

# Where Are They?

What the Divisions are Doing for Them.

All Working for What They are Worth.

## ST. JOHN LETTER.

St. John, N. B., March 8.

When we look around us and behold the many thrifty and enterprising business firms of St. John today, we ask ourselves "have those men ever imbibed freely of the intoxicating cup?" the answer comes directly "No!" When we see on the other hand men who have been prosperous, and enterprising in business, years gone by, and behold them to-day parading our streets seeking employment, what has been the cause of the reverses? there is no need of seeking an answer. The problem is easily solved. Rum has been the cause of these reverses, and there is no rubbing it out. Many of those gentlemen have sought relief, in connecting themselves with some of the temperance organizations and in their relief has come, and to-day they are honored and respected citizens in the order of Sons of Temperance. Many of the first men of the Dominion owe their all to this grand old and time-honored institution. Here they received their first lesson of oratory; in the Division room they saw the school of success, and in it they derived their college education for the positions they hold to-day. Then let us look around and see the men who steal into the "Royal," and into "Tim's," and into "Tom's," and the "Park," and the "Central," and the other smaller bar-rooms of this vicinity, and on their countenances you can see traces of insanity. Poor fellows, they are to be pitied, when once they have formed the habit of drinking intoxicants. We know it is no easy matter in resisting the tempter when once the appetite is contracted for alcoholic beverages, and, therefore, it is our bounden duty to use all our best energies in inducing those unfortunates in coming into the Division room or the Lodge room. Within their walls all are "pleasantness and peace."

In securing this end we must use all honorable means to bring them among us. Moral suasion has the desired effect, for the inebriate or moderate drinker knows he is doing wrong and is consequently very sensitive. In approaching him you have got to be careful in not using harsh and abusive language. Show him that he can enjoy himself better in the Division now or Lodge room than he can in the bar-room, or among his bacchanalian companions; where he will be clothed in his right mind; from whence he can go to his home cheerful and happy; when his wife and children need not be looking with anxious and beating hearts for his return. We know of men who have been driven back to the cup by dis-appointment on entering the division or lodge-room, in the members not greeting the initiates in a more cordial and friendly manner. The divisions room should be the "temple of friendships" to all who may enter—shake them cordially by the hand, and in that touch they will remember true brotherly friendship.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Tuesday evening last a very enjoyable time was spent in the Temperance Hall, Charlotte Street, in an entertainment given by Victoria Temple of Honor and Temperance. The chair was occupied by Mr. D. McNally, who, after a few remarks, introduced several young men who composed an orchestra. The selections rendered during the evening was by no means the least interesting part of the entertainment. Mr. J. Woodrow was next called upon for a reading. Then followed Ralph A. March with a song. Master Travis gave a cornet solo; Miss Effie Barbour, a vocal solo; Miss Goodwin, a piano solo; Fred Young and Master Thomas, recitations; piano duet, Miss Effie

Barbour and Miss Maggie Hancock. At this stage of the proceedings refreshments were handed round. After the intermission Miss Maggie C Fisher sang a solo; Miss Davidson and Miss Richardson gave recitations. The National Anthem was then sung.

The concert in Berryman's Hall on Thursday evening last, was very well attended. The programme consisted of songs by the Arion male quartette, who had to respond to encores; a reading by Mr. E Russell, entitled Sam's Letter, which drew forth so much applause that Mr Russell had to give a recitation in response; the singing of Mrs. George Thompson was rendered in fine style accompanied on the piano by Miss Clara Woods, both of Granite Rock Division as was also the piano solo of Miss Farmer, who played the accompaniments to Mr. Fowler and Mr. D M Oliver in their solos; Mr. V Ramsdell gave a recitation, entitled Left on the Battlefield, in a masterly manner; the Harrison trio (M L, E J., and Miss Harrison) received numerous rounds of applause; Mr. Robt Maxwell read The Legends of Bregnez in his usual popular style. The "sermon" of Mr. Russell provoked the audience to laughter, and the entertainment terminated with the chairman, Mr. Geo. Martin, returning thanks to the audience.

City of Portland Lodge, I. O. G. T., had in store an agreeable entertainment for one, at least, of its auditors, on Thursday evening last, the door, were throw open to the public after the private business of the lodge was transacted and John Meahan read the following address:—

PORTLAND, N. B., 4th March, 1886.  
To Miss Ella Vradenberg:—

We, the undersigned committee of City of Portland Lodge, No. 84, I. O. G. T. appointed to conduct the gospel temperance meetings, held in Union Hall on Sunday afternoons, beg to tender you our heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity in presiding as organist at said meetings free of charge, and while appreciating your kindness, allow us on this occasion to present you with this small token (a purse of \$20) as a mark of the esteem in which you are held by the members of City of Portland Lodge.

Trusting that Almighty God will bless you with health and strength for further usefulness, and a long life and happy one, we are again very sincerely,

JOHN MEAHAN, Chairman.  
A. A. MABEE, Secretary  
JOSEPH DALEY,  
DANIEL E. ORAM,  
JOHN SOUTHERS.

Miss Vradenberg made an appropriate reply, after which a literary and musical programme was carried out. The following took part: song, Thomas Shaw and John Salmon; reading, Thomas Richardson; exhibition of ventriloquism, Edgar Mills; speech, John Beemish.

### THE U. S. SUPREME COURT AND PROHIBITION—NOTHING ABOUT COMPENSATION.

The right to decide "what kind of property and business it will tolerate and protect" is mentioned by Judge Woodbury as the "undoubted and reserved power of ever State." Justice McLean affirmed of an "article injurious to the health or morals of the community" that "a State may, in the exercise of that great and conservative police power which lies at the foundation of its prosperity, prohibit the sale of it. No one doubts this in relation to infected goods or licentious publications." Justice Catron said: "I admit as inevitable that, if the State has the power of restraint by licenses to any extent, she has the discretionary power to judge of its limit, and may go to the length of prohibiting sales altogether." Justice Grier, recognizing the "appalling statistics of misery, pauperism, and crime which have their origin in the use, abuse of ardent spirits," said: "The police power, which is exclusively in the State, is competent to the correction of these great evils, and all measures of restraint or prohibition necessary to effect that purpose are within the scope of that authority." Chief-Justice Taney said: "If any State deems the retail and internal traffic in ardent spirits injurious to its citizens, and calculated to produce idleness, vice, or debauchery, I see nothing in the Constitution of the United States to prevent it from regulating or restraining the traffic, or from prohibiting it altogether, if it thinks proper." There is no hint in

any of these utterances of Supreme Court justices of the duty of compensation on the part of a prohibitory State to its liquor manufacturers who may suffer pecuniary loss on account of prohibitory legislation.—*The Voice.*

### WHY HIGH LICENSE IS OBJECTIONABLE.

The *Inter-Ocean*, a Chicago paper, advocates high license. It claims that the Illinois law has reduced the number of saloons in that State from 13,000 to 9,000, while it has increased the revenues of the State from \$200,000 to \$1,500,000. This it claims is a good record, one that should satisfy the temperance people; but Helen M. Gougar takes a different view of this matter. In a letter to that journal, she says:—

"By the figures given there is an increased revenue of \$1,300,000, which, it is affirmed, 'makes the evil bear a large portion of the expense.' Who pays the extra revenue? The advocate of high license will answer: 'The saloon-keeper.' Where does he get this amount of money? Surely he will not remain in business unless he can make this revenue out of his business. The men who drink at his counter pay this revenue, not the saloon-keeper. Who are these men? Very largely the working classes. Who suffers most from the payment of this 'extra revenue'? The women and children, the homes of the men who hand this revenue, ten cents at a time, over the counters of the saloons. This extra \$1,300,000 revenue represents so many hungry, cold children, so many bare-legged, bare-footed babies in 'High License Illinois.' It is a poor law and a poor government that cannot protect its women and children better than the above statement shows that the high license law is doing after several months' trial. If this 'extra revenue' went back into the homes of those who do the drinking, it might appeal to the common sense of those who claim this to be 'blood money.'"

This is gospel truth. There is no way to cure the evils of the liquor traffic except by abolishing it altogether. In other words, the dog's tail ought to be cut off close behind the ears.—*Demorests Monthly for March.*

TYRANNY OF THE PRESS.—Gen. Sherman describes a state of things which is more pronounced in the United States than here; but is bad enough among us, and the progress is in the wrong direction. He says:

"The tyranny of the secular press in this country is becoming awful. It is worse than the old tyranny of the slaveholders. The gossip of the newspapers has destroyed social freedom of intercourse. It has made men afraid of their neighbors. It has led to general suspicion and distrust. No man can open his mouth and be sure that his confidence will be respected. No man can write to his acquaintance and be sure that his letter will not appear in print. There is no comfort left in the land. I am old, and cannot be hurt by this condition of things. But it will be the bane of the rising generation, and they will be obliged to rebel against it. It seems as though the man who serves his country most is the target for the greatest amount of abuse by the press."

—A Speaker at the recent Interdenominational Congress, remarking upon the good influence of churches in the cities, said: "In visiting a quiet and prosperous ward in Cleveland, and inquiring of an idle policeman as to it, the explanation was given by pointing to a church, and adding: 'The saloon power was bad enough here for a while, but the church got the cramps on it.'—*Journal and Messenger.*

Scarcely a higher compliment could have been paid that church than this. Evidently its members did more than listen to preaching on Sunday, or attend prayer-meeting of a week evening. They went forth to grapple with evil, and mastered it. No church will have much power that does not seek to fight hand to hand with sin in its own community.

The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of Chicago says:

"Most all enemies of prohibition are friends of license. Many men and most all daily papers declare that prohibition cannot be an enforce law. Through enforced prohibition society will be able to enforce ten other laws which the saloon now aids to exist as half-dead letters."

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A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—It is strange to see a fine-looking Christian gentleman walk straight to the polls and cast his vote for a party which is allied to the liquor interest when two of his brothers have been ruined by drink. This is a fact.

THREE DEGREES.—First—Temperance, just a little now and then. Second—Total abstinence. Third—Prohibition to stop the manufacture of the infernal stuff. Annihilation is the watchword.

### LOOK NOT UPON THE WINE.

Look not upon the sparkling wine, Beware its crimson glow; For it stingeth like an adder, And bringeth shame and woe. Who sows the wind by drinking wine, The whirlwind reaps of wrath divine.

Look not upon the sparkling wine, In crystal cup so fair; For it biteth like a serpent, And death is hidden there. Who sows the wind by drinking wine, The whirlwind reaps of wrath divine.

Look not upon the sparkling wine, Red as rubies gleaming; For hidden there is dark despair, Under fairest seeming. Who sows the wind by drinking wine, The whirlwind reaps of wrath divine.

Look not upon the sparkling wine; No words can tell the woe Of those who tarry long and love The wine-cup's fatal glow. Who sows the wind by drinking wine, The whirlwind reaps of wrath divine. Daytona, Florida, Sept. 25, 1882.

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