

ST. JOHN LETTER.

MORE ENTHUSIASM WANTED.

St. John, N. B. Aug. 9.

"Oh where are the reapers," are the lines commencing a beautiful hymn that are often sung at the gospel temperance meetings, and a most beautiful hymn it is. When we consider the work that we have been so earnestly engaged in since our connection with the temperance army we class ourselves among the reapers, for the blessing attending the efforts of the temperance workers are manifold. What happiness and peace of mind are gained in return for our simple efforts in this great moral reform. The majority of temperance people are too lukewarm in the movement, especially so are the

DIVISIONS AT PRESENT.

It is time we were buckling on the armor to commence the work anew. Since the advice given to the people if St. John and Portland by Rev. Messrs Macrae, Troop, Davenport and Brigestocke, that it was "good to drink wine," there seems to be no check to intemperance. The arch fiend is certainly playing sad havoc among many once bright and happy homes. Young men, of respectable parentage, are daily and nightly to be seen under the influence of liquor, and the heart-broken sisters say, and say truly, that their brothers claim it is no sin to drink wine, for the clergy recommend it. We know of such cases from personal observations. We know of young men, who, in broad day light, enter the dramshop without ever looking behind them to see that they were not watched—whereas before the utterances of these learned divines, these same young men would spurn the idea of entering a liquor saloon. It is a lamentable fact that such cases come to our knowledge too frequently. The closed blinds and shutters of the liquor shops do not obscure the light from the streets altogether, nor prevent the voices of those who are babbling, after the hour of closing, from being heard. The law says that the hour for closing shall be 10 p m, and that no back or side doors will be allowed. These provisions would be strictly enforced providing we had fearless temperance men on the police force. Now dramshops are coming into existence, and new patrons are added to the list to follow the downward train of destruction. Something must soon be done. Cannot the good old order of Sons of Temperance make an effort to stop this wholesale destruction of human life and liberty—a life of happiness, and liberty from the yoke and chains of worse than slavery, the demon of intemperance. Let the good old order arise in their might and go to work in earnest. During the Scott Act campaign the political intriguers were conspicuous in this contest—the both political parties were deeply interested in that contest, and it behooves us to weigh well and remember those who worked with us in that uneven battle. There should be

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETINGS

held regularly every Sunday by all the divisions. In this mode of reformation much good was accomplished in the hall of Valley Division and the roll of membership was largely increased, through the efforts put forth at those meetings. The Independent Order of Good Templars are devoting much time and expense in carrying on this good work. A fund is expressly levied on all the members to defray the expenses of temperance missionary work, and the results are of the most cheering character. New lodges are constantly being instituted through the country districts, and the gains in the membership of the order are largely attributable to those gospel meetings. A series of those meetings are being held in Queen's County under the auspices of Peerless District Lodge and an application has been filed for instituting a new lodge at Belleisle. Such results are very gratifying in temperance work and the Sons of Temperance had better look to their laurels, or their prestige will vanish from them. We would here ask the Grand Division to what purpose is the propagation fund being put. Cannot this fund be applied to defray the expenses of carrying on gospel temperance meetings. Many new divisions might thus be instituted and many

old ones resuscitated. Grand Scribe Thomson is very diligent in his visits to the Divisions. He visits almost nightly some one or more of them, and at each he is cordially received, and in return imparts much knowledge and good advice of the working of the sister divisions. On Monday evening last the Grand Scribe dropped into Gordon and was tendered a hearty reception. On the 19th inst Gordon Division will pay Old Gurney a fraternal visit. The heat of summer prevents, as a general rule, large accessions to our ranks, but nevertheless this summer has been an unusually successful one. The reports from all are very flattering, and now that fraternal visitations will be in order, we look forward to a revival of temperance among all the orders of reform.

On the 31st ult Bros John Meahan Calvin Powers, John Law, A P Wilson A A Mabee and James M Whiteneck, proceeded to Greenwick, K Co and held two largely attended, gospel temperance meetings there, under the auspices of Prospect and Pearl Lodges, I O G T. The hall of Pearl Lodge was densely packed at the afternoon meeting, as was also that of Prospect, on the western side of the river in the evening. The following are the officers of Prospect Lodge for the ensuing term:—

Chas. W. Gorham, C. T.;
Dora Whelpley, V. T.;
Ella Fanjoy, R. S.;
Daniel Whelpley, A. R. S.;
Duval Whelpley, F. S. J.
Laura Belyea, Treas.;
Geo E. Worden, Chap.;
Clarence Harrison, marshal;
W. Ludlow Belyea, guard;
Coles Belyea, sentinel;
Maud Belyea, R. H. S.;
Ada Whelpley, L. H. S.;
Wm. P. Short, D. G. W. P.
Sirion Lodge, I. O. G. T., at their meeting last night, installed officers as follows:—

Frank White, C. T.;
Sadie Farren, V. T.;
Mrs. L. Lewis, R. S.;
Minnie Farren, A. R. S.;
Wm. Thompson F. S.;
A. D. M. Boyne, treas.;
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H. McGowan, marshal;
A. Jones, D. M.;
Thos. Lewis, I G.;
S. Munford, O. S.;
Miss B. Polly, R. H. S.;
C. Saunders, L. H. S.;
Calvin Powers, P. C. T.;
Miss Sadie Farren, organist;
D. G. C. T. Samuel Tufts, jr., assisted by John Meahan, acting grand secretary, installed the officers of Finch Lodge, I. O. G. T. Wednesday evening at their hall, 102 King street, as follows:—

Louis C Ansley, C T;
Jas M Whiteneck, V T;
John Law, chaplain;
J S Currie, R S;
B H Payne, A R S;
C S Everett, F S;
Fred Lewis, R H S;
Frank Gillis, L H S;
D Q Irvine, treasurer;
H Crump, marshal;
Miss Jennie Stewart, D M;
J E Earle, I G;
Jas H Miller, O G;
J Frank Goodere, P C T;

TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENT.—The City hall, Carleton, Tuesday evening 3rd inst. had an audience of between 200 and 300 persons to listen to the entertainment given under the auspices of Western Star district lodge, I O G T. The programme comprised of songs recitations, addresses and duets. The meeting opened with a temperance song, with Miss Staples presiding at the organ. Rev Thomas Marshall presided and delivered a very interesting address showing the work the temperance people were doing. Mr. and Miss Staples sang a duet, which was loudly encored, and they responded with another of their inspiring pieces. Mr H A McKnown was received with deafening applause on rising to deliver an address, in which he dwelt at some length on the late Scott act election. Mr Hugh Campbell and Mrs McMaster were very heartily applauded on being introduced to the audience. The former sang one of his favorite songs, which was so heartily applauded that he had to again respond with a duet between him and Mrs McMaster. Mr. John Law delivered a short address and Miss Sarah Dale gave a very pretty recitation, which was delivered in good voice, and depicted the misery of intemperance. Mr Staples

sang another comic song and had again to respond to an encore. Mr Campbell favored the audience with another song, after which the audience dispersed first singing the closing ode.

The musical and literary entertainment Monday evening, in Portland division hall, should have been favored with a larger audience than was present. The entertainment was admirably carried out by those who took part. Mr. Fred Fitzpatrick presided. The following was the programme:—

Duet Hope Beyond
Messrs. Salmon and Capt. Rawlins.
Reading Mr E H Nelson
Solo Mrs. J. Pratt
Song White Wings
Mr. B. Dalton.
Reading Good-bye Mavourneen
Mr. W. S. Henderson.
Solo Miss L Duncan
Song The Old Rustic Bridge
Mr. George Craigie.
Reading Mr. R. Maxwell
Duett O'er the Hill
Mrs. McMaster and Mr. Dryden.
Reading Three Grains of Corn
Mr. Geo. Cleveland.
Song Nora my Darling
Mr. R. Dryden.
God Sav the Queen.

The duet of Mrs. McMasters and Mr. Dryden was loudly encored, and they responded with another selection. The readings of Messrs. Nelson, Maxwell and Cleveland were faultless and the performers generally acquitted themselves very creditably.

A LIFETIME TOO LATE.

Well, stranger, you ask for my story,
And want to know just how it come
That I am at work here in prison,
Instead of a-workin' at home.
I judge, from a glimpse of your necktie,
You're one of them clerical chaps,
And will make it a text for a sermon,
Or a lecture on temperance, perhaps.

You needn't apologize, stranger;
I'm entirely willin' you should
Just tell 'em the whole of the story,
And maybe 'twill do 'em some good;
For I've done a full share of the evil
That's allowed for one man here to do,
And if I can do any good now,
'Twill be something entirely new.

Well, to go to the very beginning—
You know I was innocent then—
My mother died when I was young, sir,
My father, he married again,
And I tell from experience stranger,
There's no earthly power that can save
A fellow from more or less downfalls
Whose own mother lies in her grave.

My father was fond of good living,
And liked a good glass of old wine;
And sometimes, when filling his glassfull,
He'd just color the water in mine,
In that way the appetite started,
And many a time I would go
And take a sly sip without water,
When I thought the old man wouldn't know.

You see, in those days, total abstinence
Wasn't thought of, except with a smile;
Most men took their bitters quite reg'lar,
And everyone once in a while,
Well by and by, I went to college;
A careless, wild, reckless young man,
I'd nothing like principle in me,
And that's where my wild oats began.

I was sixteen that fall, and if ever
There's a time when a fellow's between
The good and the bad, Lord and devil,
That time's when he reaches sixteen;
His principles then are not founded,
No matter how well he's brought up;
He thinks that he's almost a man then,
And temptation presents pleasure's cup.

In my room I kept all kinds of liquor—
Of course 'twas forbidden, you know,
But when a man hankers for whisky
Truth doesn't stand much of a show.
I had plenty of friends, always smiling,
And many and many a time
I've seen them set there at my table,
And drink to my health in my wine.

We all swore most eternal of friendship;
They were all wild young fellows like me,
And 'twas always in my room they gathered
When they wanted a bit of a spree,
But all the time trouble was brewing,
The faculty "pulled" me at last;
The boys to save themselves, "squealed" on me
And my days in college were past.

'Twas about that time father went under;
He failed and lost all that he had,
And I was alone in the world, sir,
Do you wonder I went to the bad?
I couldn't go into a village
But the first sign I'd see was a "saloon";
I always found there a warm welcome,
And a glass followed only too soon.

And many a time I have sat there,
Half drunk, and I've wished that I might,
Just for once, have a good, cordial welcome
In somebody's home there that night;
For you see, sir, a fellow gets lonesome,
With no home except a hotel,
And that is just where the saloons are
The devil's side doors into hell.

It is useless to tell all the struggles,
The ups and the downs I've been through;
But when a man falls, he falls farther
Then ever he thought he could go.
Sometimes I'd keep sober and steady
For months, but I always would fall;
And now I have got to the bottom—
I'm reckoned the lowest of all.

You see, government licenses dealers
To sell us liquor, and then
They shut us up here in the prison,
If it makes us more demons than men.
They say they are going to prohibit
The keeping saloons in this state;
Well, there's thousands to come that it will save,
But for me, it's a lifetime too late.

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