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ANOTHER GLORIOUS VICTORY.

EIGHT HUNDRED MAJORITY.

Full returns from Oxford have not yet reached us, but we have learned enough to be able to announce that the Scott Act has been carried in that county by a magnificent vote. The figures thus far received indicate that the majority will be about eight hundred. To the friends in Oxford we tender our heartiest congratulations. They fought bravely and well. Every energy and agency that could be secured by their opponents was enlisted against them, but thorough organization, fervent zeal, and a worthy cause were too much for even the allied forces of narrow prejudice and selfish avarice.

The victory in Oxford has a peculiar significance. It refutes the assertion so often made that the Scott Act will not find favor with advanced communities and in populous localities. Oxford is in the centre of the best and most progressive part of Ontario. It is a large, populous and wealthy county. It contains busy towns with large manufacturing and commercial interests. It is now in every respect a model county, and the unmistakable verdict of its wealth and intelligence will carry conviction into other places that are entering into similar contests.

We have now had forty-one contests upon the Scott Act in Canada. We have won in thirty-four of these, and the aggregate of all the votes cast shows that the people of this Dominion are about three to one in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. "We thank God and take courage."

NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS.

The meetings to be held in Toronto next week will no doubt be largely attended, and will be of the greatest interest as well as productive of much good. The C.E.T.S. has had in Canada a very brief but remarkably successful career. The commencement of its

active operations in the Diocese of Toronto, dates back less than a year, and yet it has already assumed dimensions and is exerting influences of the most encouraging and beneficial kind. The great meeting announced for the Pavilion at the Horticultural Gardens, on Monday evening, will therefore be an historical event, marking the sudden rise and rapid spread of one of the most important branches of the great Temperance Reformation, and apart from this, it promises—in the well-known ability and high standing of those who are announced to address it—to be full of interest and benefit for all who attend it.

The Ontario Convention of the Dominion Alliance that is announced to meet on Tuesday morning in the Temperance Hall, will also be intrinsically and historically important. Never did the workers from every part of our provincial field meet under more encouraging circumstances. Enthusiasm, earnestness, energy, and hope, are the atmosphere that temperance men and women are breathing to-day. We have enough of victory to stimulate our zeal and nerve us to action, and enough of opposition to prevent our wasting time or growing careless. The programme of the exercises, so far as now prepared, we give below, and again we urge upon all our friends their duty to give us their presence and help.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY.

- 10.30 a.m.—Opening Convention.
Organization.
Reading Minutes.
- 11.00 " —Report of Secretary.
Report of Treasurer.
Report of Business Committee.
- 12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
- 2.00 " —President's Address.
HON. S. H. BLAKE, Q.C.
The Relation of the Church to the Temperance Cause.
RICHARD SNELLING, ESQ., LL.D.
- 3.30 " —Means and Methods for Alliance Work.
Introduced by *F. S. SPENCE, ESQ.*
High License as a Step towards Prohibition.
Introduced by *JAMES THOMSON, ESQ.*
- 5.00 " —Report of Committees.
- 7.00 p.m.—Banquet in Shaftesbury Hall Coffee House. Reception to Delegates.

WEDNESDAY.

- 9.00 a.m.—Unfinished Business.
- 10.00 " —The Scott Act.
(1.) Simultaneous voting in adjoining Counties
Introduced by *W. H. HOWLAND, ESQ.*
(2.) The Working of the Act.
Introduced by *REV. D. L. BRETHER.*
- 12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.
- 2.00 " —Unfinished Business.
New Business.
- 4.00 " —Election of Officers.

An evening session will be held if business requires it.