

# OLD ALBION.

## WORK OF THE W. C. T. U:

### ST. JOHN LETTER.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 25.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Sons of Temperance of this part of the Province are endeavoring to surpass all previous efforts in the way of enlarging their divisions—in numbers at least. Each division is striving to outdo their sister branches. Old Gurney, at last Thursday's meeting, added another nine to their number, and their entertainment on the 18th will be the means of inducing "more to follow." It was a most enjoyable affair, and the hall (their division room) was filled. The entertainment was an entire success.

The debate in Albion Division. "Are men who use intoxicants selfish?" which has been the cause of bringing out the powers of oratory among members who have heretofore remained aloof, came to a close on Wednesday evening last, being on the boards of Old Albion for the past six weeks. Bro. Ed. Everett introduced the subject to get the sentiments of the members. Many visiting brethren from other Divisions were invited to be present and participate in the debate. Unfortunately, your correspondent has been unable to be present at these meetings, and exceedingly regrets being absent, but was determined to be there at the finish. The following brothers took opposite sides at the concluding debate: In the affirmative, Bro. E. Everett, in closing, made a very interesting address showing how men became selfish through the use of intoxicants, and was sustained in his views by P. G. W. P. John D. Robertson, Chaplain Brundage, W. P. Salter, and J. Law of Gordon Division, with Bros. Calvin Powers, J. A. S. Mott, and John Kain in the negative. The matter was put to Division by a yea and nay vote, when a tie resulted, when the Worthy Patriarch gave the casting vote in the affirmative. Those debates have a strong tendency of doing an amount of good as the interest taken in the discussions draws good attendance. Albion Division is always attractive, and they appreciate the appearance of visiting brethren and extend to them a cordial welcome. The entertainment last Wednesday evening was participated in by a solo by Bro. Goodyear of Gurney, and Brundage of Albion; also a duet and trio by Bro. Brundage, Satter and Colwell (organist).

Tomorrow evening Gordon Division will visit their brethren in Carleton, of which I will give particulars in the next JOURNAL. Also the visit to Mariner's and Mechanics of Victoria Temple of Union, or next Thursday evening.

W. C. T. U.

The rooms of the Y. M. C. A. were crowded last Thursday evening by the friends of the W. C. T. U. of St. John, to enjoy an entertainment given by them, consisting of a literary and musical programme, refreshments, etc. There were about 200 persons present, and the exercises opened with the singing of hymn 64: "Bringing in the Sheaves." Reading of Scripture and prayer by the Rev. George M. Armstrong followed, and the chairman, Mr. John E. Irvine, gave in detail the objects for which the gathering had assembled: To celebrate the eight anniversary of the W. C. T. U. of St. John. In the temperance cause, he said, we have the earnest and zealous co-operations of the Christian women of the world. All good true Christian women have the cause of temperance uppermost in their hearts. As an illustration of the work the W. C. T. U. were accomplishing, he referred to the election in Toronto, the past week, of the mayor of the city, claiming, as they did, a large majority over the opposing candidate, in the vicinity of

1,700 or 1,800 votes. In this election the temperance party claimed a great victory, and he prayed God the good work would continue to go on. Without any further remarks he called on the secretary of the Union, Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, to read her report for the year just ended.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Mrs. James E. Masters, President; Mrs. A. J. McFarland, Mrs. G. M. Armstrong, Mrs. John Murch, Mrs. A. J. Robertson, Mrs. Chas. Dearborn, Mrs. C. E. Segee, Miss Christie, vice-presidents; Miss Lockhart, treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Eaton, recording secretary; Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, recording secretary.

Victoria Section, C. of T., had a drive out the road in R. T. Worden's big sleigh "Starlight," on Thursday night. On their return to the hall they spent a pleasant evening in social intercourse and partaking of refreshments.

I. O. G. T.

A very successful and enthusiastic meeting in the interests of the I. O. G. T. was held in the hall at Carter's Point, Long Reach, on Friday evening, the 15th inst. The chair was ably filled by Fred Wood, and temperance addresses were delivered by Amos P. Wilson, assisted by M. D. Brown, of Portland, followed by others. At the close of the meeting, Lodge Olive Branch was organized by Amos P. Wilson, assisted by M. D. Brown, with a membership of 35. The following officers were installed: David Whelpley, W. C. T.; Fanny C. Carter, W. V. T.; Fred Wood, F. S.; Wm. H. Waters, T.; Jas. R. Wood, C.; Marcia Wetmore, S.; Ada M. McBay, A. S.; James Baxter, M.; A. Theall D. M.; Alfred Theall, I. G.; Jos. Baxter, O. G.; Ada Purdy, R. H. S.; Emma Waters, L. H. S.; M. D. Brown, P. W. C. T.; Alfred Whelpley, D. W. C. T. This lodge promises to be one of the best in the province.

A public temperance meeting, under the auspices of Almon Lodge, No. 86, I. O. G. T., was held in Millidgeville on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst. The hall was crowded. Mr. Robert Staples occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with a chorus by Mr. and the Misses Staples. After several readings and recitations, interspersed with music, Mr. John Meahan, district chief templar, delivered a spirited address on the evils of intemperance. He was followed by Mr. John Beamish, of Sirion Lodge, who spoke on the same subject. The meeting closed by singing God Save the Queen.

An earnest and crowded temperance meeting was held in the Baptist Church, Fairville, Thursday night, by No. Surrender Lodge, I. O. G. T. The chair was occupied by the W. C. T. Rev. Thos. Marshall. The meeting was opened by singing Hold the Fort, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Swaffield. Earnest, practical and effective addresses were delivered by the chairman, Revs. Stewart, Camp, Swaffield, Dr. McFarland, Wm. Roxborough and E. Ross. Recitations were given by Miss Dale, The Woman's Story; Mrs. Townsend, God's Wronged Ones; Miss Jones, the Bridal Wine Cup; and a reading by Mrs. Hayes, entitled The Home on the Cliff. The meeting was closed by singing God Save the Queen.

The chairman announced that it was intended to hold meetings on through the winter, and that the third meeting would be held next month in the Methodist church.

The Western District Lodge of St. John, will meet in the rooms of Tilley Lodge, Carleton, on the 5th of Feb. In the evening a public meeting will be held in the city hall, which will be addressed by the officers of the lodge and several other temperance workers.

Our thanks are due Grand Scribe Tufts for a copy of the "Good Templar of Canada." A very fine portrait of the Grand Scribe adorns the first page, together with a sketch of the life of Bro. Tufts in connection with the temperance work. The picture is a good one, and very life-like. It is our wish that Bro. Tufts may long continue in the cause of temperance an earnest and zealous worker.

#### TEMPERANCE NOTES.

For some time past Nelson Division, No. 99, Sons of Temperance, Derby, has been inoperative, and some of the old members not liking the idea of surrendering their charter, which bears date February 25th, 1885, (and which has among its list of

signatures names of gentleman whose memories are still kept green as whole souled temperance men and most worthy members of the community,) took steps to re-organize, and on Monday evening, D. G. W. P. Daniel McGruar assisted by a number of the members of Newcastle Division, met for the purpose above mentioned—D. G. W. P. Daniel McGruar called the meeting to order and appointed the following officers pro tem:—

W. A., W. C. Anslow.  
R. S., W. R. Robinson.  
Chap., B. Fahey.  
Con., John Robertson.  
A. C., John Fraser.  
I. S., James Black.  
O. S., Donald McGruar.  
P. W. P., J. V. Skillen.  
Organist, Mrs. W. C. Anslow.

The usual opening ceremonies being concluded nine members were duly initiated, after which the following office bearers for the current quarter:—

W. P., Thos. C. Newman.  
W. A., Wm. Cushman.  
R. S., Geo. Vanderbeck.  
F. S., John Hartt.  
Treas., W. T. Crocker.  
Chap., Daniel Harrigan.  
Con., John Vanderbeck.  
I. S., Daniel Newman.  
O. S., John Betts.  
D. G. W. P., John Betts.

The W. P. was then duly installed into office, and expressed his pleasure in the reorganization of Nelson Division and hoped that the meetings might be kept up with regularity and be successful in the work which it had to do. Several other brothers expressed their hopes that in a short time the division would be in as prosperous a condition as in former times when there were on the roll call some forty-eight members, and that they will again rally round the old charter and never talk of surrendering it. After a vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters of Newcastle Division for their presents and assistance the Division adjourned. The night of meeting is Monday, at 7 o'clock in the winter and 8 in summer.—*Union Advocate.*

## MONCTON.

The Temperance movement in the town of Moncton is almost at a stand-still outside of what the Division and the Temple of Honor are doing. I am pleased to say that the two divisions are now increasing in membership and hope to send more encouraging reports to the Grand Division at the close of this quarter than those sent at the close of the last quarter. The members of Intercolonial and Moncton Division paid a fraternal visit to Mountain Rose Division, Steaves Mountain on the 16th and those who went spent a very pleasant evening. The members speak in high terms of the Division at the Mountains. The programme of the evening consisting of speaking songs, and recitations was very well carried out especially by the members of Mountain Rose Division.

On Friday evening 29th inst., the members of Moncton and Lewisville Divisions and the W. C. T. Union pay Intercolonial Division a fraternal visit. A very pleasant time is expected and of which more in my next.

The Sunday afternoon temperance meeting held by the Division and W. C. T. U. are very well attended considering the number of other meetings held in town at the same time. These meetings are addressed in turn by the different Ministers of the town and by the local speakers and have been the cause of helping the Division.

On Sunday evening 24th the members of the Temple of Honor marched in a body to the Methodist Church, where the Rev. Mr. Crisp delivered an eloquent temperance sermon to a congregation which completely filled the large church. This sermon is spoken of by those who attended to be the ablest temperance address ever delivered in the town, and we hope that a large number will take the subject to heart and connect themselves with the Temperance cause and the different orders in town. It is the intention of the Templars to have a sermon from the different ministers every three weeks. The Scott Act is a dead letter in Moncton and the Temperance people have not got the back bone to enforce it.

Yours Truly. 183.

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J. B. Sharpe, W. A.  
H. Stevenson, R. S.  
Maud Boyd, A. R. S.  
L. W. Hughes, F. S.  
Henry Webber, Treas.  
Rev. G. M. Campbell, Chap.  
Everett Lyle, Con.  
Ida Wood, A. C.  
Joseph Pearce, I. S.  
W. H. Stevens, O. S.  
Hiram Mills, P. W. P.

Old Howard No. 1. is actively engaged this quarter in temperance work. Having the honour of counting both the G. W. P. and G. Chap. among our members we feel it incumbent upon us to be No. 1. in all things pertaining to Division work, as we are on the list of Divisions. We have sent two memorials to the Town Council in regard to the shameful and bare-faced manner in which Sunday liquor-selling and gambling is carried on in town, but we don't look for much assistance from them in the matter of suppressing these or any other of the many open violations of the law.

We hope that the new council to be elected early in March may number among its members some temperance men who will not be afraid of saying or doing anything that will give offence to the rum-sellers and their sympathizers.

A very successful temperance meeting was held under the auspices of the Division on Thursday evening the 21st inst. G. W. P., C. N. Vroom occupied the chair and short and stirring addresses were made by the chairman, G. Chap., Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. R. M. Hunt, Rev. H. W. Vinkley, Rev. G. Shore and Sedgefield Webber, D. G. W. P.

As a result of the meeting twelve names were secured for proposition at the next meeting of the Division and we hear of more to follow.

I almost forgot to mention the singing which was a very essential feature in the success of the meeting. Some stirring temperance pieces were effectively rendered by a choir from the Division, some of the selections being especially worthy of praise.

It is the intention of the committee on public work to continue these meetings with the object of bringing the Division more prominently before the public and to try and arouse the moral sentiment of the town to a sense of the immorality of the rum traffic; that the Christian men and women and the Christian churches in town may arouse from the apathy into which they seem to have fallen and do their duty in endeavoring to suppress this evil. May God abundantly bless the labors of all engaged in this noble warfare against this terrible evil.

I congratulate you on your pluck in changing the JOURNAL into a weekly and hope you will find your brightest anticipation more than realized.

HOWARD.

St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 25, 1886.

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