

gough, J. J. McLaren, and Rev. R. Wallace. The Committee spent some time in discussing various plans for vigorously prosecuting the campaign, and among other means a proposal was adopted to have regularly appointed and salaried agents, or rather lecturers, to carry on temperance work in the districts in which the struggle should be carried on. Rev. B. B. Keefer, of Hamilton, was engaged as General Agent of the Alliance, and will immediately enter on his duties, to be under the general direction of the Business Committee, who were empowered to engage an additional agent for campaign work. On motion of Mr. O'Hara, it was ordered that one thousand copies of THE CANADA CITIZEN, the organ of the Alliance, containing the minutes of the recent Convention, be distributed, with a view of promoting the interests of the organization. The matter of a certificate for life membership was referred to the Business Committee—*Ex.*

The Toronto West End Christian Temperance Society held their regular five cent concert in Occident Hall, on Saturday evening to a well filled house. Mr. A. Farley, president of the society, occupied the chair. A good programme was presented. Among the performers were the following: Miss E. Matthews, Miss Leber, Mrs. Fulford, and Messrs. Tarling, Beale, Moore and a gentleman from the Blind Institution at Brantford, who favored the audience with a couple of exceedingly well executed pieces on the piano. During intermission a call was made for signatures to the pledge, when sixteen signed their names to the roll.

The usual Sunday afternoon experience meeting, held in the same hall, was well attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. Farley, who in his opening address referred to the recent victories for the temperance cause, and the work that was being done in different places in Ontario towards the suppression of the liquor traffic. Among those who spoke were Messrs. Constable, Bird, Greer, Ward, Whitcombe and Miller.

This society is making wonderful strides in the West End. They have done much towards furthering the temperance cause in that quarter. The popularity of these meetings is so evident that they are always crowded to overflowing.

The annual meeting of the Temperance Electoral Union of Toronto was held on Tuesday, in Shaftesbury Hall. The president being absent, the chair was taken by Rev. Wm. Frizzell.

Mr. Jas. Thomson called the attention of the Union to the fact that liquor dealers were circulating petitions asking the Government to amend the Scott Act. Counter petitions had been got up by the Dominion Alliance, but from what he had ascertained they had not been sufficiently circulated. The petitions should be put in the hands of the different ward associations, so that large numbers of signatures could be obtained.

Mr. John Impey moved that the Secretary be instructed to make application to the Alliance for a supply of the petitions.

Mr. Burgess moved in amendment that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Secretary of the Alliance that a number of temperance organizations have not yet received copies of the petition.

The amendment was carried and afterwards the original motion was adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing term was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. H. Howland; First Vice-President, Rev. John Smith; Second Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Orr; Third Vice-President, Mr. James Little; Treasurer, Mr. G. M. Rose; Secretary, Mr. James Thomson; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Robert Rae.

The Secretary then read the report of the Executive Committee with reference to the work of raising money for a Scott Act campaign. The committee had decided to raise \$3,500 through the different ward associations. The amount had been divided as follows among the various wards:—St. Andrew's, \$300; St. David's, \$300; St. George's, \$400; St. James', \$500; St. John's, \$200; St. Lawrence, \$300; St. Matthew's, \$200; St. Mark's, \$100; St. Patrick's, \$400; St. Paul's, \$200; St. Stephen's, \$200; St. Thomas', \$400.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary read the report of the committee appointed to audit the accounts of Mr. G. M. Rose, Treasurer of the Grocery License committee. They found that the accounts had been kept in a very satisfactory way. Subscriptions had been collected to the amount of \$762, expenses \$653.02, leaving a balance of \$108.98. The report was adopted. The balance has been handed over to the Union.

Mr. Rae moved that each temperance society, lodge, and council be requested to elect a delegate who shall be a member of the union, and that the Executive be given power to add to their number. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

On Monday evening at the usual meeting of Hope of Parkdale Lodge, 271, I. O. G. T., the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:—W. C. T., J. M. Lukeman; W. V. T., Miss Weekes; W. S., J. Boyd; W. C., J. A. Wiseman; W. M., R. Carey.

HALIFAX, N. S.—A convention of temperance men representing many districts of the county of Halifax, was held in Halifax city, on Wednesday, January 21st. Among those present were Messrs. Wm. C. Silver, P. Monaghan, Rev. R. Alder Temple, Wm. Williams, Wm. Murray, G. H. McKinley, Thos. Offen, and other well known Sons of Temperance. There were also present several active temperance clergymen, including Rev. Mr. Murray (St. Luke's), Rev. Mr. Avey, Rev. Mr. Kent, Rev. Mr. Sylvester, Rev. Mr. Manning, and others whose names we did not catch.

Mr. Wm. Murray was appointed chairman, and G. H. McKinley Secretary.

The object of the Convention was to take into consideration the advisability of having the Scott Act submitted to the electors of the city and county of Halifax. A resolution to that effect was submitted, but was subsequently divided, and the question of submitting it to the county was first discussed. It was determined that the subject should be carefully discussed, and that there should not be too much haste in disposing of the resolution. As a consequence it was near 6 o'clock in the afternoon before the two resolutions were passed in the affirmative—the first unanimously, the second with two dissentients,—the latter subsequently declaring that they would work to help the majority in securing the adoption of the Act for both city and county.

Every weak point was discussed as well as the strong ones. Each speaker was calm, careful and deliberate. There was no bluster nor attempt at empty oratory. The discussion was a practical one on a practical and very serious question. Several times through the day the convention was nearly "ready for the question," yet the delegates hesitated, and discussed the matter again. Mr. Dempster, in a good common-sense speech, pointed out several things which should be weighed well before a decision was arrived at. This led to a lively discussion which evoked the eloquence of not a few, and demonstrated the fact that a number of able men were present. The result of this was the adoption of the resolutions to have the Act submitted to the electors. Although it was hoped that their would be more representatives from county districts, the attendance was satisfactory. The question was well handled and carefully considered, and the solid temperance men present cannot be accused of having acted too hastily in the matter. The speeches of Rev. F. R. Murray (of St. Luke's), P. Monaghan, Rev. Mr. Kent, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Whiteman of Musquodoboit, Rev. Mr. Avey, and Wm. Murray were able and eloquent. Mr. McKinley (Secy.), Mr. Harding (city), and Bezanson of Hammond Plains, made good practical speeches, and Messrs. Dempster, W. Williams, and others spoke well.

The reports made as to the state of feeling in a majority of the polling sections of the county were very favorable.

A central committee was appointed to attend to all necessary matters in connection with this new movement in Halifax county, viz:—G. H. McKinley, O. Monaghan, Rev. W. Kent, Wm. Williams, J. Grierson, ———, and Mr. Fry. This committee have power to add to their number.

There was a number of ladies present as members of the Convention.

LUNenburg, N. S.—The friends in this county have had the matter of having the Scott Act submitted to the electors under consideration for some time. It is expected that the petitions will soon be ready for transmission to Ottawa. A good majority is expected in that county.

GUYSBOROUGH, N. S.—Petitions are now in circulation in this county with the view of having the Act submitted to the electors of the county. Guysborough will give a large majority in its favor.