

PICNICS.

Election of Officers.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Every day we live our cause is growing in numbers; every day we live drunkenness is on the decline; contrary to the advice of Rev. Messrs. Macrae, Troop and Davenport, the populace are aware that "the drunkard cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven," contrary to their views (and I doubt not their wishes), our Division rooms and Lodge rooms are being steadily filled. Why should it be otherwise? Do we not know that inebriety shorten our existence. If we abolish our fire department would not our city soon be devoured by the fiery element; if we dispensed with our police force would not crime run rampant? Therefore we have a right to protect ourselves in trying to subdue the evils of temperance, an evil that if not checked, is prone to do more damage than the ravages of disease or destruction by either famine, fire, or the sword. Such is the feeling at present that people are daily looking at the habit of drinking as a fallacy, a dilemma, and a snare. As an evidence of this on Dominion Day scarcely any drunkenness existed. Over seven hundred people attended the excursion and picnic of Gordon Division, S. of T., at McBay's Landing—and not a single soul was seen the worse of liquor—not a drop of liquor was sold, or known to be, on the steamer "Acadia," which made two trips to the excursion grounds. Thanks to the vigilance of the thorough temperance workers composing Gordon Division, they were determined to make their first excursion one worthy of the name of "Gordon," (who never done anything by halves.) The committee of arrangements were men and women who have the interest of the cause at heart, and they were diligent in their exertions to make every one happy and to crown the affair with success. They did their part nobly and well—all enjoyed themselves. The numerous attractions offered on the riverly stream and rail—on the barrack square and the Moosepath Park—did not deter the large gathering from attending the picnic of No 275. The 62nd Fusiliers' band are loud in their praise for the very hospitable manner in which they were treated by the committee in charge—many of them being sorry when the hour of departure came to leave the grounds. Capt Estabrooks heaped encomiums on the committee for the able manner in which the entire affair was conducted, saying to the writer, that in all his experience on the river he never saw a more enjoyable or more pleasant party, Mr Humphrey's was also delighted at the arrangements and was on the boat and at the grounds during the entire day. The games and sports were competed for and the prizes awarded to the successful competitors. The last of the party arrived at Indian-town at 8.30 p. m., all seemingly having enjoyed themselves to the fullest. The Gordon Division Picnic was a decided success, numerically and financially. At the last regular meeting the following were the elective officers for the ensuing term:

John Kenny, W. P.; Stephen B. Bustin, W. A.; Frank S. Estey, R. S.; Thos. Lawson, (P. W. P.) F. S.; Henry Wills, (P. W. P.) treasurer; Jas. N. Wetmore, chaplain; Wm. H. Secord, conductor; H. H. Hayes, A. C.; Wm. Millican, I. S.; Robt. Maxwell, (P. W. P.) O. S. Portland Division, S. of T., elected the following officers the same evening:

W. Richardson, W. P.; F. Fitzpatrick, W. A.; C. McBeath, R. S.; Miss Street, A. R. S.; A. Y. Patterson, F. S.; Jas. Smith, T.; W. Irvine, chaplain; R. Rubins, C.; Miss Urbuhart, A. C.; Miss Nelson, I. S.; J. Lester, O. S.; Miss McCord, Organist.

Six men initiates entered Gordon Division this evening. The Division is making wonderful progress since entering their new hall.

On Sunday evening last, a large and enthusiastic temperance meeting was held in the meeting house at Golden Grove, under the auspices of Garfield, Lodge, I. O. G. T. The building was completely filled. Mr. John Meahan of Portland, presided. A number of members of the Good Templars also went out and assisted in the exercises. The services commenced by singing "Oh where are the Reapers?" which was followed with prayer by Mr. A. P. Wilson. The chairman stated why the meeting was being held, claiming that the cause of temperance was closely allied to the Church of Christ and closed his introductory remarks by calling on Mr. Calvin Powers, who gave an earnest and telling speech in the course of which he alluded in glowing terms to the great amount of good that is being accomplished by the good templars, the corner stone of which order, said he, was built on the Word of God. He claimed that a large amount of good was being accomplished by the gospel temperance meetings. Mr. Powers was profused in Scriptural quotations, showing that from the time of Noah down to the present ages the habit of drinking was sinful. He had known of clergymen filling drunkards' graves arising from the habit of moderate drinking. The Scott act was analyzed by the speaker, showing that the law was a good one wherever it was in force. Mr. Powers said that there were 6,000 good templars in the province of New Brunswick, and they were determined to work in the future for prohibition.

After the audience sang another temperance hymn, Mr. John Law spoke at considerable length on the evils of intemperance, and closed with an earnest appeal to all present who had not heretofore allied themselves with Garfield lodge or some kindred association to do so at once and they would reap their reward.

Messrs. A. P. Wilson, John Beamish, John Bond and the chairman followed in stirring and earnest addresses, and the meeting closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr Wilson.

On Thursday evening next Finch lodge I. O. G. T. will pay a fraternal visit to City of Portland lodge, headed by the 104th band.

Granite Rock Division, Carleton, have elected the following: Alex. H. McClelland, W. P.; John Haslam, W. A.; Chas. Morrison, R. S.; Miss Ella Wood, A. R. S.; Edwin L. Strange, F. S.; Henry Finch, sr., Treas.; David Adams, sr., Chap.; John Lee, Con.; Miss Annie Cocey, A. C.; Herbert Gardner, I. S.; John V. Ellis, jr., O. S.; Mrs. John Larkin, P. W. P.; Miss Clara Wood, Organist.

At the regular meeting of Albion Division, No. 14 S of T, held Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected; D. C. Parkins, W. P.; J. J. Gillies, W. A.; E. A. Everett, R. S.; W. H. Robinson, A. R. S.; D. Smiler, F. S.; D. Thompson, T.; Thos. Brundage, Chap.; H. D. Everett, C.; Chris. White, A. C.; G. Lobb, I. S.; A. W. Sulis, G. S.; F. C. Colwell, organist; B. Mirey, P. W. P.

I. O. G. T.—Bocabec, Charlotte county, has had a lodge of Good Templars organized there by Mr. J. P. Nowlan; 56 charter members were installed. It is named Royal Charlotte No. 182. The following were chosen officers:

J. J. McMullen, C. T.; Clara Hanson, V. I.; P. McMullin, R. S.; David Creighton, F. S.; Atchison Carson, treas.; Wm. Groom, chap.; S. McWilliams, mar.; Mattie Mitchell, D. M.; James Carson, I. G.; Osborn Mitchell, O. G.; Martha Kerr, R. H. S.; Martha Boyd, L. H. R.; Lizzie Boyd, A. S.; L. B. Mitchell, P. C. T.; Harry Groom, D. G. C. T.

GRAND LAKE DIVISION

MR. EDITOR.—The following is a list of officers of Grand Lake Division for the ensuing quarter:

C. W. White, W. P.; W. W. Wright, W. A.; F. S. Taylor, R. S.; Bessie Comben, A. R. S.; P. B. McLean, T.; H. F. White, F. S.; Dora White, C.; Mary Comben, A. C.; Harry Orchard, I. S.; R. B. Knight, O. S.; Rev. C. Comben, Chaplain; E. J. Branscomb, P. W. P.

During the last quarter some five new members have been added to the list of temperance workers, making now a total membership of

23. Although our numbers are small, we spend some pleasant evenings in the Division room, and think much good has been done since organization. I trust to be able to report for the next quarter a still greater increase in our Division. Fraternal yours, H. E. W. White, s. Cove, June 30, '86.

ESSEX DIVISION, 285.

We held our quarterly installation on Monday, 5th, the following Officers having been duly installed: W. S. D. Moore, W. P.; Hattie Chambers, W. A.; John Richardson, R. S.; Maria Crothers, A. R. S.; Perley Flewelling, F. S.; Carsilla Patterson, T.; Rev. F. J. Cofin, Chaplain; Perley McKnight, Conductor; Mary Proctor, A. C.; Etta Chambers, P. W.; Charles Crothers, I. S.; A. Adair, O. S.

After the usual routine of business was over we were bountifully supplied with strawberry refreshments by the ladies. Our Division is doing very well considering our position. We have 52 members, and three rum shops to contend with, and worse than all, we have no Inspector, and they are allowed to sell away.

Yours truly, JOHN W. DEFOREST, D. G. W. P. July 7, 1886.

ONLY ANOTHER RESULT FROM THE TRAFFIC.—"A sad case appeared in the Toronto Police Court, the other day Duncan McDougall is a father of a family of six children, who are suffering through his inability to stop drinking. He told the magistrate it was not his fault. It was nature. He had done everything to break the habit, but always failed. "Honestly, I will promise to stop, but my promise is not worth that," said he, snapping his fingers. "I'll promise to keep from liquor as long as you like, but as to keeping my promise, that's a different thing." However, he was given another chance."

It was recently stated by Neal Dow that the most formidable opposition to Prohibition comes from the moderate drinkers. Such has not been our experience. From conversation with many of that class, we find that in most cases they drink simply because drinking is the social custom of those with whom they associate. They are perfectly willing, even anxious, in many cases, to see the custom broken, and would lend a helping hand to break it. The total abstainer favors Prohibition on principle; the moderate drinker will favor it because it breaks the hold of a custom which is a continual danger to them; the drunkard will favor it, because it is necessary to save him from himself. Then, who will oppose it? The saloon-keeper!

CALM AND STORM.

As, azure doomed, And silver foamed, And flecked by many a snowy sail, The ocean lay, One Summer's day, Scarce rippling in the southern gale; I felt for me That life might be As tranquil as that Summer sea.

But, as I gazed, The sea birds raised A cry of dolorous, sad forbode, Athwart fair heaven Black clouds were driven, And high the angry billows rode. Ah, then for me, Prophetic sea, Thou told'st in truth what life must be.

Now—azure doomed, And silver foamed, Once more it tells the same sweet tale And this shall last, When—life's sands past— For heaven's bright shore our souls set sail, Then smile, fair sea, Less glad, less free, Than they that to that Harbor flee!

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.

Sam Jones suggests this test for the half and-half Christians: Well, now, here is a dog going along following two men. But you don't know whose dog he is, to save your life for he is following two men. But you say to yourself, "I will find out whose dog that is. I'll go up a little further to where the road forks off, and when one of the men goes one way and the other man the other, I'll watch which road the dog follows and then when he turns to the right I shall know the dog belongs to that man, and if he turns to the left I shall know that he belongs to the other man." Now if there is a prayer-meeting and a theatre on the same night, and I saw a crowd going up Michigan avenue I cannot tell for my life whose dogs they are, but I go up to the forks of the road and then I can tell. I stand right at the forks of the road and I see some of the crowd head off toward the theatre, and some to the prayer-meeting.

And now, if you turn on Wednesday night to the theatre you are the devil's dog, and you need say nothing more about it. That is true as we are talking. We get mixed up in this world, and we mix all sorts of things, but the roads fork, and we can tell whose dog you are every time then. The idea of a Christian man trying to hold a prayer-meeting and then going to the theatre, or playing cards, or going to the dance at this same time! It is a disgrace to the cause of Christ.

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Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; John P. Bell.
Orange Hall, Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson.
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; J. S. B. DeVeber.
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stohart.
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Tuesday; Robt. Wills.
Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; I. J. Steeves.
Sackville, West. Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines.
Kingston, Kent Co.; Kingston, 44; Tuesday; B. S. Bailey.
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; D. McGruar.
Point de Bute, West. Co.; Westmoreland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman.
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.
Penfield; Charlotte Co.; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; W. N. Bucknam.
Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.
Dover, West. Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; W. Steeves.
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; Henry Finch.
Derby, North. Co.; Nelson, 99; Monday; J. Betts.
Douglstown, North. Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.
Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead.
Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; James E. Coy.
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. Teed.
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Cudlip Miller.
Moncton; Moncton, 188; Monday; E. McCarthy.
St. George; St. George, 189; R. H. Davis.
Salisbury, West. Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Saturday; C. A. Beck.
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough.
Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday; John Waring.
Moncton; Intercolonial, 243; Friday; Alex. Ford.
Victoria Mills, West. Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main.

Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; J. W. Mann.
Weldford, Kent. Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wather.
Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.
Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith.
Petitcodiac, West. Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. Jonah.
Lewis Mountain, West. Co.; Sunnyside, 253; Saturday; R. Lewis.
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Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts.
Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.; Union, 258; D. W. Grierson.
River Charlo, Rest. Co.; Charlo, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith.
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Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes.
Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton.
Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; Alex. M. McKenzie.
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St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan.
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Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; G. Flewelling.
Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore.
St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division, No. 275; Monday; H. P. Sandall.
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Clifton, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division 284; Wednesday; N. R. Ritchie.
Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; John Keenan.
Port Elgin, West. Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Tuesday; W. M. Spence.
Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 287; Saturday; H. W. Falkins.
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Dubec, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Wm. V. Benn.
Forest Glen, West. Co.; Forest Glen 290; Saturday; Miss A. Hubley.
Bristol, Carleton Co.; Bristol, 291; Tuesday; Rev. John Gravinor.
East Florenceville, Carleton Co.; East Florenceville, 292; Saturday; Wm. Tompkins.
Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293; Saturday; J. T. Fletcher.
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Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Thursday; Jas. Crawford.
Morcamber, Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303; Thursday; Martin Freeze.
Scotch Settlement, Westmoreland Co.; McCarthy, 304; David Murray.
Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305; Zebulon Gaunce.
Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; Jas. Pickard.
Portland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Wednesday; Rev. J. Spencer.
Old Ridge, Char. Co.; Brunswick Division, No. 309; Monday; Howard Maxwell.
North Hampton; King's Co.; Caladonia, 310; Thursday; Geo. Watson.
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