

day's work, with the baby crying for its mother, and with his sleep disturbed—unfitting him for the duties of the next day. This was constantly the case, and when she visited the lodging-houses she found there broken-hearted men who had deserted, because of drunkenness, the women who, before God, they had sworn to cherish and to nourish. Oh, this curse of drink! Oh, for Christian heroism to abstain! Oh, for courage to dare to be a Daniel in this matter! Put on the blue ribbon; and, personally, if she could do good thereby, she would appear in blue ribbon from head to foot. (Loud applause.)—*Temperance Record*.

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TORONTO.—It would be absolutely impossible to crowd into our limited space details of the contest that is at present exciting this city. The temperance workers are holding in every part of the city meetings at which addresses are delivered by prominent and talented speakers, and by some of our most highly esteemed and energetic citizens. About twenty meetings are being held during the present week; circulars are being scattered broadcast; committees of ladies as well as of gentlemen are making a canvass of the city, and it is confidently expected that next Monday will show that the better and stronger sentiment of the public of this city is strongly in favor of temperance and right. The organization meeting in the Temperance Hall last Friday was very enthusiastic and encouraging. Special and Ward committees were struck and went to work at once. Thus far the liquor-party have not held any public meetings, and have not sent many speakers to the temperance meetings. They are not acting with any semblance of hopefulness.

BRANTFORD.—“I was looking for you yesterday,” said a NEWS representative to Mr. Bothwell, the gentleman who is at present engaged in selling off the bankrupt stock of N. Ure & Co., King street west. “Well, it would have been difficult to find me here yesterday, as I only came back from Brantford to-day. You see, although I am staying here temporarily, Brantford is my home. I am one of the aldermen of that lively city, and went there the other day to wrestle with the license question, which was to be brought before the Council. I did not want people to say that I wished to shirk doing my duty in such an important matter.” “Good man, good man. What was the result of your deliberations?” “Well, I tell you we had a red-hot time, but finally this was what we carried. Formerly there were twenty-five hotel licenses issued at a fee of \$110 each. At this session of the Council we raised the fee to \$180, and the result is that only twenty-one licenses have been issued. In regard to shop licenses, we passed the by-law requiring the sale of liquors to be conducted entirely apart from any other business, and raised the license fee from \$135 to \$200. The effect of this is that only five licenses have been issued as compared with twelve formerly.” “How did these changes suit you?” “I went to Brantford, sir, to assist in effecting them, and I think the temperance people up there are well pleased too. They got about all they asked.”—*Toronto News, Feb. 20th*.

BARRIE.—At the conclusion of his shorthand entertainment on Tuesday evening, Mr. Thos. Bengough, of Toronto, visited the Good Templars' Lodge and gave a short address, summarizing the action taken by the Council of the Dominion Alliance at its session in Ottawa last week, to which he was a delegate. The recent session was one of the most important which has been held—indeed the most important in view of the practical work which has been undertaken for the coming year. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Dominion Government and ask them to fix a day upon which a simultaneous vote could be taken in every County in the Dominion on the Scott Act. A simultaneous vote would have the effect of strengthening and uniting the Temperance forces, and if a considerable number of counties passed the Act, the Alliance would have a strong case to present to the Government in asking for complete Prohibition throughout the whole Dominion. Such a law passed by the Dominion, and backed up by the power of the Government and its agents, must be successful. A suggestion had been made that in view of the coming struggle in the various counties, the Provincial branches of the Alliance should organize by means of a membership, such members as pay a nominal fee being entitled to seats in the local auxiliaries that will be formed in

the cities, towns and counties. The Alliance has adopted THE CANADA CITIZEN, of Toronto, as the exponent of its views, and the editor, Mr. F. S. Spence, has been appointed Secretary for the Dominion. He is also Secretary of the Ontario branch Alliance, and his dual position will tend to the strengthening and perfecting of the prohibitory forces throughout the Dominion. The simultaneous contest will probably take place about October next, and Mr. Bengough expressed the conviction that the Scott Act could be carried in a large proportion, if not the majority, of the counties throughout the Dominion.

His Honor Judge Boys, W.C.T., who presided, concurred in this view as to the result of the simultaneous vote, and stated that he was satisfied the County of Simcoe would carry prohibition in the event of such an opportunity. He knew the County well, and was satisfied that in a vote taken at a time when other counties were roused to action, the temperance party would secure help from many who now stood aloof or who actually opposed the movement. Liquor sellers themselves had told him that in the event of a vote for pure prohibition they would join in with temperance reformers, but they were unwilling to aid in the carrying of partial measures which were unfair to some while giving an advantage to others. The cost of a campaign such as outlined would be the chief obstacle in the way of its success, but he thought that when all counties were working and voting in the same direction an amount of enthusiasm would be created which would overcome that obstacle.

Mr. A. Lang, gaoler, stated his belief that prohibition could be carried by the plans outlined, and he hoped to see the day when the whole traffic would be done away.

A member here remarked: “There would be no need of gaolers then.”

Mr. Lang said he would then go into some honest business. (Laughter.)

The meeting adjourned after an expression of thanks to Mr. Bengough for his address.—*Barrie Gazette, 6th inst.*

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The new lodge of this order recently noticed in the *Free Press*, of Ottawa, as being organized in the city of Hull by Bro. W. H. Rodden, of Ontario Grand Lodge, was most successfully instituted by that officer under a Provincial deputy's commission from the Grand Lodge of Quebec on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst. It has adopted the name of St. James' Lodge, and decided to meet on Tuesday evenings. There were 39 charter members enrolled and initiated. Everything about this lodge promises success in its working. The following are the charter officers installed:—Abel Waters, W. C. T. and L. D.; Miss Lizzie Hannum, W. V. T.; George Mereweather, W.S.; Miss Georgina St. Germain, W. A. S.; Joshua Wright, W. F. S.; Miss Grace McGill, W. T.; John Angus, W. M.; Miss Kate Hanson, W. D. M.; Rev. F. Smith, W. C.; Miss Jennie Angus, W. I. G.; Sydney Kirby, W. O. G.; Mrs. Ellen Kelly, W. R. S.; Miss Libbie Mereweather, W. L. S.; John McArthur, P. W. C. T.—*Ottawa Free Press*.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—On Monday night about two hundred members of the Sons of Temperance assembled in Wolseley Temperance Hall, Toronto, to do honor, to Hon. G. W. Ross, P. M., W. P. of the Order, who paid a fraternal visit to Ontario Division, No. 26. Visitors were present in large numbers from Coldstream and St. Paul's Divisions in the city, and from Harvest Home, Mount Meldrum, and East York Divisions. Mr. Ross, accompanied by Mrs. Ross, was received with all the honors, and delivered an earnest and practical address, urging the members of the order to renewed zeal. Addresses were also delivered by Bros. John Squair, of Orono Division, H. O'Hara, of Bowmanville Division, John Milne, of Mount Meldrum Division, W. H. Bewell, of Harvest Home Division, Broomhall, of St. Paul's Division, W. Carlyle, Coldstream Division, and by Thos. Caswell, G. M. Rose, and S. W. Woodall, of Ontario Division. Refreshments were served by Ontario Division to the visitors, and all departed after spending a pleasant evening in good spirits.—*Ex*.

AFRICA.—Temperance seems to be taking a very strong hold in central South Africa. The *Templar Advocate* from that far-off region which reached us this week contains an account of the proceedings in the doing away with the licensed houses outside of towns by a vote of forty-one to four, and the prohibition of the sale or giving or supplying of liquor by merchants and shopkeepers by a vote of thirty-two to twelve. It is gratifying to learn that at least in one country a liquor selling is not allowed to defile any other business by association with liquor seller. The Good Templars were largely instrumental in accomplishing this.—*Canada Casket*.