

ty-eight convictions, or three-fourths of the whole. The aggregate fines imposed exceed \$100,000 beside the costs, while eighty-one liquor-sellers have been sentenced to imprisonment for periods aggregating eleven years, five months and nineteen days. There are to-day more than fifty counties in which there is not an open saloon; and of the three hundred reported in the remainder, one hundred and sixty are in the city of Leavenworth. In fact, take out a half-dozen places, and saloons are few and far between. Even in these excepted localities, public sentiment is steadily growing and crystallizing in favor of obedience to law, and it will not be very long before men engaged in defying it will find that "it is hard to kick against the pricks." If "prohibition in Kansas is a screaming farce"—as your correspondent affirms—we say, "All right! Let it scream!" We are very well satisfied to listen to such music. The only screaming that comes to our ears is the mournful cry of the convicted saloon-keeper, as he puts up his shutters and hangs crape on his door, beside the label "To Rent!" Prohibition was never so strong, its friends were never so hopeful, nor was Kansas ever so prosperous, as to-day. If your correspondent wants "high license," and more liberty, he had better emigrate to Missouri or Illinois. We have done with such foolishness in Kansas."—A. M. RICHARDSON in the *Century*.

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**PRAYER.**

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 BY ERNEST GILMORE.  
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For the pale and ragged children,  
 Heavenly Father, we cry to Thee!  
 For our hearts are heavy-laden  
 Thinking of the curse we see.  
 Out upon the tossing billows  
 Of a tempted, weary life,  
 Guide and guard them, blessed Jesus!  
 Help them in their bitter strife.

See them wander, cold and hungry,  
 While the piercing winds go by;  
 See them crouch on the frozen ground,  
 Where the midnight shadows lie.  
 Not a friendly voice to cheer them,  
 Not a pitying eye to see;  
 Pity, God, their desolation,  
 For no other hope have we.

Oh! I see one, wan and weary  
 Lying on a tattered bed,  
 With no bright face bending o'er her,  
 No fair hand about her head.  
 Oh! the eyelids, red and heavy,  
 Sunny hair—but none to love.  
 Fold her in Thine arms of pity,  
 Take her to Thy fold above.

Little, moaning, weary outcasts,  
 Heavy hearts, where'er they beat;  
 Whether in a princely mansion,  
 Or a home (?) in roofless street.  
 For I saw a lovely maiden,  
 Clad in raiment rich and rare;  
 Many envy her possessions—  
 Outward life seems bright and fair.

But how well do I remember  
 Faltering lip and throbbing brow,  
 When, with tears unbidden starting,  
 She told me and I tell now.  
 "Oh! how dearly I love father,  
 But he drinks, oh! oh! he drinks;  
 I would lay my life down for him,  
 But he knows his strength, *he thinks!*"

Spread Thy guardian wings, dear Saviour!  
 Lift this cloud from off our land.  
 Spur us on—with goad if need be—  
 Help the noble "Temperance Band!"  
 And if many tread life's pathway  
 With aching hearts, sad, alone,  
 Soothe with Thy heavenly voice; let  
 Our petition reach Thy throne.

*National Temperance Advocate*

**Scott Act News.**

**HURON.**—The number of signatures to the Scott Act petition in the county of Huron is 5,000. The number of names on the voters' lists of the county is about 16,000, which includes a large number of duplicates, so it will be seen that upwards of 1,000 names more than is required by law to insure a poll are attached to the petition. The petition will be deposited in the sheriff's office on the 30th inst.

**YORK.**—A large meeting was held in Clark's Church, East York' on the evening of the 4th inst., for the purpose of organizing to canvass the municipality in the interest of the Scott Act. Rev. Jas. Pearson, pastor of the church opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. William Lawson was appointed chairman, and Mr. A. W. Milne appointed secretary. The following gentlemen then addressed the meeting:—Mr. A. J. Ineson, J.P., of Willowdale; Rev. James Pearen, and Mr. John Milne, of Agincourt, the President of the Scott Act Association, for the county of York. Canvassers were appointed to canvass all that portion of the township east of Yonge street, from Markham town line on the north to No 1 on the south. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the same place on Thursday evening, 28th inst. A pleasing feature in connection with the meeting was the large number of ladies present.—*Ex.*

**WELLINGTON.**—An adjourned meeting was held in the Baptist Church at Mount Forest on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Rev. Dr. Aylesworth occupied the chair, and H. H. Stovell was chosen secretary of the meeting. A branch of the Scott Act Association of the county of Wellington was formed, and the following officers and committees were elected:—Dr. Aylesworth, president; James Scott, vice-president; W. J. Gilroy, secretary; George Creighton, treasurer. Canvassing Committee: J. Rodgers, T. W. Porter, J. W. Knox, and J. T. Reynolds, with power to add to their number. Committee on Lecturing and Literature—Rev. J. Booker, H. H. Stovell, and the President. Financial Committee—J. W. Davidson, T. Stovell, and Thos. Ainly. Delegates to the County Convention—Dr. Aylesworth and James Scott. Executive Committee—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the chairman of each committee.—*Advertiser.*

**GREY.**—The movement for the submission of the Scott Act to the voters of this county is being quietly and persistently carried on. Meetings have been held in this section by local speakers, and the indications are that the farming community will vote almost solid for the Act. Petitions are being and have been circulated in the towns and townships, and everywhere extensively signed. In Meaford, little difficulty was experienced in securing a fourth of the voters on the petition. The first unpleasantness in the campaign occurred at Rocklyn, Euphrasia township. Rev. Mr. Keefe, of Hamilton, was present as the speaker, but was interrupted by two old men named Matthew Patton and Andrew Menary, who kept up a running fire of groans and other noises till the meeting had to be closed. Information was laid against the parties named, and yesterday they appeared before three Meaford magistrates. It cost Patton \$11.80 and Menary \$8.80, the latter having pleaded guilty and expressed contrition.—*London Advertiser.*

**NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.**—The Anti-Scott Act party are very busy in the county holding meetings nearly every night. Two speakers have been engaged to stump the county,—Mr. Ira C. Lee, a farmer from Wentworth, and Mr. D. C. Hossack, a young Cobourg lawyer. On Thursday a crowded meeting was held at Centreton where these two gentlemen delivered lengthy addresses. After the opening speech by Mr. Hossack a reply speech was given by Mr. Wm. Burgess, of Toronto, and he was followed by Mr. Lee who spoke for an hour and a half. A similar meeting was held on Friday night at Roseneath when the town hall was literally crowded. At this meeting the Saved Army, who have done a great work in the village, attended in a band and created some sensation by commencing to sing one of their favourite hymns. Mr. Burgess was allowed three-quarters of an hour at each meeting. No vote was taken. The Scott Act party report that the petition movement is going on well. Mr. Smith, of this town, says that the work is nearly completed and shows about 35 per cent. of the entire voters' list to have signed the petition.