

ately in other countries as well as in ours. Annually there are three great conventions of international or Supreme bodies, and each entails heavy expense on the already meagre funds that are available for Temperance and Prohibition work. When we consider these larger areas and operations, every disadvantage of separate local organization is magnified and intensified.

If in union there is strength, why should not these great bodies be united. In part of Canada, in part of the United States, in Great Britain, in Europe, and in Australia, there were, until recently, two separate I.O.G.T. Orders, but the wisdom of the workers decided that the division was a weakness and a defect. A conference of the heads of the rival societies resulted in a union that today is harmonious and complete. One world wide Good Templar organization numbers 800,000 members, and energies and means that before were unwisely and extravagantly working apart, and sometimes in antagonism, are now united in common warfare against a common foe. The United Templar Army is today vastly stronger than were both the separate organizations. We believe that equally good results would follow the union of Sons of Temperance, Good Templar and Royal Templars.

Union would be economy from a financial standpoint, it would be economy in time. In the hot contests of the present day we need all the money, energy and time that can be spared for campaign work. All of these needlessly spent in internal machinery and consultation are simply wasted.

Many persons who are members of three subordinate bodies, three Grand bodies, and three National or Supreme bodies, because they are anxious to work hand in hand with all who are striving for God and humanity, and home would be gainers by a union that would relieve them of the labor of keeping abreast of three sets of official details and leave two thirds of the power now so expended free for extra fighting. Sisters and brothers who belonged to any one society would be great gainers by a union that would make them more perfect units of the great whole number of the Temperance Reform Army, and give them a wider relationship with other workers. The cause we love and labor for, would be vastly benefitted in the fuller wisdom, ability, and financial strength that it would command.

From every standpoint from which we view it, we are inclined to regard Mr. Buchanan's suggestion favorably.

Of course there are difficulties in the way of union, but they are not insurmountable. The Christian charity to which we are all pledged, would cover a multitude of seeming impediments, and sweep away obstacles that are more imaginary than real. Even if complete union is not immediately discussed in detail, would it not be wise to have some steps taken, looking towards early mutual consultation and examination of the possibilities of the plan? At any rate, the idea is worthy of consideration, and we would invite workers of all the Orders to use the columns of the CANADA CITIZEN to express their views on this very important as well as interesting subject.

Correspondence.

Temperance Union

Editor Canada Citizen:

DEAR SIR: It goes without saying that a union of the Temperance Orders would be helpful to the common cause, and that any movement to that end would receive the support of all generous, broad-minded temperance workers. I noted with much satisfaction the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I.O.G.T., at its last Session, when the principles and methods of the Royal Templars were practically endorsed. Here was common ground for a union of these the leading Temperance Orders of the country. I fully expected this step would be followed by a proposal for union. No such motion appearing, I may be pardoned for simply suggesting, that the opportunity should not be permitted to pass without an effort in this direction. If these Orders have a common object, and are agreed as to methods, there is certainly no good reason

why they should continue to remain separate and distinct. I know that there are Royal Templars who will point to the remarkable progress and prosperity of their Order, and insist that it is well to leave good enough alone. Notwithstanding this satisfactory condition of affairs with the Royal Templars, I believe a proposition for union would be met in a generous spirit. I dictate this brief note on my own responsibility, and not as an official communication, but, inasmuch as the representative bodies of the Order have time and again endorsed the principle of union, and made it a special feature of the Society, I have no fear that I transgress the popular sentiment of the Order.

Yours in the work,

W. W. BUCHANAN.

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All Along the Lines.

Another \$100

At Chatham lately Robert Brier, S. Hickman and Michael Dyer were each fined \$50 and costs for Scott Act violation.

Convictions in Oxford

JAMES DENNIS, of the Dufferin House, Woodstock, Dr. Adams of the same town, and James Jones, of Washington, were all found guilty of Scott Act violation and were fined \$50 and costs.

More Convictions in Bruce

WILLIAM McBRIDE, FRANK Walker, Mrs. Harrigan, Alex. McKenzie, each paid over \$50 dollars and costs to Police Magistrate Vanstone at Kincardine not long ago, as a penalty for illegal liquor selling.

Another Outrage

A SPECIAL YOUNG despatch from Jackson, Miss., reports a brutal assault on Mr. T. B. Marshall, editor of the *School and Shield*, a strong prohibition paper. The assault was made by J. C. Caraway, a notorious saloon man.

In Memoriam

SECRET reference to the death of the late Right Worthy Grand Templar was made in the prayers and addresses at the Good Templar Gospel services in Hamilton on Sunday last, held at the same hour as the funeral at Evanston.

"When rogues fall out, etc."

MONTREAL saloonkeepers are not pulling in harness well with the licensed grocers. A meeting of the so-called "Licensed Victuallers' Association" has petitioned the Legislature to refuse the issue of any more grocer's licenses.

On a Trip

JOHN R. CLARK writes from Truro, Nova Scotia, that he is having a grand time in that Province. He is billed there and in New Brunswick for fifty-five nights, and expects to return to Ontario about the 2nd week in November.

A Father Matthew Society.

THE Roman Catholics of Toronto are moving on lines of temperance work. A meeting was held some days at St. Vincent's Hall, presided over by Rev. Father Hand and a decision was arrived at to at once organize a Father Matthew Temperance Association.

Attacking a Clergyman.

THE Woodstock Times published a bitter and coarse attack upon Rev. W. A. McKay, misrepresenting Mr. McKay's late address at Kincardine. The Rev. gentleman has replied in the columns of the *School and Shield* contradicting the misstatements and ably presenting his side of the controversy. The Times man certainly appears to be a disadvantage in the case.

No More Licenses for Toronto.

THE grand jury for the fall sessions of county of York, made their presentation on Saturday last in which we find the following statement, which is certainly not in advance of the general sentiment of our city. The grand jury venture to express the hope that although the boundaries of the city of Toronto have lately been extended it will not lead to any increase in the present number of liquor licenses.

The Silver Dollar

WE learn from our exchanges that Hon. Charles Smith, who has been four times elected for the New York State Legislature has fitted up perhaps the most gorgeous saloon in New York. He calls it the Silver Dollar and to carry out this name has had the floor inlaid with silver dollars and the handles of the beer pumps are mounted with the same coin. Altogether there are over \$750 to be seen around his bar room.

Middlesex Violators.

There is "no rest for the wicked" would be run seller in Middlesex county. Three energetic inspectors are after them permanently, and a fair-minded Police Magistrate deals out the justice that is so disastrous to the whisky business. On Friday of last week five cases came up for trial, W. Fraleigh, of St. John, and Wm. Starr pleaded guilty to first offences, and a fine of \$50 and costs was imposed upon each of them. Poor Starr was unable to pay and went to jail in default for two months. John Parker, of St. John's, confessed to a second offence and was fined \$100 and costs.

Who is to Blame?

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Exbridge Journal* complains bitterly that the Scott Act is being shamefully violated at Port Perry, that at the recent fair held in that town liquor was openly sold. The letter also charges the Port Perry newspapers with trucking to the rum power and seemingly fearing to take a straightforward manly position in defence of thorough law enforcement.

They Will Have to Wait.

THE Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry Anti Petition is at Ottawa. It is claimed that there are appended to it 6,000 signatures, and a deputation consisting of the Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and a Cornwall lawyer presented it to the Government. Our friends (the enemy) in the counties named, will, however, have to be patient a little longer, as their petition cannot be voted upon for six months to come.

In Stanstead, Que.

FROM the *Montreal Herald* we learn of the results of an interesting trial at Coaticook. The defence argued that Mr. R. G. Trenholm, one of the magistrates sitting on the case, was a member of the Temperance Alliance, and therefore disqualified from giving an impartial decision. The objection was overruled and the defendant Bordeaux was sentenced to pay fifty dollars and costs, or to be imprisoned for two months in default of payment.

Gaoled in Default.

SOME whisky roughs run an illicit liquor shop at Holstein, Grey county, recently while an agricultural exhibition was being held in that place. The license inspector made a raid upon the establishment, secured a quantity of liquor and entered prosecution against the sellers. One of them, named McKee, pleaded guilty, and was fined fifty dollars and costs; the amount not being forthcoming, he was committed to jail. Summonses are out for the other violators.

Parkdale W. C. T. U.

PARKDALE W. C. T. U. is in line for a big winter's work. Its annual meeting was held last week, when preparations were made for pushing operations with renewed energy. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mrs. Clements, President; Mrs. McMath, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. Dickson, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Morden, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. C. Howell, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Eccles, Treasurer. Superintendent of Departments:—Mrs. Aborombie, Press Work, Mrs. Hughes, Evangelistic; Mrs. McMath, Relief Fund, Mrs. Griffin, Unfermented Wine.—*Mail*

A.W.C.T.U. Declaration.

VANMONT W.C.T.U. has closed an interesting 13th annual session which was held at Woodstock. Miss F. E. Willard was present and aided materially by her eloquent addresses and wise counsel. Mrs. Esther, T. House of Brattleboro is the new President. One of the resolutions adopted was as follows:—

"Believing with our National organization, that the enforcer must be back of laws for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That we endorse the position of the N.W.C.T.U. with reference to lending our prayers and influence to the Prohibition Party."

Thirty Americans.

A NEW law which came into operation a couple of weeks ago at Detroit, providing for the closing of all saloons on Sundays, drove a good many Americans across the river to Windsor for their Sunday drinks. It seems that the Crooks Act was very loosely operated in Windsor, and an improvement is taking place. The chief of police and the license inspectors are said to be anxious to co-operate in preventing Sunday selling. Thirty Detroiters may as well stay home as try to get liquor on this side of the river. It is a disgraceful commentary on the laxity of enforcement of our license system, that even for a short time American bunnymen could get liquor in Canada more easily than at home.

A Prohibition Gain.

A friend writes us from Canington, Ont. Six. If men holding position in Scott Act counties would do their duty, we would not find much trouble in enforcing the law. Our exhibition is over, and there was very little liquor drunk during the three days, thanks to some of the directors who stood firm and said they would not rent the grounds to any one they believed would violate the law. The result was, there was not, I believe, a single glass of liquor sold on the grounds during the exhibition. Everything passed off quietly and in order; no quarrelling or fighting as is usual on such occasions. I would say for the town, and I have lived in it for twenty years—I never saw it so free from the curse, not a single drunken man. Hurrah for Prohibition!

It Works in Elgin County

IN ELGIN COUNTY, James Lowby, of Tabbotville, who was in jail at St. Thomas has got out by paying his fine with \$16 cents. J. Pennington, of Dutton, paid \$50 and costs not long ago, and Wm. Eustace \$100 and costs. Jeremiah Dwyer was fined \$100 and costs, but he cannot be found, and Charles Parker, of Port Stanley, upon whom a fine was imposed some time since, was sent to jail in default of payment.

Lathrop Davis, of St. Thomas, who has been violating the Scott Act, has gone to jail for 30 days in default of payment of a \$50 fine. A similar fine was imposed on Friday last on the proprietor of the Hutchinson House.

Virginia is Lame

THE Prohibitionists of Virginia held a great convention at Staunton a few days ago. Nearly forty cities and counties were represented by one hundred and forty delegates. About twenty-five per cent were colored. Organization was effected, a central committee elected and a platform adopted. This is the first gathering of this sort held in this state. Enthusiasm was great and the prohibitionists are hopeful of being able to make themselves a record at the next state election.

A Convention Coming

WATERLOO county is at work. A great convention is expected to be held in the town of Berlin on Thursday 20th. An attractive programme of work has already been published. Among the gentlemen announced as speakers are, Mayor Howland, of Toronto, W. J. Passmore, M.D., Rev. A. A. Bowers, M.A., Rev. R. W. Williams and Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D. Waterloo is on the right road and will yet record itself in favor of the total suppression of the liquor traffic.

An Interesting Meeting

THE importance of juvenile temperance work cannot be over estimated. We are pleased that it is receiving much attention in Toronto. Bands of Hope are springing up in all directions and working well. The juvenile temple in connection with Never Failing Lodge No. 182, had a very interesting meeting recently. The new superintendent, Mrs. Macdonald, took charge and a handsome "old oaken" young pitcher was presented to Mrs. B. F. Young, the retiring superintendent. This temple is in a very flourishing condition.

Another Lie Mailed.

STATEMENTS have been circulated all through the country to the effect that Police Magistrate Gray of Dufferin recently denounced the Scott Act in unmeasured terms, declaring himself in favor of high license as the only practical method of dealing with the liquor question. In reply Mr. Gray writes to the Dufferin *Advertiser* denying the statements made and saying, "I believe the Scott Act to be the best law ever enacted to put down vice and intemperance, when properly enforced."

Sounded as Ever.

T. V. Powderly is as firm as ever on the right side of the temperance question. At the great meeting of the General Assembly of Knights of Labor a few days ago, he said: "I may be a crank on this question, but I am not ashamed to say that I would rather see a man a sober man than a drunkard. It is better to educate our children to be temperate than to be drunkards. There is not a man living who will say that it is right to bring into the home that which damages the head of the family. There are those who have threatened to leave the Order because of my position on this question. I say to all who would withdraw for such a cause, go. I'll trust the fate of this nation with sober men and women. I'll never take back one word of what I have said on the Temperance question, so help me God."

Beachville Oxford Co.

THE past few weeks have been marked by unusual interest here. A number of Scott Act cases have followed one another in rapid succession, and although several charges were not sustained, through crooked swearing, all our dispensers of crime have been hauled—Davidson, \$50, Kain, \$100, and Bennett, \$200. Since the Scott Act became law the business has not been profitable and these fines are taxing the parties concerned to the utmost; in fact it is very doubtful whether they can be paid. The result is that our village is "dry," very "dry." No man with a spark of manhood dare be seen near one of the drunkeries, and we are assured that the most respectable "house" has had only four callers in two weeks. The growth of public sentiment is very encouraging and without doubt the funeral of our bar-rooms is at hand.

Sons of Temperance.

THE second regular session of Dufferin District Division, Sons of Temperance, was held at Badgers, Oprey, on Sept. 20th. About 60 delegates were present, many of whom were ladies. The meeting was enthusiastic, and much practical work was done. Among other resolutions passed was one promising support to the Scott Act, and also pledging the members to vote only for such candidates for public office as are sound on Prohibition. The Grand Scribe, Bro. W. H. Hewell, of Whitby, being present, addressed the Division at length, urging action at the coming campaign in the three counties, and exemplifying the work of the Order. The next meeting will be held (D.V.) at Ruskiew on January 10th, 1888. A mass meeting was held in the evening, which was addressed by the Grand Scribe and other members of the Order. The session was very successful, and beneficial results have already followed.

Why Does he not Prosecute?

THE complaints that we made some time ago against Mr. Palmer, License Inspector of West Lambton, are borne out by a letter signed "Lambton" in the *Lambton Advertiser*. The writer states that violation of the Scott Act in the riding named is practically undisguised, and goes on to say: "We have a license inspector, what are his duties in such a matter? Is he paid to sit in his office? I wait till some one goes to him with a complaint? or is he paid to search out offenders? The article in most cases is right upon the bar, sold every hour of the day, and night too, possibly; none knows it better than he,

and wherefore this state of affairs? Mr. Palmer is a gentleman at whom no one, so far as I know, can point the finger of scorn, but as a license inspector he is a most wasteful, and if he cannot do more than he has done to bring offenders to justice, why not resign and give someone else an opportunity to do what he is powerless to do?

Guelph and Wellington.

SINCE we last referred to this district Police Magistrate Lowe has given his decision in the case of James Hamilton, fining him \$100 and costs. Hugh Mahone was tried for two offences and was fined \$50 for each. Another charge against James Hamilton was investigated and a fine imposed which, strange to say, was only \$50.

Some curious twisting took place in connection with some other charges that were laid. One man got off in three cases on the ground that he had leased his bar, and another man escaped justice by claiming that his wife owned the property on which he resided and though liquor was sold there he was not responsible for the action of those who sold it.

Thomas Hughes, of Fergus, Abraham Flowering of Nichol township, Strickland Duffield of Rockwood, and John Hoffmann, of Marlton have each been fined \$50 and costs.

Police Magistrate Lowe's acts in county cases and gives great satisfaction by his fair and impartial judgments, but a good deal of rumbling goes on against Police Magistrate Saunders who acts for Guelph city cases and who was very contemptuous in his conduct towards the Messrs. Brown who were employed as detectives to work up cases.

An Interesting Meeting.

IS the Methodist Church at Thedford recently, Miss S. A. Richmond had a "talk" on temperance with her friends, Mr. Doan, the pastor, occupying the chair. The young lady labored with the W. C. T. U. of Michigan during the late prohibition campaign in that State, since when she has resided chiefly in this neighborhood. She is blind, was an inmate of the Institution for the Blind at Brantford for nine years, where she learned to hate rum, as in her conversations there so many tearfully said "father drank," besides 60 per cent. of them, directly or indirectly, were there through the work of rum. She was listened to in death-like stillness throughout, not so much for her novel presentation of the subject, as the Christian spirit that prompted every statement, her deep earnestness, her appeals from the heart to the heart. She had many apt quotations, besides two pathetic recitals entire. She treated the drinking habit, the traffic in liquor, as being an evil and a wrong from every standpoint—moral, social, political, religious, and if an admitted evil why not all be united in putting it down? For this purpose she urged (1) Thought. (2) Money. (3) The constant prayers of all Christian people. At the close all were given an opportunity of subscribing for the *Hexath*. The meeting was closed by a hymn from the church choir, and a vote of thanks to Miss Richmond for her interesting address.

Ready Any Time.

THE Halton repeal agitation still continues but there is not much enthusiasm among its supporters. It is generally expected that after all it will simmer out. Referring to the petition the *Reformer* says:—If the Antis want an election on the Scott Act we are prepared for it any time. The Antis are having a hard time with their petitions—in one part of the County they are begging for signatures, and telling the electors that if they did not get more names the petitions would be of no use. This does not look much like repealing the Scott Act.

Before the last Scott Act election there was a good deal of boasting over the number of names they had on the petition. We do not hear any boasting now. What is wrong? They advertised to hang up the petitions in the Sheriff's Office on the 20th, and changed it to the 30th, but we are doubtful about the hanging up of the petition on the 30th. Whether they succeed in getting the necessary number of names or not to bring on an election their cause is a lost one. They have never been able to get all the people who signed the petitions to stick to them in the election. This time they will get a much smaller number of names, and there will be a larger proportion of the whole number who signed, vote for the Act or not vote at all.

A gentleman writes from Oakville.

DEAR BRO. The temperance people of the county of Halton are evidently thoroughly aroused once more to fight the whiskeyites on a repeal vote.

The Royal Templars of Temperance are holding a series of meetings in the Oakville Temperance Hall, which so far have proven to be even more successful than was anticipated. On the evening of the 5th I attended their meeting and being a few minutes late was unable to find a seat in the large hall on account of the crowd. Rev. Mr. Kettlewell, of the Oakville Methodist church, and a member of the R. T. of T. was chairman Messrs Young, McRaney, Rev. Robinson and Dr. Lusk were the speakers of the evening, all of whom spoke in an earnest and practical manner and evidently led every voter to resolve to do all in his power to help "bury the drink demon with his face downward" on the voting day; which they expect will be sprung upon them suddenly in order if possible to find them unprepared. Such will not be the case.

Yours in F. H. C., W. A. DEAN.