing the Act when it comes into operation in May next; many of the outside municipalities were fairly represented.

The Auditor's Report showed that a little over \$500 had been expended by the Central Committee. The Pembroke Committee, which manages the work in some of the outlying townships, spent in addition about \$150. In addition to assistance to the Central Committee, many of the municipalities had expended further sums in local work.

The President, D. Halliday, Esq., delivered an opening address, the following extract from which will give an idea of the purpose for which the meeting had been called:—

"But we have yet more to do. The enemy is only scotched, not killed. It will therefore require all the energy and self-sacrifice that the Temperance Alliance can give to aid and encourage the officials of the laws to suppress the traffic and to bring law-breakers to punishment. It will devolve upon us, then, to complete the work so well begun,—to devise and put into execution measures and means that we may think the most effective in accomplishing the entire suppression of the liquor traffic."

A committee was appointed to procure a book or piece of plate and present it to the Secretary of the Co-Alliance as a memento of the campaign, in addition to the salary he had been paid.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, D. Halliday; 1st Vice-Pres., R. Airth, Sen.; 2nd Vice-Pres., J. W. O'Harro; Secretary, W. E. Smallfield; Treasurer, Geo. Eady, Jr.

Executive Committee:—The above officers; the Presidents of all Local branches of the Alliance; and Messrs. James Ward, A. A. Wright, A. Inglis, and G. W. McDonald.

The Secretary was instructed to suitably acknowledge the services rendered early in the campaign by Mr. F. S. Spence, the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. Local Branches were advised to form into Law and Order of Vigilance Committees, to collect information and prosecute infractions of the law, or to forward information to the Central Committee, on which the latter could prosecute. The Executive were empowered to communicate with Thos. Deacon, Esq., Q.C., to endeavor to secure his services as legal adviser of the Alliance.

A lengthy and thorough discussion followed on various topics brought forward in regard to the action to be taken to secure a thorough enforcement of the Act. From the ideas advanced, the Executive will prepare a scheme of action, to be presented to the Local Alliances and to the friends of temperance in unorganized districts, in time for pretty effective measures to be carried out in readiness for any possible contingencies that may arise after the first of May.—*Renfrew Mercury*.

TORONTO.—The West End Christian Temperance Society, held the usual weekly concert on Saturday night last in Occident Hall, when an excellent programme was presented. Mr. A. Farley President, occupied the chair. At the Sunday afternoon experience meeting, which was well attended, some stirring addresses were delivered by earnest temperance workers.

The regular weekly concert of the Temperance Reformation Society, was held same night in Temperance Hall. The hall was filled to the doors. The President, Mr. Isaac Wardell, occupied the chair. The programme was very pleasing, and was well carried out. The Sunday afternoon meeting held in the same place was very successful. Short addresses were delivered by persons interested in the work and were attentively listened to.

A large Scott Act meeting was held in the Salvation Army Barracks, Little Richmond Street, on Thursday evening of last week. Before the meeting opened the "Army" paraded Queen St. with torches, and headed by a band. As they passed the various saloons on the route they cheered lustily for the Scott Act. The hall was packed to the doors, many people being unable to enter.

Rev. Robt. Wallace gave an excellent address, in which he refuted the fallacious statements of the anti-prohibitionists in their declarations that the Scriptures sanctioned the use of intoxicating liquors. He also sketched the benefits resulting from the prohibitory law existing in Maine, of which he had a personal experience.

Whilst Mr. Wallace was speaking, Mr. F. S. Spence entered the hall with the good news of the splendid majority given for the Scott Act by the electors of Durham and Northumberland. The announcement was greeted with vociferous applause. Messrs. Farley and St. Leger also spoke briefly in favor of the Act, and after the singing of some hymns, the meeting closed.