

member of the division and the other is not opposed to us. The other four were members of the last council and one belongs to the division. The new Mayor was a former councillor and rather opposed to temperance legislation but I think with the strong temperance sentiment now back of them that the council as it now stands can be safely counted on to carry out the wishes of the majority of the ratepayers, and enforce the law as they are doing elsewhere. This money guarantee ought to put some backbone into them if they are lacking it in themselves. If they want an example they have only to look to Milltown where Mayor Graham once more takes the reins of office. His first act almost was to notify a lot of rum-sellers, who had been allowed a foothold under his predecessor, to get out, giving them four days to do so and from previous experiences with him it is a certain fact they will not "stand upon the order of their going." Our Mayor is a Graham too, but I'm afraid we'll hardly find him asserting himself in that manner.

But I am taking up too much of your valuable space so I will reserve some other items for my next letter when I will give you a list of our new officers.

HOWARD.

St. Stephen, N. B., Mar. 29th, 1886.

**CENTERVILLE DIVISION, S. OF T.,  
NO. 287.**

Mr. Editor.—Our first public temperance meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Centerville, on the evening of Wednesday the 17th of March. The doors being thrown open to the public, the Hall was filled to the utmost capacity long before the time for opening. The chair was taken by Brother H. W. Folkins, who made a few remarks on the object of the meeting, and we opened by music, "The temperance Banner," which was well rendered by the choir.

The choir consisted of Brothers J. W. Folkins, R. Folkins, C. Folkins, W. Folkins, Sisters Maud and Bessie Scholfield, Martha Weeks, Ada L. Parry, Bertie Folkins. Miss Annie Smith presided at the organ which she did with great credit.

Our evening's programme consisted of songs, recitations, readings, speeches and dialogues. The Chairman called on James Smith who gave a reading, "The Raven," speech by Lewis Folkins, "60 Years Ago," recitation by Miss Ada L. Parry, "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse," recitation by H. Folkins, "Rain Prayer," song by Choir, "Water for me," speech on temperance by G. N. Wright; reading by Miss Bunnell, "The Family Jar," recitation by Martha Weeks, "Why should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud," recitation by Agnes Folkins; speech on temperance by G. B. Folkins; recitation by Letitia Folkins, "The Wife's Story," song by Choir, "Water the Drink for All," reading by J. Sommerville, "The Automic Cradle," recitation by Sarah Sharp, "Sally Cook's letter," speech on temperance by W. C. Parry; dialogue by Sisters Maude and Bessie Scholfield, Miss Bunnell, Ivan Wright and H. Folkins, "A Parlor Scene," song by the choir, "We the Under-signed," recitation by Annie Snider, "Why don't the Men Propose," song by J. W. Folkins, "Though Poor I'm a Gentleman Still," reading by J. A. Leiper, "The Smiths," recitation by Agnes Wright, "Widder Green," recitation by James Smith, "Jamie Butler and the Owl," speech on temperance work by B. Wright. The evening being far spent and our programme being exhausted, the meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem, every one being well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

"Gloucester Division No. 274. Sons of Temperance on their last night of meeting, elected the following Officers:

Michael Kent, W. P.  
R. F. Hutchings, W. A.  
Telem Rodgers, R. S.  
Miss Sarah A. Dempsey, A. R. S.  
Allan Eady, F. S.  
Robt. Hickson, Treas.  
G. R. Collins, Chap.  
Oswald Daley, Con.  
Miss H. Daley, Asst. Con.  
Fred Dempsey, I. S.  
Allan Dempsey, O. S.  
R. W. Daley, P. W. P.  
R. F. HUTCHINGS, R. S.  
Clifton, Glou. Co. N. B., March 29' 86

**ON TO VICTORY.**

**The Campaign Opened,**

**Temperance Men Hard at Work.**

As the days approach for the election on the Scott Act in the cities of Portland and St. John the temperance party are alive to the important part they will have to take in the campaign. The Prohibitory Alliance and the different other societies are actively at work securing and perfecting plans for a successful issue. The organizations are canvassing the friends of the temperance party so that "when weighed in the balance" they will not be found "wanting." Ward committees have been appointed, and meetings have been called to consider the best means adapted for carrying out the contest. On Saturday night last a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Temple of Honor rooms, to inaugurate a series of temperance mass meetings previous to the campaign. Almost all the societies of the two cities were represented, prominent among whom were a large delegation from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which added renewed zeal and courage to the movement. The meeting was called to order by Bro. J. R. Woodburn, who was elected chairman, and after he had explained the object of the meeting, Bro. Jas. A. S. Mott was elected secretary. Considerable debate ensued as to the best means of holding a mass meeting, some contending that to be in keeping with the work the churches would be the best place in which to discuss the Scott Act matter; others were in favor of a monster mass meeting being held in the Mechanics' Institute.

A lively discussion ensued in the matter of the societies appearing in regalia. Various suggestions were offered favoring the organizations appearing in a body wearing the blue ribbon badge—others that each society should wear the regalia of their respective order. An executive committee was appointed, comprising a representative from each organization, to perfect arrangements and notify their respective bodies of the time and place of meeting. All the brotherhood present at this meeting were sanguine of a glorious victory on the 19th and 20th April. The Meeting was very harmonious, and adjourned at 10.30 subject to the call of the president.

The list of voters has been prepared and the ward committees will at once begin their work. The Good Templar Hall has been secured as the head quarters of the temperance party, and the different wards meet alternate nights. So far the work goes bravely on, and will continue till the finish.

Yesterday afternoon, Bro. John Law delivered his maiden speech on a public platform before a large audience at the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. He held the closest attention of the audience for half an hour or more, showing the many benefits derived from the cause of temperance, and vividly portrayed scenes of desolation and want from the effects of intoxicants. Mr. Wm. Hadow followed in a scriptural vein, and forcibly appealed to the assembly to refrain from indulging in the intoxicating cup. Bro. John Beamish then, in a few words, (the hour being late) described his connection with the Cadets of Temperance, and was proud of his record as a temperance man. Bro. John Meahan, who has so ably conducted those gospel meetings throughout the season spoke in words of praise and thankfulness for the blessings that have attended those meetings. Mr. Thos. Stubbs, who so ably assists in prayerful devotions on this platform, pronounced the benediction and the meeting closed. The chairman stated that the meetings would be continued so long as the attendance kept good. We were all pleased to notice the smiling countenance of Mrs. Simeon Baisley in her accustomed seat in the audience. Mrs. Baisley, who has been confined to her home for the past three months from a fractured arm, received by falling on the ice, was the recipient of many congratulations upon her recovery.

The closing concert of a successful

course of entertainments was given by Gurney division, S. of T., in the Market building on the evening of the 22nd inst. The attendance was large, the hall being filled. Mr. S. L. Rankin presided. The following is the programme in part:—

Duet, The Missis Duncan; Cornet Solo, Prof. Williams; Solo, Miss Idella Fowler; Reading, J. Woodrow; Solo, W. Maber; Piccolo solo, Master Williams; Solo, Miss Currie; Piano duet, Masters E and N Wilour Character song, Master James Orr; Reading, J. Woodrow; Duet, Misses McGee and Drake; Recitation—From the Lady of Lyons, J. F. Appleby Piccolo solo, Master Williams; Chorus, God Save the Queen;

Gordon Division, S. of T., have leased the hall over Mr. C. P. Clarke's drug store, south side King Street, for a term of years, and have already commenced making improvements suitable to their wants. The hall, when finished, will present a very handsome appearance. They inaugurate their new hall on 27th April next—the anniversary of the division—with an entertainment.

The fraternal visit Tuesday evening 23rd by Albion Division, S. of T., to Victoria Temple of Honor was largely attended by the visiting brethren. W. H. Smith, W. C. T. of Victoria Temple, extended a cordial welcome to Albion Division and was responded to by A. C. A. Salter, W. P. of Albion Division, in an address of thankfulness. The following was the programme:—

Reading, A. C. A. Salter; Recitation, Jas. Whitenect; Speech, J. D. Robertson; Reading, C. A. Rutherford; Address, J. R. Woodburn; Reading, Geo. S. Whitenect; Speech, J. A. S. Mott; Song, John Bond; Reading, L. C. Ansley; Song, Miss M. T. Crawford; Recitation, F. Goodyear; Speech, D. Thompson; Reading, L. P. Crear; Reading, Ralph March; Speech, A. Burnham; Speech, John Beamish.

Congratulatory speeches were made by W. H. Smith and A. C. A. Salter, after which God save the Queen was sung and the meeting closed.

**What is Being Done in the Temperance Cause by Roman Catholics.**

I desire at the outset of the few remarks I propose to make, to declaim any invidious intention. I am warned by the old saying that "Comparisons are dangerous."

The remark is often made, "Such a class do not seem to manifest much interest in the cause." I am of opinion that in one way or another all classes of Churchmen are doing a fair share of work; but this much I may fairly claim for our Roman Catholic friends, that they are in the front rank of earnest, untiring workers, as shown by almost numberless Societies in every town and village in Canada.

Not the least pleasant of the results of the interest felt in the advancement of temperance has been the breaking down of the barriers so long preventing that close relation that should exist with all good men, to unite in the philanthropic movements of the present day.

The following incident is a case in point, and is very interesting, showing the manner in which two great divines became advocates of total abstinence; the first is that of

**FATHER MATHEW.**

He was met one day in an hospital in the City of Cork by William Mackin of the Society of Friends, who thus addressed the Priest: "Oh, Theobald Mathew, what 'mightest thou not do, if thou would'st take part in the 'great work of temperance.'" This language stirred to its deepest the soul of the young priest, who, after much meditation and prayer, resolved to enter the ranks of the advocates of total abstinence; and his own words on that occasion have since become memorable: "Here goes, in the name of God,"—and how nobly he performed his work is known to the whole world.

Shortly after Dr. Guthrie became a convert to the cause in a manner which is worth repeating. He was travelling in Ireland one day, and it being very wet, he stopped at an inn and invited the driver of his car to partake of a glass of whiskey, "Faith I won't touch a single drop of it," said the driver. "How is that?" said Dr. Guthrie. "I tuk the pledge from Father Mathew," replied the car

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driver, "and I won't taste a single drop of it." This reply of an untutored peasant reached the soul of the good man, and he said, "if this simple man can abstain from drinking whiskey, why should not I," and thus Dr. Guthrie became an ardent temperance worker with wonderful success in England and Scotland.

To what more hopeful sign can the temperance man point than is contained in the following extract from the *Montreal Witness*:—

"One of the most cheering spectacles for the friends of temperance was witnessed here last night, in the presence of

**ARCHBISHOP TASCHEREAU.**

the highest dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church in this Province, and a number of the Priests openly and heartily co-operating on a public platform with the Protestant clergy of the city, and prominent laymen of all creeds, in temperance work.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Quebec Vigilance Association, of which His Grace Archbishop Taschereau is honorary and Dr Marsden active President. The meeting was held in Victoria Hall, His Grace occupied the chair, attended by the Rev Father Grenier, and a number of other Catholic priests. Among the Protestants present were the Rev Messrs Houseman, Ridley Reoxford and Lucas, the last named having come to Quebec to lecture on the Scott Act.

During the afternoon Mr. Lucas had a long and most sympathetic interview with His Grace at the Archbishop's palace. Speeches were delivered and resolutions passed at this meeting, and no doubt the good cause received a boom in Quebec and the liquor traffic a blow from which it will never recover. It is evidently doomed in Quebec.

Since this meeting Archbishop Taschereau has formally set the seal of his approbation upon the movement by ordering 20,000 copies of the Scott Act to be printed in French for circulation among the members of his Church, and on each copy appears his Episcopal sanction—"Imprimatur: +E. A., Archieps Quebecen."

Again, in Charlottetown, P. E. Island, we see the same happy results following the combined action of Catholic and Protestant on the temperance platform. On the occasion of a meeting called to advocate the adoption of the Scott Act, side by side were priests and clergymen of all denominations supported by the Catholic Bishop, the

**RIGHT REVEREND DR. P. MCINTYRE.** Were it necessary how many more names of Catholic divines could be added to the list, such as Bishop La Fleche of Three Rivers, Bishop Racine of Sherbrooke, Bishop Tache, with hosts of others.

Last autumn Cardinal Manning journeyed from London to Liverpool to attend a Temperance Congress; in his speech he said, "I admit that a 'Maine Law' may be called an extreme remedy, but have I not already proved that there is an extreme evil."

Who among the people of St John and Portland will soon forget the soul-stirring appeals of the Redemptorist Fathers, on temperance, and for the suppression of the liquor traffic, as uttered during the Mission services on the occasion of the Father's last visit.

A few evenings since at a mass meeting held in Portland, in favor of the Scott Act, a message was received from Father Oates, saying: "Some of his people would have attended had not pressing business prevented them, but that he was in full sympathy with them in the work of temperance."

I know and am assured that, in view of the many temperance societies already in existence in our towns and

cities, and of the efforts that are being made by Roman Catholics in the City of Saint John and Portland to advance all good works, that following the example of their Bishops and Priests, all will unite, heart and hand, in aid and votes to secure the adoption of the Scott Act in the City and County of Saint John.

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