

which was given to the call for this convention, so fired the delegates with enthusiasm that the decision was at once and unanimously arrived at to take immediate steps with a view to bringing on another vote at the earliest possible day after the expiration of the allotted period of three years. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. J. Syer, of Wyoming, and Mr. J. G. McCrae, of Sarnia, acted as secretary. All the usual machinery for carrying out the campaign was provided, and committees appointed for every division. Liberal subscriptions toward paying the legitimate expenses of the work were given, and a system for securing all the necessary funds at once, at the very beginning of the effort, was perfected. Congratulations and cheering resolutions were telegraphed to the Oxford County Convention, meeting at the same time with the same object, and as cheering replies received. In addition to the local delegates, Rev. P. McKellar, of High Bluff, Manitoba, and W. W. Buchanan, editor of the *Winnipeg Sun*, were present, and as they were former residents of the county who had fought in previous campaigns, their word and counsel were well received. The inspiring announcement of the latter gentleman, who had just arrived from the meeting of the Dominion Alliance at Ottawa, to the effect that that body had decided to work up a simultaneous vote upon the Scott Act over the whole Dominion in the very month selected by the Convention for the vote in Lambton, and also that the House of Parliament would be divided during the present session upon the principle of prohibition, capped the climax of enthusiasm. This campaign has certainly had a much more auspicious inception than any of its predecessors, and if it is any criterion of the result, the Act will be carried by an overwhelming majority. The permanent officers of the county associations for carrying out the work are, Rev. J. G. Calder, Petrolia, President; W. A. Gordon, Florence, 1st Vice-President; A. J. Syer, Wyoming, 2nd Vice; J. G. McCrae, Sarnia, Secretary; Thos. Houston, Sarnia, Treasurer. These gentlemen, with a delegate elected by every municipality as Chairman of the Municipal Committee, will make the Central Board for general supervision of management.—*Globe*.

CARLETON COUNTY is making rapid progress in organization and preparation for the coming Scott Act contest. Rev. D. L. Brethour has lately addressed a number of meetings in different parts of the country. Other prominent advocates are also at work. The following are specimens of the resolutions that have been adopted:

At the Carleton County Lodge, I.O.G.T., January 25th. Moved by James Henderson, seconded by Joseph Henderson: That this County Lodge believing that the time has fully come when action should be taken to submit the Scott Act to the electorate County of Carleton. We would advise that at the earliest date possible a convention be held in the county to consider the question. And that the executive of this County Lodge do issue the call and arrange for the holding of said convention immediately.

At Richmond Village, January 20th. Moved by Rev. W. Philp, seconded by Mr. Wright: That this meeting, being in hearty sympathy with the temperance movement, will use its best efforts to secure the passing of the Scott Act at the earliest possible date, and to enforce and sustain the Act when passed.

At Carp, January 29th. Moved by Rev. Wm. Pearson, seconded by J. McBride, Esq.: That this meeting, being in hearty sympathy with the temperance movement, will use its best efforts to secure the passing of the Scott Act at the earliest possible date. And we hereby pledge ourselves individually to enforce and sustain the Act when passed.

A SOCIAL TEA was given on Friday night at Shaftesbury Hall Coffee House, by the Toronto Temperance Reformation Society, in honor of the visit of Mr. Thos. Hardy, of Manchester, England, to this city. Invitations were given to the numerous friends of the Society, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen responded. Mr. Hardy gave an interesting review of his recent work in the United States and Canada, after which a number of gentlemen spoke in complimentary terms of his labors in the city, including Mr. E. Beckett, Mr. G. M. Rose, Mr. Munns, Mr. E. Morphy, Mr. Bell and Mr. Burgess. The latter said he had known Mr. Hardy for upwards of twenty years as one of the most untiring and persistent advocates of the cause in England at a time when some of the arguments used against them were rotten eggs and oranges. Mr. Hardy was one of those who in the market place and at the street corners had boldly proclaimed the temperance question. At the close of the social gathering Mr. Hardy delivered an able lecture in the Temperance Hall, Temperance street, to a good audience.

WEST END CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—This busy and useful organization, one of the largest and strongest in the city of Toronto, is still doing grand work for the cause. The meetings on Saturday nights and Sundays in Occident Hall are packed with earnest crowds, and large numbers of signatures to the pledge are reported from every meeting.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 58, I. O. G. T., TORONTO.—The following officers for the ensuing quarter were installed by Bro. Geo. Spence, Lodge Deputy: W. C. T., Bro. H. A. Yuille; R. H. S. Sister A. Griffith; L. H. S.; Sister L. White; W. V. T., Sister L. Hartley; W. S., Bro. J. H. Macmullen; W. A. S., Sister L. Hartley; W. E. S., Bro. D. Smellie; W. T. Sister E. A. Yuille. W. C. Bro. McGillivray; W. M., Bro. T. Ferguson; W. I. G., Sister E. White; W. O. G., Bro. T. Smellie; P. W. C. T., Bro. J. Brackenridge. St. John's Lodge is the oldest in the city of Toronto, and numbers 140 members. This number, it is hoped, will be largely increased during the coming quarter.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U., of Newington, Ont., is about to circulate a petition to their council, asking that the fee for licenses be increased and the number of licenses granted be diminished.

Cornwall W. C. T. U. is circulating a petition from the women of that town, asking the voters to vote in favor of the Scott Act. *Monistring Union*, through whose efforts several licenses were cut off in that town last year, is taking steps for a continuance of that desirable state of things.

A new, live Union has been formed at Gananoque, with fifty-four members. Much aggressive work has been planned, and the whole county will soon be organized to help in the coming Scott Act campaign.

Unions have recently been formed at Guelph, Baltimore, Stouffville, and Bracebridge.

The Sunday afternoon meetings at Ottawa under the auspices of the Ottawa W. C. T. U., are accomplishing much good.

Our Gasket.

The following sentence contains all the letters of the alphabet: "John quickly extemporized five tow-bags."

Sir Wilfrid Lawson said: "If we were not hitting the right nail on the head there would be none of this row."

Mr. Onion has just failed out in Nebraska; but it cannot be said that he has not a scent to his name.

"An' that's the pillar of Hercules?" she said, adjusting her silver spectacles. "What's the rest of his bedclothes like, I wonder?"

"Where are you taking me to?" asked a criminal, addressing the detective, who had just arrested him. "I am taking you to the office of the police superintendent," was the reply. "I wish to observe in this case then," said the culprit, "that it is the office that seeks the man, and not the man the office."

When a young man tries for three minutes in church to brush a sunbeam off his new coat under the impression that it is a streak of dust and then looks up and sees a pretty girl laughing at him, he kind of loses the thread of the sermon, temporarily as it were.

"I believe I'll go out and stretch my legs a little," said a tall gentleman, as the train stopped at the Austin station. "Oh, don't," said a gentleman passenger who had been much embarrassed by the legs of the tall gentleman. "Don't do that. Don't stretch those legs any more. They are too long already."

A lad in Boston, small for his years, was a grand boy for four gentlemen. One day they were chaffing him about being small, and said to him: "You never will amount to much; you never can do much business; you are so small."

"Well," said he, "as small as I am, I can do something that you four cannot do."

"What's that?" said they.

"I can keep from swearing," said the little fellow.

There were some blushes on four manly faces, and very little anxiety for further information on the point.