

The following were elected officers of Lansdowne Division No. 257, for ensuring quarter, on Thursday evening Sept. 30th.

ST. MARTIN'S DIVISION.

At the last regular session of St. Martin's Division No. 164, S of T, held at their hall St. Martin's, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing quarter:

A WORD TO THE MODERATE DRINKER.

Editor The Voice.—Certainly I have a right to drink; for I do not drink moderately, and I do no harm through my drinking to others.

"C. L."

But suppose it is true, as Dr. Willard Parker, one of the most eminent of New York physicians, says, that "alcohol has no place in a healthy system;" suppose it is true as is held by that most eminent of English authorities, Dr. Br W. Richardson, that alcohol is a poison, and in any quantity hurtful; suppose, that most eminent of recent physiologists, Dr. William Carpenter, when he taught that alcohol in any form is not fit to be used as a beverage, did not err, where then is your right to drink, even though you do no wrong to your neighbors? You have no right to do harm yourself. Self injury is a sin against God and a crime against society.

And is it true that the moderate drinker does no harm to his neighbor? The liquor traffic is a monstrous evil, responsible for four-fifths of all crime, for nine-tenths of pauperism, and fifty per cent of idiocy and insanity. This frightfully hurtful traffic is supported by those who drink. Without a demand for liquor there would be no liquor-maker, or liquor seller. As much as you drink, in just that degree you help to create the demand that makes the liquor traffic possible; in just that degree you are responsible for the injury wrought to society. Besides, the greatest strength of the liquor traffic today is the respectability of the drink custom. That you must admit. Now who is it that gives this respectability? Is it the immoderate or moderate drinker? Asking the question answers it. There is Dr. Howard Crosby, a man of learning, a man of courage and of honor, yet Dr. Crosby, by his moderate drinking, adds more respectability to the drink custom, and more strength to the liquor traffic than all the low doggeries with all their customers in New York city. That is a hard saying, but it is true. As far as the drink traffic is concerned it would be better by far that Dr. Crosby were an immoderate than a moderate drinker. Were he an immoderate drinker nobody would quote his example; he would lend no respectability to the traffic, for he would have no respectability to lend. If every moderate drinker would either cease drinking or drink immoderately, the days of the drink evil would soon be numbered.

Eating meat offered to idols may be a violation of no moral law; but to cause a brother to offend is a violation of a moral law. If drinking moderately causes a brother to offend, we do wrong. There are a thousand intemperate people today in New York city who are saddening homes, breaking the hearts of wives, disgracing children; a thousand men who would not be brudards to day had Dr. Howard Crosby, and men like him, been total abstainers for the last twenty years. Does any one doubt that?

"Lead us not into temptation." Dare we ask that of the Heavenly Father and not shrink from leading our weaker brothers into temptation? Men endowed with strong wills and restoring moral natures are the heavenly appointed keepers of their weaker brothers.

NEVER DRINK.

WHAT WE WANT.

Mayor Howland struck the key note of the present political necessity of our country in his admirable address to the Methodist Conference on Tuesday last. What we want is recognition by politicians and legislators of their responsibility in relation to the moral and social interests of the family and the home.

The character and position of Canada among the nations of the earth will be decided by the character and tone of the home life of our people, for there never was a political system which more than ours made the life and character of every citizen influential in the life and character of the corporate state. The home life makes the citizen's character, and it ought to be the special province of politics to jealously conserve and promote everything that tends to purify, elevate and happily the home.

Sam Jones has wisely said that bringing politics into religion is like pouring coffee into your sugar—it spoils the sugar; but bringing religion into politics is like putting sugar into your coffee, it greatly improves the politics. If we would view political questions and political parties from standpoint of morality, and let religious principles control our politics our plities would be very much improved.

The urban concentration of population that is rapidly taking place, and the corresponding extension of social evils and perils, make it more than ever imperative that the attention of statesmen be directed to problems and interests that are not second in importance to our commercial concerns and national relationships.

Questions of morality cannot be effectively handled by men whose personal conduct has blunted their moral perception. Virtuous living will not receive the appreciative protection it should have from men who do not live virtuously. Moral character, and religious principles ought to be indispensable qualifications in the political candidate for whom the moral citizen votes.

We want a political party of honest, virtuous politicians, with an honest, virtuous policy, and with more regard for principle than for position or party. Politicians who hearts as well as heads, and who are sound in both. Men—and women—of clean hands, pure motives, and dauntless faith; who will shirk no issue that ought to be faced, who will dodge no responsibility, but who will stand like granite rocks on the side of God and home, earnestly striving to promote "the righteousness that exalteth a nation."—Canada Citizen.

FRATERNAL VISIT.

On Tuesday evening Oct. 5th Lansdowne Division No. 257, paid a fraternal visit to Albion Lodge I. O. G. T. Worthy Chief Templar, Chas Murray, on behalf of Albion Lodge, warmly welcomed the visitors. Worthy Patriarch Estabrooks replied in a brief but forcible manner. The W. C. T. then called upon Master Hanford McKee for a song, who rendered "I guess you have all been there." G. W. Schleyer delivered a strong temperance address, he was followed by Bro. Henry Mackey with a humorous reading. H. H. Pitts of Lansdowne, on being called upon, delivered a few remarks, asking that the united efforts of both organizations should in the future be brought to bear on the liquor traffic, particularly in this city. A song was then rendered by Bro. Dover, after which Bro. J. A. Thompson delivered a forcible address on the necessity for individual work, and the desire for the frequent meeting of the several organizations fraternally. Songs followed by Bros. Wilson and John Edney. A piccolo solo was well rendered by Bro. McLaughlin. Sisters Bain and Emma Todd recited in a very creditable manner. A reading entitled "a strong temptation" by sister Jennie Calder was warmly applauded. Addresses

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followed by Bros. Todd, Tower and Mackey. The gathering dispersed about 10.30, all hands being well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

LICENSE FAILS TO STOP ILLEGAL TRAFFIC.

There is nothing the whiskey apologists are more ready to harp upon than the statement that under license the law is kept, while under prohibition it will be continually broken. Of course no one ever believed there was any truth in the allegation. A class which openly expresses its want of respect for one law will only so far as may be deemed expedient, and will break them just as often as it pays to do so with a reasonable chance of escaping punishment. Let us take Toronto as an example of what whiskey sellers are all the world over. That city has the much lauded Crooks Act in force, and from the statements of the liquor orators illegal selling ought to be unknown. If license laws could succeed anywhere they ought to do so in a city where such perfect police arrangements as Toronto, but what are the facts? It turns out that in Toronto from January 1st, 1885, to March 15th 1886, there were no less than 504 trials for illegal whiskey selling, and these trials resulted in 291 convictions.

The Scott Act may not be kept as well as it ought to be, but we are of opinion that license laws are not quite so successful as whiskey men would make us believe. An important point to be noticed in connection with so called prohibitory law is that under illegal selling is done only in unlicensed groceries, whilst those who have licenses are seldom or never even suspected of illegal selling. Contrast this with the record of licensed dealers in Toronto. In fourteen and a half months the 118 licensed dealers were up for illegal selling, and of these 87 were convicted.

Whiskey dealers in Toronto are like some of the same class amongst ourselves—they have no respect for the law, in fact a want of respect for the law appears to characterize this class all the world over. There is no way to control the deadly traffic except as you would control a rattlesnake, kill it off. It is just as insane and absurd to say it is all right to allow the whiskey traffic to have full swing six days in the week and suppress it on the seventh, as it would be to say that with certain restrictions a rattlesnake ought to be allowed its liberty. If the whiskey traffic is a good thing for the people it should be free to all, if it is a bad thing it would be entirely suppressed. It cannot be right to sell whiskey at six o'clock on Saturday night and wrong to sell it at eight. Evil ought to be destroyed, not regulated.—The Fergus Advocate.

DRINK, STARVATION AND INSANITY.

The Commissioners for Lunacy in Ireland bring out a new fact in the report which they have just issued. Personal observation sustains the opinion of resident physicians in Irish asylums, "that in the past year, much more than previously, acute attacks of insanity were caused by a want of nutritious food, and at the same time by a continual indulgence in raw spirituous liquors of bad quality. The patients so affected, and physically of good frame, were recognizable from their pallid, emaciated features, extreme irritability, waywardness, and disposition to violence. Some few cases proved speedily fatal."

The money wasted in spirits would have paid for nutritious food, had the purchasers not been such arrant fools.—Alliance News.

There is nothing wrong in a Catholic clergyman declaring himself a prohibitionist. There is nothing that conflicts with any principle of my creed in announcing that I am a prohibitionist, and, as far as regards the suppression of the liquor traffic ultimately, I am an out-and-out prohibitionist; that is, I am in favor of rooting out and destroying the traffic as it exists and abounds in our country to-day, as soon as that becomes possible. In other words, I am in favor of killing the monster as soon as we possibly can, but if I find it impossible to kill him to-night, I will begin by starving him to death and killing him to-morrow if I can.—Rev. Father Cleary, President Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America.

"I have taken, within the past year, several bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and find it admirably adapted to the needs of an impoverished system. I am convinced that this preparation, as a blood purifier, is unequalled."—C. C. Dame, Pastor Congregational Church, Andover, Maine.

Grand Division, S. of T.

The annual session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick will be held in Moncton, commencing

Wednesday 20th, Oct.

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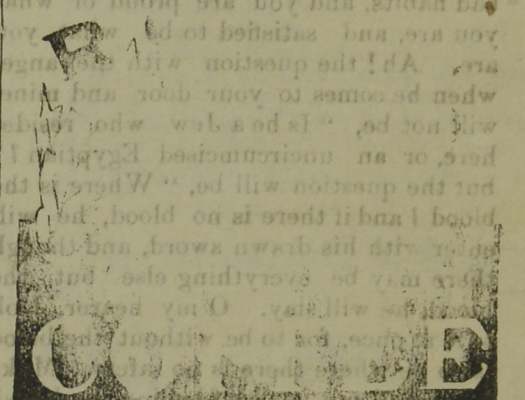
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Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers, Night of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

- St. Stephen; Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber; Milltown; St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday; H. McAllister. 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. Stothart. St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Tuesday; Robt. Wills. Hillsbury, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; J. 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. McGrath. Point de Bute, West Co.; Westmorland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman. Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore. Pennfield, 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. Douglastown, 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; Undlip Miller. Moncton; Moncton, 183; 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. Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose 254; Saturday; A. B. Lloyd. Millstream, Kings Co.; Britannia, 256; Friday; C. W. Weyman. Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson. 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. Steeves' Mountain, West Co.; Mountain Road, 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr. Lawrence Station, Char. Co.; Lawrenceville, 261; Saturday; P. S. Richardson. 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. Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Thursday; Dr. J. G. Atkinson. Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith. Graves Settlement, West Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston. McAdam, Junction, York Co.; Star Branch, 268; E. W. Brownell. 2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. Sherwood. St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan. Penobscus, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Thursday; J. W. Floyd. St. Nicholas River, Kent Co.; Milltown, 272; Friday; J. Murray. 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. Eagle Settlement West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Wednesday; G. A. Taylor. Salisbury, Westmoreland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; Jas. Henry. Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; L. Hall. Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Thursday; D. W. Goodall. St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent. Elgin, Albert Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; G. Smith, A. B. Springfield, King's Co.; Springfield, 282; Friday; G. M. Wetmore. Whites Cove, Grand Lake.; Grand Lake; 283; H. E. White. 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. Waterford, K. C.; Essex Division 288; Monday; John W. DeForest. Dube, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Wm. V. Benn. Forest Glen, West Co.; Forest Glen 290; Saturday; Miss A. Hubley. Bristol, Carleton Co.; Bristol Union, 291; B. Tuesday; Rev. John Gravinor. East Florenceville, Carleton Co.; East Florenceville, 292; Saturday; Wm. Tompkins. Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293; Saturday; J. T. Fletcher. Bath Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Hubert Gray. Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale 295; Tuesday; F. A. Steeves. Canterbury, York Co.; Dufferin, 296; Friday; S. A. Baker. River Louisa, Restigouche Co.; Louisa, 297; Thursday; Donald Stewart. Kirkland, Carleton Co.; Monument, 298; Thursday; John Lyons, Deputy. Woodstock, Carleton Co.; Campbell, 299; Friday; S. McLeod. Campbellton, Restigouche Co.; Campbellton, 300; Thursday; J. E. Price. Mannhurst, Kings Co.; Lincoluden, 301; Thursday; D. S. Mann. Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Thursday; Jas. Crawford. Morcamber, P. O. Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303; Wednesday; Martin Freeze. Scotch Settlement, Westmorland Co.; McCarthy, 304; David Murray. Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305; Zebulon Gaunce. Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; Jas. Biekard. Portland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Friday. Rev. J. Spencer. Old Ridge, Char. Co.; Brunswick Division, No. 309; Monday; Howard Maxwell. Northampton; Carleton Co.; Caledonia, 310; Thursday; Geo. Watson. Waterside, Parish of Harvey, Albert Co.; Gladstone No. 311; Saturday; Rev. S. C. Moore. Poquiock, York Co.; Poquiock, 312; Wednesday; Edward True, Deputy. North Lake, Canterbury; York County; Star No. 313; Hiram Vasey Deputy. Janeville, Gloucester Co.; Janeville, 314; Saturday; Edward L. Cain, Deputy. Kingsclear, York Co.; Kingsclear, 315; Saturday; Chas Kilburn, St. Deputy. Rolling Dam, Charlotte Co.; Rolling Dam, 316; Monday; Neill McDermott. Buctouche, Kent Co.; Buctouche, 317; Rev. J. D. Murray.



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