

ment weather the audience was not large, but those who attended, felt well repaid for having turned out to hear the rev. gent'eman. Other public meetings will be held before polling day, to which a cordial invitation is extended to friends and foes alike."

TORONTO.—An unusually large number was present at the regular weekly concert held on Saturday night in Occident Hall by the West End Christian Temperance Society. A good programme was provided. An enthusiastic experience meeting was held Sunday afternoon, Mr. A. Farley in the chair. A number of stirring addresses were delivered, among those who spoke being the Chairman, and Messrs. Ward, Hall, Boyle, Thomson, and Bengough.

A very interesting temperance meeting was held in Parkdale Town Hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Good Templars Lodge, Mr. James Johnson in the chair. An eloquent and thoughtful address was delivered by Col. Hickman, of Kentucky, who will visit Toronto again next month, after a tour in the eastern part of Ontario.

The sixteenth anniversary of St. John's Lodge, I.O.G.T., was celebrated in the hall, corner Yonge and Alice streets, on Friday evening. After tea a choice programme was ably carried out by some excellent local talent. The chair was occupied by Mr. James H. Macmillan.

The annual meeting of the Temperance Electoral Association, of St. John's Ward, was held Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, J. A. Proctor; 1st Vice-President, Henry Jackman; 2nd Vice-President, William R. Holmes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. C. Beckett; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, H. Brines; Delegates to the Electoral Temperance Union, Messrs. Homes, Jackman, Wilson, Brines, and Barnes; Executive Committee, Messrs. Jordan, Brines, Wilson, Howes, Henley, Simpson, Brown, Williamson, Barnes, Eastman, Sutcliffe, Campbell and Toole.

A largely attended meeting of the Temperance Reformation Society was held Tuesday evening, in the basement of the Temperance Hall. The President, Mr. I. Wardell, occupied the chair. The report of the Hall Committee was read by the Secretary, Mr. J. B. Marshall. The Committee had adopted plans for alterations and extensions to the Temperance Hall, which were submitted to the Society. The report was adopted and the plans approved of. The hall will be extended seventeen feet to the west, and completely remodelled. There will be two circular galleries. When completed the hall will seat 1,400 persons. The alterations will cost \$10,000. Another flat will be put on top of the building, which will be laid out for lodge rooms. It is expected the alterations will be completed by September. The money will be raised among the friends of temperance in Toronto, and Mr. James French heads the list with a subscription of \$1,000.

HASTINGS.—Rev. C. R. Morrow, of Strathallan, who has just returned from the campaign in this county, writes us as follows:—

DEAR CITIZEN,—I have just returned from a two weeks' visit to Hastings County. The county is long and narrow, reaching from the Bay of Quinte over a hundred miles back north. It has twenty-four townships, three incorporated villages, and one town. The leading religious bodies are Methodists, 21,000; Catholics, 9,000; Episcopalians, 8,300; and Presbyterians, 5,500. There are about 2,000 people divided among the other denominations, making a total population of a little over 45,000 in the county—not including Belleville city. The people of Hastings are fully alive to the great importance of the temperance question. Nearly everywhere large audiences greeted me, anxious to learn all they could about the Act and its working in other places. They will be ready in a few weeks to hang up the petitions. The people are speaking with a trumpet voice—"this traffic must go." The county Orange Lodge for South Hastings passed a resolution in favor of the Scott Act by a unanimous vote. The county Lodge of North Hastings passed a similar resolution by a vote of 43 for to 5 against. All classes of the community are taking hold of the matter. Some of the municipalities have completed the canvass, and have secured from 50 to 75 per cent. of the voters names on the petition. Two liquor sellers have signed the petition. There was a vote taken at all the meetings, and in only two places did any one vote against the Act. At one place, after nearly every one in the house had voted in favor of the

Act, two persons got up against it. I then related an incident that took place in Lincoln county. When holding a meeting there some time ago a vote was taken, when only one voter got up against the Act. As soon as the people saw who it was they burst out laughing. I reproved a friend of mine for laughing. He replied that if I had known who the fellow was I would have laughed too. Why, said I, who is he? Why he is our *grave digger*, and he is afraid if we pass the Act he will lose his occupation. It so happened that both of these fellows in Hastings county who voted the wrong way were grave diggers. The people laughed very heartily at them. I believe that every municipality of Hastings will—if properly worked—give a majority for the Act. While in the county I heard of an incident that took place in Prince Edward county. A widow who had two sons, voters, got them to vote against the Act for fear they would not get as much for barley if the Act passed. In celebrating the defeat of the Act one of her sons got drunk and was brought home while in that condition. This was the first time he was ever seen drunk. It is needless to say what she would do if the question were to be voted on again. But I must not make my letter too long.

Yours for the Right,
C. R. MORROW.

Literary Record.

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