

replenishing the treasury. A Band of Hope has been formed under the auspices of the Union with one hundred and ten members. We have hired an organ to assist us in entertaining the children of the Band of Hope, and also to be used at entertainments given by the Union. We have bought pledge cards and badges for each child of the Band of Hope. Each member of the W. C. T. U. has a printed copy of our temperance pledge, with which she can personally canvass.

We have the glorious news to send in this report that the Scott Act passed in county of Victoria, on the 23rd of July, with the grand majority of eleven hundred and fifty. There were several temperance lecturers sent by the organization, and the Union assisted in defraying the expenses of the campaign. We also proposed and succeeded in having prayer meetings in the various churches in the village on the day of voting, praying for the success of the Scott Act. Before the day of voting six ladies of the Union canvassed for votes for the Act. There has been a committee formed for the purpose of interviewing the trustees of the public school of this village, with reference to having temperance principles taught in the school. Soon after the formation of the Union we purchased twelve dollars and twenty-five cents worth of literature. We have distributed about two thousand leaflets. There has been a number of articles on temperance written by members of the Union, which the editor of the paper has kindly printed. There are a great many branches of the temperance work, that we have not taken up yet, but as we get better acquainted with the work which is expected of us we hope to see more good done for our cause.

MRS. MCKONE, Cor. Sec.

FERGUS.

This Union was formed on the 3rd November, 1884, with 24 members. Since that time 17 meetings have been held. There are now 30 names on the roll. In the early part of the year the members of the Union took charge of the distribution of temperance literature in the village, and in connection with the submission of the Scott Act, some worked most energetically and received an ample reward in the splendid majority rolled up by our county in favor of the Act on the 2nd April. Efforts were also put forth by the Union at the time of the municipal elections, and were said to be influential in putting into the council, men, at least not *opposed* to temperance work; and again, when petitions to Parliament against the mutilation of the Scott Act were being circulated, members of the Union canvassed a great part of the village for signatures. Attempts have been made to get additional unions formed in neighboring parts of the country, but so far with success only in the case of Elora. There are prospects, however, that next year will see greater progress made.

J. T. SMELLIE, Rec. Sec.

GALT.

The past year has been one of much prosperity and blessing to our Society. We have had an increase of eleven (11) members, making our total forty-four (44). During the year twenty-four (24) regular meetings have been held with an average attendance of thirteen (13). These gatherings have been full of interest and were enjoyed by those present. Lectures under our auspices were given in December by the Hon. J. B. Finch, and in January by Colonel Bain, both of which were well attended and resulted in good, morally and financially. Another lecture by John B. Clark was given in September.

Our thanksgiving service, held February 17th, had an attendance of thirty-six (36) members and was an occasion of much spiritual benefit.

Eight thousand (8,000) pages of temperance literature have been distributed through the town, and an effort made towards encouraging such literature in our public schools. Our town papers are supplied every week with choice selections made by one of our members.