

lecturer to agitate and bring forward the advantages of the Scott Act, at an expense not to exceed \$100 per month. Rev. Mr. Orme, of Kelvin, was chosen to the position, he being also entrusted with the work of distributing temperance literature throughout the county. A central committee in connection with the work was also appointed, consisting of Rev. Mr. Hobbs, W. H. Wooden, and D. M. Lee. In the afternoon a general meeting took place of city and county delegates, at which the following gentlemen prominently identified with the movement were present.—Rev. F. R. Beattie, Chairman; Dr. Lowry, Secretary, Revs. W. J. Maxwell, Fuller, A. L. Gee, J. W. Orme, County President, R. Hobbs, and Crossley, and Messrs. Wade, Wooden, Caryster, Malcolm, Hossie, Wm. Petch, Dr. Nicol Wickmore, and others. Rev. Mr. Beattie, in his opening remarks, made reference to the fact that the city and county would have to work separately in connection with the submission of the Act. He felt sure that the present meeting would give an impetus to the work and expressed the opinion that the prospects on behalf of temperance were most encouraging. A letter was read from Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, one of the chief supporters of the Scott Act in Oxford, urging the Brantford friends to push forward in the fight with vigor. On motion of Rev. Mr. Orme, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, it was decided to adopt the suggestion of the executive committee at a recent meeting, that separate and complete organizations be formed for the city and county. It was decided that the presidents of the city and county, the general secretary, and the county secretaries, should form a general central committee. Mr. Thomas Webster, Paris, on behalf of the Sons of Temperance, in a communication to the meeting, expressed it as his belief that a blunder had been made in not asking the members of that Order and others to unite in connection with the work. It was decided to ask their co-operation at a later date. The flooding of the city and county with campaign literature was strongly recommended, and the project of issuing a special tract for the county was touched upon. On motion, Rev. F. R. Beattie, Rev. J. B. Tuttle, the Lecturer and Mr. Webster, (Paris), were appointed a Committee on Campaign Literature. Rev. Mr. Maxwell suggested that it would be well to obtain a number of campaign songs set to proper tunes, to be sung at the various meetings. This proposition met with great favor, and it was decided to have some written immediately. Rev. Mr. Beattie, referring to the matter of finance, urged upon the meeting the pressing necessity for obtaining a suitable amount of funds before starting the general work, as it would be perfectly useless to attempt to secure the carrying of the Scott Act with empty coffers. It was finally decided to inaugurate a subscription scheme as early as possible. Dr. Nichol expressed the opinion that as many men as possible holding municipal and other public offices should be enrolled to support the Act, and it was decided to issue them a general individual invitation to identify themselves with the work. It was deemed advisable to make the temperance question one of the chief issues in contests for public offices. The county and city delegates then separated at four o'clock, to complete organization and meet again in general convention at 4.30. On resuming, the county secretary reported that the Rev. Mr. Orme had been appointed president, and W. H. Wooden, treasurer. The city secretary reported that Messrs. G. Foster and Dr. Nichol had been appointed president and vice-president respectively, with Mr. G. Adams as treasurer. On motion of Rev. Mr. Crossley, seconded by Mr. G. Fuller, it was decided that the above officers be reported to the League, and that they be urged to co-operate in the movement. The Convention then closed.

METHODIST DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACTION.

At the close of the Methodist District Conference last night the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"Whereas the local traffic in intoxicating liquors is a blot on the legislation of a free people, and whereas the Government of our country has provided in the Canada Temperance Act a means whereby that blot may be partially wiped out, therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of the District Meeting, composed of ministers and laymen, the time is opportune and the duty imperative for concerted action for the submission of the said Act to secure the intelligent franchise of our people, and we hereby pledge ourselves and earnestly request our people to give it their hearty support."

MASS MEETING.

A fairly well attended mass-meeting in connection with the movement took place to-night in the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Lowry occupied the chair. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, the chairman in a few remarks reviewed the probability of the Scott

Act carrying in the city and county. It was true the Dunken Act a few years ago had been repealed by a large majority after a short trial, but he considered the circumstances much more favorable now than they were at that time, and, as far as any estimate could be formed, it was altogether likely that the Scott Act would carry. Rev. F. R. Beattie, in a few remarks, outlined the various provisions of the Act, expressing it as his belief that the prospect for its adoption here was most favorable. He referred to the fact of the neighboring county of Oxford having adopted the Act, pointing out that in this respect Brantford would derive great strength. He made a pointed comparison between the favorable manner in which prohibition had in the past been sustained in other Provinces as compared with Ontario. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. W. J. Maxwell, Rev. Mr. Hobbs, Dr. Cochrane and others. There was great enthusiasm manifested and hopes were generally expressed of success.

QUEBEC.

STANSTEAD AND SHEFFORD.—An encouraging letter from Rev. D. V. Lucas, Secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance, informs us that these two large and influential counties have just decided to take the necessary preliminary steps towards submitting the Scott Act to their electors. The conventions in both the counties named were very enthusiastic. The Scott Act was tried in Shefford some years ago, but was defeated. It is expected that it will now be carried by a large majority.

NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNenburg.—A letter from Mr. P. Monaghan, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance, gives us information of the contest coming on in the county named. Success in Lunenburg will make 13 out of 18 counties in Nova Scotia which have adopted the Scott Act.

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MANITOBA BRANCH OF THE DOMINION ALLIANCE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

A GRAND PROHIBITION RALLY FOR MANITOBA.—EVERY EARNEST PROHIBITIONIST URGED TO TAKE ACTION AT THIS IMPORTANT CRISIS.

At the last regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manitoba Alliance, it was decided to call a provincial convention to discuss the very important matters, now calling for the earnest attention of prohibitionists.

Wednesday, May 21st, is the day selected for the convention, and it will be opened at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Main street, near Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

The leading topics will be: The request of the Dominion Alliance to submit the Scott Act to popular vote in the whole province, providing special action as regards the counties of Marquette and Lisgar, where the Scott Act has been adopted by a vote of two to one; perfecting a system of organization throughout the province, and the selection of officers for the Alliance.

On the evening of the same day a grand public reception will be given to the veteran Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance of Great Britain, Mr. T. H. Barker, of Manchester, England, who is expected to be present, and will deliver an address. Other eminent speakers will be secured by the committee, as they are determined to make this the greatest prohibition meeting ever held in the Northwest. The public reception will be held in Grace Church, which has a larger seating capacity than any other public building in Winnipeg. The different temperance societies of the city are expected to turn out *en masse*.

Every Blue Ribbon Club, Royal Templars Council, Good Templars Lodge, Sons of Temperance Division, Womens Christian Temperance Union, or other temperance organization, is expected to send at least one delegate, and as many more as they can secure. Churches are also invited to send delegates, and individual prohibitionists will be