

PROGRESSING!

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

DIVISIONS SHOWING UP WELL.

St. John, Feb. 1.

The signs of the times are such that the outlook for the cause which we are endeavoring to build up and strengthen are certainly reassuring. The "fanatics" are so enthusiastic in this good work that they are now talking of erecting Temperance Hall, for the accommodation of all the temperance societies. The order of Sons of Temperance has taken a most wonderful jump upward. Our good brothers of the I. O. G. T. are also advancing in the good work. In the Sons of Temperance they are entering the fold by the dozen.

VALLEY DIVISION

added another double-six, to their roll of membership on Thursday last, and if the older divisions do not be on the *qui vive*, No. 250 will be at the head of the list, numerically at least. We regret to announce the death of Sister M. White, who died last week. She was a member of Valley, and the members of the division, and representatives of the other divisions, attended the funeral in regalia, preceding the hearse to St. Paul's Church, and from thence to the burial ground.

Valley Division is doing a good work this winter.

Gordon Division is right after Valley, for on Friday next twenty-three names will be introduced for investigation to become members, many of them men of the highest standing, who have grown tired and disgusted with the drinking habits at the present day. The good time—the humorous and witty speeches of some of the members, the side jokes, and entertainment of the division generally, make it a favorable place to spend one evening in the week. Last Friday night four more entered the Gordon camp, and they are highly pleased with the good feeling that exists among the members of this division. Bro. Keirstead, a new recruit of three weeks, made his maiden speech, and held the attention of the members for 15 minutes in a humorous and interesting speech. Gordon has more representatives of the "bar" than any other division in the city, and we hope, with the experience they will derive from oratory in the division room, they will succeed to the "bench" while members of Gordon Division.

Their visit to Granite Rock, on the 26th Jan., was largely attended. On arriving at the Temperance Hall, Carleton, they were introduced by P. W. P. Lyons, of Granite Rock, and received a hearty and cordial welcome from W. P. George Thompson, which was responded to by J. Willard Smith, P. W. P., and C. W. Segee, W. P., of Gordon Division. The entire company, between the first and second part of the programme, were entertained to refreshments, served out by the fair members of Granite Rock. This division is very noticeable for their hospitality on occasions of fraternal visits, and it is to be hoped that the feeling will be reciprocated when they favor the east side with a visit. The following programme was very successfully carried out:—

Reading by Mrs. G. D. Martin, solo by Miss E. Wood, song by John Law, comic reading by Geo. Thompson, address by H. A. McKeown, address by J. W. Harrington, W. P. of Mariners and Mechanics Division, solo by Miss Ida Hurst, reading by Miss A. Taylor, solo by Mrs. G. Thompson, address by D. Thompson, Grand Scribe, song by W. Brown, comic reading by Chas. Russell—(the inimicable Charlie) recitation by Miss A. Miller, song by Thos. E. Dyer, and song by J. Finch. The entertainment was immensely enjoyed by all present, and was pronounced by many as the most pleasant evening they had spent in connection with the Order. The parting hymn was sung, cheers given for each Division, and the members from the east side took their departure in time to catch the last boat.

On Thursday evening last Victoria Temple of Honor paid a fraternal visit to Mariners and Mechanics Division in the basement of the Carmarthen street church. The room was comfortably filled, and the evening was one of pleasure and enjoyment to all who were present. The following exercises were successfully carried out:—

Speeches—By Messrs. J. W. Harrington, J. W. Smith, Edward Willis, C. Powers, J. Beamish, R. Wills and W. Lewis; readings by W. C. Simpson, Miss M. McCabe, Mr. Rutherford and L. C. Ansley; songs by Messrs. J. W. Harrington, W. Duffell, Kearns and Law, and duet by Messrs Harrington and Little.

After congratulations for the success of the new division in the construction of their hall and otherwise, the meeting ended by singing the parting hymn.

Contributions of building material are coming in for the erection of the hall, and they expect to be into it in a couple of months. Mariners and Mechanics are increasing in membership, and they are deserving of patronage from all true friends of temperance. In the erection of their hall there is a large responsibility on the division, and in the matter of finances a great deal of labor, and considerable difficulty is experienced in raising money to finish the building. Donations thankfully received by the W. P., Jas. W. Harrington, and duly acknowledged.

Portland Division is not a whit behind in increasing their membership. They have initiations every night, and there is good material in many of their members—prominent among whom is Worthy Patriarch, Sergt. Thos. Richardson, who is indefatigable in his exertions in helping to build up Old Portland.

Gurney Division is also in the field in competing for the largest number of members for the year 1886. Their socials and entertainments are doing much to bring in many new members, and their roll is largely increasing in membership.

Albion Division is still enrolling the new ones who are bashful in the presence of the fair sex, and they hold their members solidly by entertaining them in debates and other matters of entertainment.

If this increase still continues in the S. of T. organizations, there will be "more shops to let" by May 1st. The liquor vendors are looking disconsolate, and their patrons are longing for the Scott Act to come to the city, so that they will be able to abandon those dens of iniquity altogether. Many of those who take a *social glass* have told your correspondent that they will sign the Scott Act, and give it all the support that lies in their power. Although opposed to it in late contests, they declare it is their only salvation. The liquor that is dispensed over the bars at present (one remarked) is sure to lay a man out after partaking of three "snifters." If they took no snifters at all they would be better off—morally, physically, socially and financially. We heartily say, "keep the ball rolling."

At a meeting of the temperance committee of the St. John Presbytery, held Wednesday evening, it was unanimously resolved that the convener, Rev. Mr. McDougall, and the secretary of committee, Mr. John Willet, be instructed to communicate with the officials of the different temperance societies and other institutions favoring temperance principles, requesting their co-operation in securing local legislation to enforce the Scott Act, as is being done in the Ontario Legislature.

I. O. G. T.

Grand Secretary Samuel Tufts with District Deputy J. M. Herrett, addressed a large temperance meeting at Gondola Point, on Monday evening, 25th ult. A fine programme was carried out, consisting of addresses by the chairman, J. M. Herrett, and Rev. Mr. Ganong; reading by Miss Anna Kirkpatrick; address by James Logan; duet by Misses Trites and Cathaline; a reading by Mrs. Ganong, and address by C. Tufts, all of which proved very interesting and instructive to the audience, who listened with marked attention. After the meeting closed 30 signatures were obtained for a Lodge of Good Templars, and then the grand officers organized Garfield Lodge No. 463, and gave it a lively send off. The officers are: Elijah Kirkpatrick, W. C. T.; Mary Devoe, W. V. T.; Lewis Trites, Chaplain; Arthur Harrison, W. Sec.; Linda Logan, W. A. S.; Oscar Saunders, F.

Sec.; James Logan, Treas.; W. Kierstead, W. M.; Emma Trites, D. M.; John McBay, I. G.; Wm. Hicks, O. G.; Emma Chamberlain, R. H. S.; Annie Kirkpatrick, L. H. S.; Albert Bugar, P. W. C. T.; William H. Logan, L. D.

A few evenings since Wm. Vaughan, G. W. C. T. of the order of Good Templars, was the recipient a very handsome regalia made in the best style and costing \$30. The following is a copy of the address and reply:—

St. MARTINS, Jan 26, 1886.

To W. Vaughan, G. W. C. T., of New Brunswick:

The members of the following lodges: Sea Shore, No. 81, St. Martins; Morning Star, No. 96, Upham; Evening Star, No. 97, Black River; Fountain, No. 100, Barnesville, and Mill Burn, 105, Salmon River, being desirous of expressing their regard for you in some tangible form, and to acknowledge the interest you have taken in the organization of their respective lodges—we in their behalf have much pleasure, and beg your acceptance of the accompanying Grand Worthy Chief Templars' regalia, together with our best wishes for your future welfare and our earnest prayer that you may long be spared to lead and assist our noble order with your wise counsel and untiring energy.

On behalf of committee,
W. Smith, Secretary;
Mrs. M. B. CALHOUN, Treasurer.

REPLY.

To Wm. Smith, secretary, and Mrs. M. B. Calhoun, treasurer:

I have received your address accompanied by a handsome regalia, for my use as head of the order of Templars of New Brunswick, and you will please convey to the members of the different lodges mentioned, viz: Sea Shore, Morning Star, Evening Star, Fountain and Mill Burn, my thanks for their valuable gift, accompanied as it was with their expressions of regard. My experience is connected with our order has been a happy one, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the pleasant hours spent in visiting your lodges. If I have been able to do anything to advance the cause of temperance in the different communities represented by your lodges. I shall feel fully repaid for any work I may have performed, and in the future as in the past. I trust you will ever find me ready to do all I can for the interests of our order and the cause of temperance.

I remain yours very truly, in F. H. and C.,

W. VAUGHAN.

Lerin Lodge gave a dramatic entertainment, in their hall, last Wednesday and Thursday evenings which drew large audiences each night. About \$75 was realized from the two performances, and the club deserves the highest praise for the manner in which they put the piece on the boards "Turn of the Tide, or Wrecked in Port" Sirion Lodge Dramatic Club has earned a good name for themselves for their performance last week. The troupe was augmented by John L. Carleton Esq. dramatic author, barrister, etc., who took the leading character in the play at short notice, and Messrs. Fred Blackadar, J. Thomas and F. McAfee, gave their favorite character songs and dances; J. T. Kelly also rendered songs between the acts. Sergt. T. Richardson convulsed the audience with laughter in his impersonation of Pepper (a colored person.) Mr. John Bond performed the pirate chief in a bold and creditable manner. The other members sustained their parts well.

DEATH FROM TOBACCO SMOKING.

The death of a boy aged twelve from smoking tobacco is reported in the *Echo* of the 4th inst. After eating a hearty dinner on the previous Sunday, he went into a shop and purchased a pennyworth of thick twist tobacco and smoked it. He soon became very sick in the street, so as to fall. He went home and thence to bed. At four o'clock he got up, and after vomiting went to bed again. A man who slept with him was astonished to find him dead and cold at the foot of the bed at seven o'clock. We wish we could hope that this painful case would be a lesson to boys; but the lesson is so vulgarly fashionable that we hope against hope. We may, at least, advise every sensible boy to regard tobacco as a poison.—*Lancet*, Dec. 12th.

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PERSONAL LIBERTY.

The personal liberty plea is the last device of the distillers, brewers, bartenders, and saloon keepers, and they are putting forth all their strength to defend their last ditch. But the question is settled against them already. There is a law to punish attempts to commit suicide. If a man has not personal liberty to do what he likes with himself, no greater interference with his personal liberty is interfered with in the prohibition of indecent exposure and other nameless offences against purity; also in gambling. A man may not even belabor his own horse cruelly, or torture calves or fowls on the way to or from market, or fight dogs or cocks, or engage in boxing matches or duels. Why do not the sufferers from these abridgements of personal liberty make up a case in each of them to be carried up into the supreme court to test their constitutionality? The plea is made that personal liberty is guaranteed by the constitution, except where it injures others. Well what trade, profession, business or amusement injures others so much as selling intoxicating drinks? The testimony is everywhere overwhelming, that drinking is causing more injury, not only to those who drink, but to their families and to the public, than all other causes put together. Prohibition is virtually conceded in every license system by which all are forbidden to sell except those who purchase permission to do so. The government which, for the public good, refuses permission for some to sell is equally entitled to refuse it to all for the same reason.—N. Y. *Witness*.

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J. McMILLAN,
Post Office Inspector

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St. John, 15th Jan., 1886. } 1-27-35