

exceed it by 1,000. But there is only one way in which such a result can be attained. It is by every voter going to the polls and manfully doing his part. Whether he has been called on or not by others more enthusiastic than himself there is a plain duty before him. A great question of right or wrong, a question of the amelioration of human misery against the continuation of a traffic which has caused, and is causing the ruin and degradation of thousands annually is before him. No anti-Scott Act sophistry can evade this plain presentation of the case."

**BELLEVILLE.**—A well attended mass meeting was held in Holloway Street Church last Thursday evening. Rev. J. J. Rice occupied the chair and called upon Dr. Coleman, city President, to deliver the opening address. The Dr. was in capital form and handled the Scott Act question from a practical, every day point of view. He quoted facts and figures to prove that the Act would be a financial advantage to every elector, and gave startling evidence, as a medical gentleman, as to the baneful effects of alcohol on the human system.

Able addresses were also delivered by the Rev. Mr. Leech, Mr. McArthur, and Mr. Munns of Toronto. The latter gentleman, though appearing at a late hour, aroused the enthusiasm of the meeting to boiling point. He spoke from a wide experience and his remarks were sledge-hammer-like in their effects.

The Opera House was packed to the doors on Wednesday of last week, many standing, when Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., President of the Alliance, took his seat on the platform. After "Hold the Fort" by the choir, Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Secretary of the City Association, read a few verses from Romans, 14, starting at the 13th verse. Rev. Geo. Leech led the vast meeting in prayer, after which Dr. Coleman, President, gave a concise synopsis of the Act. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. J. B. Clarkson, M.A., and Vice-President H. Walker, after which Dr. Coleman introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. S. H. Blake.

Mr. Blake was greeted with thundering cheers, which lasted many minutes. "You opened your services with the strains of "Hold the Fort," he said, "you surely are not going back of that. The time will come when you can sing that inside the fort." Continuing he pointed out that indifference and selfishness have been the two main obstacles in our progress, but the first has now disappeared. He pleaded with touching pathos for the wives and children of the drunkard and youth of our land who lie under tombstones lettered 20—35—40 years. The cry "we must have total Prohibition or nothing," was well handled. "The Government has given us the Scott Act, promising when we pass that, they will give us something more. And if they fail to do so, we will go down to Ottawa and see about it. Not a paltry seven cars, but seven hundred cars well loaded with pure water. Now they want to exclude from the power of the Act beers and light wines. Twenty years ago we asked these men to join us in prohibiting strong spirits. They then refused, but now they want us to help them." The history of beers in England and the question of moderation were disposed of in sentences full of convincing logic and cutting sarcasm. Mr. Blake closed with an eloquent appeal to the citizens of Belleville to make their city the third in Ontario to pass the Act.

Dr. Coleman then gave an opportunity to any one representing the Anti-Scott interests to address the meeting. But after waiting several minutes, no one responded. The audience then dispersed to the singing of the National Anthem.—*Canadian Patriot.*

**TORONTO.**—On Friday evening of last week a large and enthusiastic meeting was held by the St. Stephen's Ward Electoral Association. Rousing speeches were made by James Thompson, T. Joliffe, and J. Little, all in the direction of advocating energetic work for the adoption of the Scott Act in Toronto. Speeches were also made by Messrs. Ward, Miller, Hall, Christie, and others. The chairmanship of the Association being vacant, Mr. Christie was unanimously elected President. The St. Stephen's Ward men mean business.

Saturday night's concert in the Temperance Hall was as usual well crowded, and the programme very interesting. On Sunday afternoon, Mr. William Burgess gave a rousing lecture in the same place, taking for his theme the recent great Scott Act victories.

The Gospel Temperance meeting in the Temperance Hall, on

Dovercourt Road, was addressed on Sunday afternoon by Mr. Jas. French. A large audience listened to the gentleman, and warmly testified their appreciation of his sound and practical remarks.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the St. Anne's Branch C.E.T.S., last Friday evening, Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Alliance, gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Science of Temperance." The pastor, Rev. J. McL. Ballard, presided, and the meeting was very enthusiastic and appreciative.

At the fortnightly meeting of St. Stephen's Branch C.E.T.S., on Monday evening, there was a very large attendance. Mr. F. S. Spence delivered an address on "The Nature and Operation of Habit." The chair was occupied by N. W. Hoyles, Esq. This branch is in an unusually flourishing condition.

### Good Templars.

**TORONTO.**—At the regular meeting of Toronto District Lodge, held on Saturday evening last, the officers for the coming year were installed by Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, City Deputy, assisted by Bro. J. B. Nixon, G.W.T., the principal officers being Bro. Watson, "Unity," D.C.T.; Sis. Ross, "Excelsior," D.V.T.; Bro. S. Dill, "Never Failing," D. Sec.; Bro. D. Rose, "Albion," D.F. Sec.; Bro. Impey, "Toronto," D. Chap.; Bro. Brown, "Toronto," D.M.; Bro. Rodden, "Unity," P. D.C.T. The membership in the city was reported steadily increasing, two new Lodges being in course of formation.

The closer union of the various city lodges with the Temperance Electoral Union was discussed; also the question of funds for Scott Act purposes. The subject was finally referred to the Executive to consider and submit a plan whereby these results might be obtained to the next regular meeting. The feeling was enthusiastic for the prosecution of the Scott Act movement in the city, and the pioneer organization devoted to the prohibitory principle may be counted to the fore in the coming struggle.

### Sons of Temperance.

**SIMCOE.**—S. Holland, Provincial D.G.W.P., writes a very encouraging letter about the progress of the cause and Order. He has succeeded since January 1st in organizing eight new divisions as follows:—

DIVISIONS.	Deputy.	P. O. Address.	Night of Meeting.
Barrie.....	Rev. T. McKee...	Barrie.....	Tuesday.
New Lowell....	J. N. Anderson...	New Lowell...	Wednesday.
Minesing.....	John Young....	Minesing.....	"
Edenvale.....	John Benson...	Iris.....	Tuesday.
Egbert.....	John Maw....	Egbert.....	Wednesday.
Fairview.....	John Manson...	Nottawa.....	Tuesday.
Duntroon.....	Chas. McKay...	Duntroon.....	"
Claireville.....	T. M. McHugh..	Humber.....	Thursday.

The last division on this list is in the County of York. We heartily congratulate Bro. Holland upon the result of his efforts, and shall be glad to hear from other deputies as to the work they are doing.

### Literary Record.

**THE WORKINGMAN'S LOAF**, BY MARY D. CHELLIS.—This is the title of No. 16, of the Fife and Drum Series, a set of remarkably cheap tales of thrilling interest that ought to have a very wide circulation. They are published by the National Temperance Society. They are exceedingly attractive in form and in character such that they cannot fail to benefit as well as to entertain. The present number is a story graphically setting forth the domestic misery that beer often brings to a workingman's home, and the joy and comfort that come from temperance and self-denial efforts to do good. We cordially recommend it to our readers, and would urge every one of them to send at once for a copy; to carefully read it and then give it to some friend. It may be procured from J. N. Stearns, 58 Reade St., New York.