

QUESTIONS.

1. How do you think the temperance work can most successfully be carried on, by non-partisan methods or by the lines adopted by the third party?
2. Do you think the temperance people should agitate for more stringent laws, more prohibitory laws than the different communities now have, or do you think the efforts just at present should be the thorough enforcement of what laws we have, and the educating of the people to a greater sense of the necessities for prohibition?
3. Do you think prohibition would be any more successfully enforced at present, where local option laws are only partially enforced?

Reply from the Grand Scribe of W. Virginia.

DEAR SIR,—I find it is very difficult to answer your Circular questions, briefly and fully, so must be satisfied with brevity.

1. By non-partisan methods. Vote for the best man regardless of party.

2. Let Temperance people work for the enforcement of present laws first, and at the same time educate the masses to see the necessity for more stringent laws and prohibition.

3. Very doubtful. The people must first see the necessity, and be more thoroughly aroused to the importance of enforcing the laws.

Respectfully,  
J. H. Overholt,  
C. S.

Frankford, W. Va. April 16th 1889.

Reply from Rev. I. J. Archibald.

DEAR SIR,—The questions you have asked are most important, and very hard to answer.

The great trouble is just here to my mind, when we send a man of sound principles, if he be allied to either party, he is supposed to stand by his party, even if he goes against temperance principles. If we could get men like Wilberforce, Daniel O'Connell, or Shaftsbury, who loved the cause of temperance better than any party, and was strong enough to do right in spite of all opposition, then would we gain a victory. I am almost persuaded that we will never succeed till we adhere to the Third Party or vote solidly for men free from any party, but determined to work constantly for temperance.

While the rum party are thoroughly united, we are all scattered, and we will not succeed until we can unite our forces and fight the strong enemy with faith in the cause and faith in God.

Our pulpits, our press, our schools, our homes should be doing all they could to train the young, to foster and educate the people to look upon this fearful curse as all christian patriotic men and women should.

We should use every scrap of law we can get, if it has no tendency towards license. High license is a curse and the greatest curse to our land. Let us use the Scott Act and every other measure to stay the tide.

But I look forward with great pleasure to Prohibition as being the greatest and best and only really good thing we can get. But there must be a great deal of educating done first, or it will be a dead letter.

We want our people to love and honor the temperance cause. We want sober magistrates, sober judges and lawyers. Not only is strong drink such an awful curse, but opium is doing its deadly work every day, even in our province, and the great sin of it lies at our physicians' doors. Would to God our M. D.'s were sober or temperance men.

Jackville, N. B.

Grand Division of Ontario.

Since last report the following Divisions have been organized:

- Eganville, No. 161, James Reeves, D G W P; Peterboro, No. 45, G W Powell, D G W P; Hartington, No. 263, S Lyon, D G W P; by E Carswell, P M W A; Norwood, No. 93, H Bewell, W P, by E Carswell, P M W A and W H Bewell, G S; Zimmerman, No. 213, W R Bell, D G W P; and Omagh, No. 215, Peter McDuffy D G W P; by Dr. A Buck, D G W P; Richwood, No. 244, D H McLean, D G W P; and Prospect, No. 214, M McMillan, D G W P; by J C Tisdall, Pro. D G W P; Montrose, No. 390, by Thos. Sowersby, Pro. D G W P; Sydenham, No. 263, by Wm. McRossie, P G W A, and S Lyon, D G W P; Carlton, No.—by James Brooks, D G W A, assisted by Excelsior Division, No. 28.

The following Divisions have also been resuscitated:

- Stromness, No. 198, by H L

Brown, Pro. D G W P; Dundas, No. 248, Stephen Johnson, D G W P, by J C Tisdall, Pro. D G W P; Mt. Sherwood, No. 337, John Worsley, D G W P, by Thos Webster, G W P, G H Hayes, Co. D G W P, and Wm Stewart, P G W A.

The G W P has made the following appointments:

- Pro. D G W P, A C Osborne, Penetanguishene, and J Arlington Cooke, Box 20, Oshawa. As Co. D G W P, for Halton, Milton McCrimmon, M D, Palermo, Ont.

Palermo Division is one of our oldest Divisions. Some years ago after Halton carried the Scott Act, this Division, and in fact all others in Halton Co., became dormant. After the Act was repealed in that county last year, Dr. A Buck, the former D G W P, and a devoted Son of Temperance, with a few others decided to resuscitate Palermo Division, No. 143. This was accomplished on Oct. 31st, with nine members. On Dec 31st, 62 members were returned to the G S, and on March 31st, 128 members. In addition to this growth, this Division led in the work by its D G W P, Dr. Buck, and its W P, Dr. McCrimmon, have organized Zimmerman Division, No. 213, and Omagh Division, both of which are now prosperous. Dr. Buck was offered the position of Co. D G W P, but waived the honor in favor of Dr. McCrimmon, who was duly appointed. In the short time since the appointment Dr. McCrimmon, Co. D G W P, has officially visited every Division in the county, with one exception.

Bro. J Arlington, Cooke, Pro. D G W P, has for about two years lectured successfully in Ontario and Quebec. He is a member of Oshawa Division, No. 35, of which also Bro. E Carswell, P M W A, is a member. Bro. Cook, is a lecturer of more than ordinary ability, a worthy brother, and a devoted Son of Temperance. The Order and the cause will doubtless be much benefitted wherever he labors. He contemplates a visit to the Maritime Provinces during the summer.

Bro. James Brooks, P G W A, has devoted the entire winter at his own expense to visiting Divisions. The Order has greatly benefitted by these visits.

Returns for quarter ending March 31st, received at the date of writing show in most cases a gratifying increase in membership, and nearly all new Divisions seem to be in a prosperous condition.

WM. H. BEWELL,  
G. S.

River Charlo Division.

In a report of a correspondent to the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL of the proceedings of a meeting held on the 6th inst., in Dalhousie, of delegates from the various Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in the County of Restigouche, for the purpose of organizing a District Division, a reflection seems to be cast on River Charlo Division for not sending representatives. We assure the correspondent, and all others concerned, that it was not for want of interest in the great cause of temperance that delegates from our Division did not appear at the meeting. The meeting was held on Monday; River Charlo Division was only notified of it on the previous Thursday, when three commissioners were unanimously chosen to represent us. It unfortunately happened that unforeseen circumstances occurred which prevented them from attending, which they and all the other members of the Division deeply regret. We are all much pleased, however, that a District Division has been organized, and trust that it will be a means of advancing the cause of temperance in the county and that we shall be fully represented at the next meeting.

The respected correspondent, as a good Son of Temperance, is much interested in the prosperity of River Charlo Division. Among other things, he says in his report, he hopes that an occasional scorching by Hymen's torches has not made us any the less enthusiastic in the cause of temperance. In ancient times Hymen was deeply revered as the kind and obedient God of marriage. A modern writer says, that marriages are made in Heaven, although the ceremony is performed on earth. It is true that several of our Worthy members were recently united in the bonds of matrimony, which we unhesitatingly assert, is a

good omen of any Division. We cannot understand what the correspondent means by an occasional scorching by the Hymen's torches, perhaps he will favor us with a satisfactory explanation. If he would do himself the unspeakable pleasure of visiting those who in our Division were lately married and witness their domestic happiness, he would not think they had been badly scorched; or, if he would come some Thursday evening and see for himself the pleasant and profitable meetings we have, he would say that our Division has well survived all the scorching it has received; or, best of all, if he is not already provided with a better half, when he comes to visit us, if he should be so fortunate as to captivate one of our fair sisters as a helpmate, he shall find in his future felicity that he was not badly scorched; and shall ever have sweet memories of his visit to Charlo.

The following are the officers of this Division for the current quarter:

- Helen Nicholson, W P; A Millar, W A; W C Hamilton, R S; Christina McLeod, A R S; J J Nicholson, F S; J McPherson, Treas; Kate Hamilton, Chap; C Alderwood, Con; Georgie Nicholson, A Con; A McLean, I S; J A McIntyre, O S; J H Galbraith, P W P.

Yours in L, P and F,  
O C.

Baillie Division.

DEAR EDITOR,—The past quarter has been an exceedingly quiet one in Baillie Division. Many of our members who were away during the winter months have returned and are now giving the Division the benefit of their presence and helpful counsel, but notwithstanding, we have decreased very much in regard to members, as a great many of our members, are leaving us to make their homes in the far West.

We have had some initiations during the quarter, and this helps to fill the vacant places in our ranks, and also to stimulate those who have stood by the Division since its organization to renewed action. The following are the officers for the present quarter:—

- Andrew E Manu, W P; Lucy A Robinson, W A; Fred W Mann, R S; Sadie Robinson, A R S; Chas F Mann, F S; T Burton McBride, T; Minnie McBride, Chap; David E Mann, Con; Frederick Redmond, A Con; R Reid Robinson, I S; James W Mann, O S; Nettie S Robinson, P W P; L A Robinson, Organist.

We are hoping for a much larger attendance when the spring fairly opens up and the numbers of our young men who are away have returned.

We understand that an effort will soon be made to re-organize Lawrenceville Division, Lawrence Station, N. B. which has not met—if we are rightly informed—for nearly two years. This can be no reason whatever, why a Division, cannot be made to work in that vicinity, as the cause of the late Division's downfall was not due to any lack of interest but to the removal of some gentlemen who were pillars to the order. Hoping I may soon have more interesting matter to communicate

I am  
Fraternally yours,  
O. C.

Baillie, April 13th 1889.

The Sons in the Far North West.

DEAR SIR,—As we are desirous of letting the public know that we, out in the far North West, are workers, in the good cause, as well as our Eastern brethren, wish you would please insert in the good columns of your issue the following:

Through the zealous and never tiring labors of our worthy Bro. J Nibleek, he has admirably succeeded in organizing and placing on a solid footing, Saskatchewan Division, No. 33, with the following officers for the first quarter:—

- J Nibleek, W P; J Dark, W A; E B Coons, R S; Miss Cetten, A R S; E J Reynolds, Treas; A Cetten, F S; Mr Maltby, Chap; T McKay, Con; Mrs J Luno, A C B Wallace, I S; T J Smillie, O S; R E Starks, P W P.

Great credit is due to the above officers for the creditable manner in which they conducted their respective offices and at the end of first quarter had enrolled a membership of 47.

April 8th the beginning of second

quarter, the following candidates were installed:—

- R E Starks, W P; Miss Gobbett, W A; E M Kevin, R S; Miss Sebbin, A R S; F J Reynolds, Treas; A Cetten, F S; Mr Maltby, Chap; L Sebbin, Con; Mrs R E Starks, A C; Miss Miller, I S; J P Kevin, O S; J Nibleek, P W P.

Bro. Nibleek's re-election to office was the unanimous voice of the Division, but he wishing to decline the position, our worthy Bro. R E Starks was elected to occupy the head chair.

The Division is very fortunate in having a man of Bro. Starks stirring qualities who, like our Ex-W. P. has the ability to fill the office in a manner which will promote advancement in the Division, Bro Starks popularity and genial smile aided by the attractiveness of our Sister W A at his side, go a great way towards making the weekly meetings a success and also an evenings entertainment to be looked forward to with pleasure by all the members.

O. C.  
Medicine Hat, April 13th 1889.

District Division.

MR. EDITOR,—In accordance with the resolution of January 20th, the District Division of Gloucester County, met in Carquet Division room, April 6th, at 2 p. m., D W P in the chair. When the Division opened it was found that Ever Onward and Sea Side Divisions had no representatives, but before I arrived home I thought they had good reason for not attending as the roads were very bad, but still I would not have missed the pleasant evening spent with the delegates from Carquet and Tracadie, even if the roads were a good deal worse, and from the interest they showed in Temperance I believe there is hope for this county yet.

Since the last meeting of this District Division there has been two new Divisions organized in this county, one in Tracadie and one in Youghal, and from the reports made both will do good work.

Committee on Credentials reported Bros. R H Young and Raymond Young alternatives from Carquet Division and B D Branscombe, Richard Young and Leonard Turner, representatives from Tracadie Division.

After the usual routine of business was through, it was moved by Bro. Scott, and seconded by Bro. Richey that this District Division now in session convened endorse the action of our District Worthy Patriarch in granting the request of Gloucester Division, requesting the different Divisions of this county to circulate petitions and when signed to forward them to the Lieutenant Governor for the removal of James R Landry from the office of Liquor Inspector. I may say in reference to the motion that it is generally claimed that almost no attempt is made in this county by the proper officials to curtail the liquor traffic. It was stated by different delegates that in Carquet where no License is granted and Mr. Landry lives that Wm. Foley publicly disposes of the ardent, and only for the R. C. Priest, Rev. Fr. Allard, who is a solid temperance man, and does good temperance work, Carquet would be in a bad state with rum. In Bathurst where according to population only nine licenses could be granted our Inspector has granted ten and at Bathurst station two are side by side. Still when the question came up of trying to remove a Government official it caused quite a discussion, but when a vote was taken it was found that there was only two nays. There was considerable talk among the delegates of trying to pass the Scott Act this summer. There is no doubt it could be passed but in the present state of this county it could not be enforced.

After considerable discussion it was resolved to hold the next meeting of this District Division in Tracadie on the 4th of July, the hour to be decided by the Executive Committee. It is hoped that delegates from all the Divisions will be there as there is prospect of having a good time.

Yours Fraternaly,  
O. C.

SHOULD BE TRIED HERE.—The Town Council of Berlin, Ont., have ordered the chief of police to ring the town bell at 9 o'clock at night and arrest any children found on the streets after that hour.

Marysville Division.

The officers of Marysville Division, No. 359, for the ensuing term are as follows:

- B Lint, W P; H Alexander, W A; Stella Clayton, R S; Hattie Tufts, A R S; Alice Miliken, F S; Geo. Tapley, T; Claude Clayton, Con; Minnie Chase, A Con; Joseph Boyce, O S; Miss Alexander, Organist; Albert S Morisey, D G W P.

The Boom at Oklahoma.

The rush into the Indian reserve at Oklahoma which was opened this week by the Government, was something tremendous. There is estimated to have been ten boomers for every lot, and many were the disappointed ones who returned to Chicago. A despatch of the 23rd says of Guthrie, one of the new towns in that region that it now contains 15,000 inhabitants. The war department expected trouble and had a large force on the reserve to preserve order, but even the presence of the troops did not prevent bloodshed. A special from Guthrie says three men who took claims there yesterday were foully murdered about five o'clock this morning by claim jumpers. The names of the assailants and their victims have not yet been learned. A vigilance committee is scouring the country for the miscreants.

Guthrie already has its Main street, its Harrison street, its Guthrie avenue and its Oklahoma avenue. On the 22nd the first municipal election occurred. The Bank of Oklahoma opened for business at Guthrie with a capital of \$500,000. The new city is flooded with business cards of all descriptions, representing every line of trade and business and every profession. The Daily News special from Guthrie says: The country threatens to be a tremendous disappointment. The salt fork of the Arkansas river was swollen and two outfits were lost in attempting to make the ford. The railway bridge was planked by the troops, and the schooners and trains passed in this novel manner. When the border was crossed the prospect was most cheerless. The landscape is duplicated on the great American desert. The surface revealed a soil as red as brick dust. There was no vegetation save the scant and scattered bunch grass, and the heat was tropical. Such a shabby introduction to the promised land weighed heavily upon the pilgrims, but all were firm to advance. As the hour of noon arrived yesterday the boomers spread out along a line half a mile long. The mounted men crowded upon the front, the drivers of strong teams gathered their reins in one hand, while those with jaded teams dropped behind to avoid the rush. The lieutenant commanding the soldiers stood in the open space at some distance behind his men.

At 12 o'clock the officer made a sign, the bugles sounded on both sides, the cavalry rolled back, closed up and then swung away like a huge gate. Shriek cheers rose from the boomers, their whip lashes resounded, the horsemen among them shot forward impetuously. The teams tugged at the rattling harness, and the whole motley crowd swept forward with gathering motion. The race was to the swift, the galloping horsemen disappearing over the first crest ere the teams in harness had half covered the ascent. One man who had run his horse like a deer in the lead of a hot chase leaped to the ground on the top of the ridge and began driving stakes. This was the first homestead legally taken up in Oklahoma. He was wished a welcome to his claim and the rest went tearing on. Several hundred men, who had been in Guthrie three or four days, had staked out town lots before the train with the boomers arrived. They pretend to have complied with the law.

THE WOMEN are taking part in elections in Great Britain. About two million of the fair sex are said to have voted at the English elections this month, for churchwardens, vestrymen, parish clerks, sextons, members of local Government boards and poor law guardians. Many women have been elected to offices.