

—but the manufacture of new ones is effectually stopped. There are no long streets of beer-shops, with back rooms, in which boys are trained in drunkenness first, and crime afterward. There is not a beer-shop planted by a money-seeking brewer in the midst of every colony of workingmen, to filch from them the wages that should go to the support of their families. There are no open academies of crime, no manufacturing of criminals and paupers. In these States he who drinks must go and seek for it—it is not brought to him.

No one claims that prohibition can entirely prevent drinking any more than the Ten Commandments can entirely prevent crime, but it can stay the onward march of the world's greatest curse. It can save the generations to come from the monster, and can do much toward reforming those already in its grasp. So long as there is a gambler, a thief, a prostitute or a criminal, Rum will be used, for these outcasts find it to be their most efficient aid, but the places where it can be used by them will be reduced in number as well as influence. It can be dragged down from the place of command it now occupies. It can be driven into holes and corners, and the seal of condemnation so set upon it, that only the hopelessly vicious will dare to use it. To make it illegal is to make it what it should be, a crime. Prohibition is the only way to PULVERIZE THE RUM POWER.—*Toledo Blade.*

Campaign News.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.—The Central Committee of the Scott Act Association for the united counties of Durham and Northumberland met on Wednesday, 11th, in the S. of T. Hall. There was a large attendance of representatives from all parts of the counties.

Among those present were Revs. R. Brooking, J. J. Rice, and J. Young, of Cobourg; E. D. Lewis, of Hastings; R. M. Hammond, of Port Hope; Messrs. H. Hinman, Grafton; C. E. Ewing, H. Smith, J. Rosevear, J. Sanders, A. E. Munson, A. Scoon, G. W. Powell, A. Russel, and W. Carswell, Cobourg; G. Walkey and W. G. Hill, Port Hope; Robert Knox and Charles Hill, Orono; Isaac Preston, Munvers; F. S. Spence and A. Cuthbertson, Orono; W. Coombe, Cambridge; J. S. Eddy, Newcastle; R. J. Rutherford, Wicklow; John Riddell, Bensfort; J. J. Johnstone, Eddystone; J. Jewell, Charles Talling, and James Cross, Fenella; J. G. Lewis, Roseneath; W. D. Card and J. Clark, Grafton; D. Ewing, and R. W. Neville, Warkworth; A. W. Vanstone, Bowmanville; A. B. Coleman and T. B. Wait, Castleton; J. M. Grover, Colborne; W. MacPhail, Wooler; A. McCutcheon, L. A. Chapman, and C. A. Lapp, Baltimore; N. Peters, Hope.

The President, Mr. C. E. Ewing, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. J. J. Rice, after which the roll of municipalities was called. The President made a stirring address reporting the progress made, and stating that the prospects at present were very good.

Several additions were made to the Central Committee, and an executive was appointed. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, and a lengthy report showing the state of the work in every part of the counties. In the afternoon arrangements were made for the organization of some townships that seemed to be behind in their work. Instruction in reference to methods and details of organization were then given by the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. The matter of finance was then gone into, and arrangements made for raising the funds necessary to carry on the campaign.

MASS MEETING.

In the evening an immense mass meeting was held in James-street Skating Rink, the use of which was kindly granted by the Saved Army whose regular meeting was given up for the occasion. The President of the Association occupied the chair, and hearty singing led by the army officers interspersed the addresses.

The Chairman stated that the friends of the Scott Act wanted full and fair discussion, and extended to the opponents of the measure a cordial invitation to express their views, promising them fair play, fair time, and a fair hearing, but no one responded. He then spoke earnestly of the importance of the work in which the Association was engaged. The liquor traffic is thoroughly bad. It is the cause of nine-tenths of all the crime that curses our land. Out of one hundred sudden deaths into which it has been his duty as a coroner to enquire, eighty-six had been caused directly by

drink. He spoke of what he had known, seen, and felt. He instanced a number of terrible disasters that had occurred in Cobourg, giving the names of the well known victims, and showing that the cause of their death was undoubtedly drink. Some people spoke of compensation being asked for by liquor-sellers, who lost their business by the Scott Act. If the liquor traffic would compensate the community for one-tenth the ruin it had wrought, the temperance people would buy it out root and branch but until the traffic would agree to this claim for one-sided compensation would not be entertained. He did not want to harm, he wanted to help, the hotel-keepers' legitimate business. The traffic was a curse to those who carried it on, and it would be to their advantage to have it utterly abolished. He spoke in reference to both the present life and the life to come. It had been to the liquor-sellers an unmitigated curse, and the Scott Act would be to their families and themselves an inestimable boon.

Rev. J. J. Rice was glad of this opportunity to present the matter to the people of Cobourg. The work of the Saved Army had done much to advance the cause of temperance here. We had to thank it to a great extent for this grand meeting. He, like the Chairman, was a thirty-six-year-old Son of Temperance. It was different in bygone days with regard to this reform. The nation had made great progress in its opinions and its customs. Individuals, laws, and churches treated the traffic differently now. All these had improved. The Scott Act is a landmark in our progressive march. We are not timid in our treatment of the liquor traffic now. If it be true—and it is—that the drink traffic antagonizes everything good and noble and pure, then we must fight this unholy drink traffic to the bitter end.

Rev. J. Young said that every one knew very well what side he was on, and as the meeting had been convened to hear Mr. Spence, he would at once give way. He hoped that all present would take hold of this grand question and lift it up to glorious victory. If they only did their duty they were bound to win.

Mr. F. S. Spence then spoke earnestly and long, giving a clear and forcible presentation of the provisions of the Scott Act and the principles that underlie it.

The large audience was intensely enthusiastic and appreciative, and when the Chairman asked for an expression of opinion upon the question of giving the Scott Act a hearty support there was only one man to hold up his hand for the anti side. The audience then sang the doxology, and the meeting was closed.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MANITOBA BRANCH.

The Convention of the Manitoba Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance began in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, 28th May, at 10 a. m., the President, Mr. J. W. Sifton, occupying the chair.

We condense the following report from the *Manitoba Weekly Free Press*:—

The Committee on Credentials reported the following names of delegates present:—President, J. W. Sifton; Secretary-Treasurer, E. Thomson; Chairman of Executive, W. W. Buchanan; Secretary of Executive, J. A. Tees; S. C. Biggs, Revds. E. A. Stafford, J. B. Silcox, C. B. Pitblado, Messrs. W. Irwin, A. Ferguson and Dr. McDiarmid, Members of Executive; John Davy and A. Fletcher, Council No. 2, Royal Templars of Temperance; G. P. Bliss, Brandon Sons of Temperance; A. Davis, Joseph Amos, Council No. 1, Royal Templars of Temperance; Rev. J. W. Bell, Crystal City, Council No. 5, Royal Templars of Temperance; J. R. Bonny, Nelson, Council No. 4, Royal Templars of Temperance; Rev. J. H. Ruttan and A. Haney, Council No. 3, Royal Templars of Temperance; Revs. C. Crichton, J. Gibson and A. G. Washington, Portage la Prairie Blue Ribbon Club; Messdames Monk and Cameron, Winnipeg Women's Christian Temperance Union; H. J. Clarke, F. Cockburn, H. W. A. Chambre, Winnipeg Blue Ribbon Club; Rev. J. E. Hunter, D. Phillips, Dominion City Blue Ribbon Club; Rev. T. Macguire, Emerson public temperance meeting; A. Parsons, Emerson Independent Order Good Templars; T. A. Burrows, Winnipeg Independent Order Good Templars; Rev. J. F. Betts, Birtle public temperance meeting; A. Johnson, E. R. Sutherland, Jas. Lawrence, S. D. Garside, H. Craskill, G. G. Graham, I. Underwood, John Gunn, J. T. Hicks, J. A. Turner, Stonewall Sons of Temperance, No. 3; E. A. Ferguson, Greenwood; W. D. Russell, Winnipeg St. Andrew's Church Session.