

Rising Star Division.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—As your official correspondent from Rising Star Division, I would inform you and the numerous readers of your excellent paper of an interesting temperance social, which took place here on Christmas Eve. Having no hall wherein to meet, one of the Brothers kindly granted us the use of his house for the occasion. The programme was a lengthy and varied one, consisting of speeches, readings recitations and singing.

Address, by Bro. Crawford; Singing, "All Hail the power of Jesus Name," by company; Recitation, 'The flag of Old England,' by Sister Nancy Crawford; Song, 'Clementine,' by Bro. N. McWilliam; Song, 'Darling May,' by Sisters Janie Dunville, Carrie McWilliam, Flora McDonald and Bros. W. McNeil, Thos. Dunville, Nelson McWilliam and Mr. Benj. Brooks; Recitation, 'A Tale of the Flood,' by Bro. James Stewart; Recitation, 'A Darkey Speech' by Bro. Neil McPhee; Address, by Mr. J. K. Ramsay; Song, 'West Virginia Hills,' by Sister Janie Dunville, assisted by the Bros. and Sisters before mentioned; Short address from Bro. Crawford, and the programme was closed. Then all repaired to the dining room, where a bountiful repast was spread, to which we did justice. After refreshing the inner man, the remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, each Brother and Sister vying with the other to make it pass pleasantly. Nor were the pot at this time forgotten. Baskets of provisions were prepared and conveyed to them by Bros. Currie and Crawford, who in return received the prayers and blessings of these people for ourselves and our cause. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing 'Shall we all meet in Heaven,' after which we all dispersed to our homes, feeling indeed what a goodly thing it is to meet in friendship's circle bright.

Yours Fraternally,

O. C.

The following persons are the officers elect for the current quarter:

Arthur C M Lawson, W P; Amanda Freeze, W A; John Miles, R S; Lizzie Folkens, A R S; Jessie T Fowler, F S; Geo. Long, Treas; Mrs. Martin L. Freeze, Chap; Victor Gillis, Con; Janie Myles, A Con; Oscar Folkens, I S; Henry Price, O S; Walter Murray, P W P.

There is nothing very striking to report; but it might be said with truth that Rising Star is not dormant but is on the march and that a double quick, in the cause of Temperance.

We had our number increased during last quarter by the addition of one member; but taking a prospective view we have several who will soon become members and judging from outward appearances we will have some able workers in the cause of Temperance.

On New Year's eve an Oyster supper was held at the hall on behalf of the Division. The proceeds are to go to procure an organ for the hall. A concert with the same object in view, is contemplated for the near future.

Yours Fraternally,

O. C.

Garibaldi Division, No. 151.

At the last regular session of Garibaldi Division on Saturday evening the following were elected officers for the coming quarter:

Susie Hendry, W. P.; Frazer Veneso, W. A.; Lizzie Speer, R. S.; Minnie Teeling, A. R. S.; John Boyd, F. S.; Ira Teed, Treas.; Ida Mills, Chap.; Wallace McElroy, Con.; Mrs. Leslie Mills, A. C.; Etta Teeling, I. S.; Arthur Teeling, O. S.

We regret that during last quarter some of the officers did not attend the meetings as much as they could have done, but with the above staff of officers we feel assured of a regular attendance on their part and a successful work by the Division this winter.

We would like to ask Dufferin and Centenary Divisions if they have an official correspondent? If so why not give us a few notes through the JOURNAL.

Yours in L. P. and F.

O. C.

Benton N. B. Jan. 1st, '89.

Spring Division, No. 262.

At a meeting of Spring Division held on Monday evening last the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

William Langstroth, W P; Arthur Smith, W A; Thomas Stratton, R S; Mintie Hopper, A R S; George Barnes, F S; Lena Langstroth, Treas; Archie Brittain,

Chap. A J Sproul, Con; Hannah Desmond, A Con; James Blair, I S; George M Wilson, O S; Mrs. Geo. M Wilson, Organist.

Some few weeks ago a committee was appointed by this Division to take into consideration the advisability of forming a District Division in the County of Kings.

The committee handed in their report recommending that a District Division be formed and accordingly circulars were forwarded to each division in the county. Answers have been received from four or five, all of whom have expressed themselves in favor of a District Division. The answers from the others will probably be received this week and should a majority be found in favor, it is the intention to organize a District Division at an early date.

O. C.

Coverdale Division.

The officers elected for Coverdale Division, No. 295, S of T, are as follows:

Albert Lutes, W P; Wallace Steeves, W A; Isaiah Steeves, R S; Alice Smith, A R S; Hiel Duffy, F S; Jennie Duffy, Treas; Mary Steeves, Chap; Ward Lutes, Con; Gains Jonah, A Con; William Smith, I S; James Duncan, O S; Martha Steeves, P W P.

O. C.

Caraquet Division.

The following officers were elected to guide Caraquet Division through the present quarter:

Bro Jas W Young, W P; Sister M Nixon, W A; Bro P D Hamon, F S; Bro George McKenzie, R S; Bro B D Ferguson, A R S; Sister M Young, Treas; Sister E M Young, Chap; Bro Frank Blackhall, Con; Bro Irvine Blackhall, A C; Bro J A Young, O S; Bro Fred Templier, O T; Jas W Nixon, P W P.

I am pleased to report an increase of nine members in our Division, since it was organized last April. There are prospects of more coming in before this quarter closes. The Division at present is in good condition having sufficient funds on hand to meet any necessary expense. Prospects for winter work are favorable.

Your valuable JOURNAL is received every week by Division members who esteem it for the advice and encouragement it contains for the cause of Temperance.

O. C.

Silver Division Concert.

The concert in Glad Tidings hall, Brussels street St. John, last Wednesday night, under the auspices of Silver division, S. of T., was very largely attended and a decided success. The grand scribe, D. Thomson, presided, and the following programme was successfully carried out: Organ solo, Miss Ingram; humorous reading, Robert Maxwell; solo, E. N. S. Stewart; solo, Miss Thomson; duet, E. N. S. Stewart and Geo. McSorley; reading, Rev. A. E. Ingram; solo, Geo. McSorley; duet, Rev. A. E. Ingram and Miss Ingram; comic reading, E. G. Nelson; solo, E. N. S. Stewart. Several of the numbers on the programme were loudly applauded. Mayor Thorne was present and made a few appropriate remarks. The entertainment, which closed with the National Anthem, was in aid of a poor widow and a handsome amount was realized. George Barnes played the accompaniments.

Cadets of Temperance.

Truocrah section, No. 10, C. of T., was organized on Saturday afternoon at Weldford, Kent Co., by Grand Scribe Thomson assisted by H. P. Sandall, with the following officers: Howard Atkinson, W A.; James Buckley, V. A.; David Barton, S.; Alphonso Ingram, A. S.; Jasper Humphrey, F. S.; John Wathen T.; M. Stevens, G.; David Ferguson, U.; Woodie Jugram, I. W.; Fred Livingstone, O. W.; J. B. Humphrey, W. P.; John E. G. Atkinson, Marion Wathen, A. P.

St. John District Division.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 3rd, '89. EDIT. JOURNAL, You will likely be anxious to hear of the efforts of the Committees from the various Divisions in the City and County of St. John, to form a District Division. There are fourteen divisions in the county, 12 of which are in good working order and 2 of which are not holding regular meetings, viz., Lime Rock and Everett.

Gordon Division sometime since took the initiatory step in the matter by issuing circulars to each of the divisions, stating the desirability and necessity for such a branch of the work, and asking the co-operation of the various divisions, and requesting the appointment of a

committee of five from each Division, such committee to await the naming of a subsequent date upon which all could conveniently attend. Most of the divisions appointed their committees with the understanding that the said committee would report back to the division the action of the joint committee, and upon their report the division would decide whether they would enter or co-operate in the formation of a District Division. A second circular was issued naming Jan. 2nd, as a suitable date, and Gordon Division room a convenient place. Few of the divisions gave their committee power to assist in the formation of a District Division, and the notice in the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL somewhat surprised them.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Israel E. Smith, W. P. of Tilley Division, who was duly accorded the honor. Bro. Geo. A. Davis, of Excelsior Division was chosen R. S., pro. tem. Bro. Robt. Maxwell, one of the principal instigators of the movement being called upon, gave a clear, concise and exhaustive account of the objects and workings of District Divisions. motion made by Bro. A. Y. Patterson, G. W. A., of Portland Division, and seconded by one of the delegates, brought the matter in a business-like way before the meeting. More was said against it than for it but those who spoke against it were obliged to prove a negative, which in the opinion of many of the lawyers present was more difficult of accomplishment than the proof of an affirmative. It was opposed by Bros. E. A. Everett, of Albion, Bro. Baxter, of Tilley, Bros. Strange and Ellis, of Granite Rock, and others, and favored by Bros. Davis, Cassidy of St. Martin's, McKeown of Gordon and others.

Those who are named as in opposition were not opposed to the formation of District Division (rather favoring it) but took decided opposition to the plan of procedure, on the ground that their Division did not empower them to assist in the formation of a District Division, but to report back the action of the joint Committee. The question being put, it was resolved by a vote of 22 to 6 to proceed at once with the formation of the District Division. The Divisions represented were: Gurney, Portland, Albion, Mariners' and Mechanics', Granite Rock, Valley, Gordon, Excelsior, Tilley, St. George and St. Martins. Gurney and Albion's representatives did not take any part in the proceedings after the vote was taken, not having been empowered by their Divisions so to do, though Bro. John Rankine accepted the office of D. P. W. P. on condition that he would be allowed to withdraw if his Division did not look favorably upon the action of the joint Committee.

I have not a full list of the various Committees at hand, but you will likely receive that sometime soon. The election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows:

Bro. Robt. Maxwell, Gordon div. D. P. W. P.; Frank L. Moshert, St. Martins, D. W. A.; G. A. Davis, Excelsior, D. R. S.; Jas. Stratton, Mariners' and Mechanics', D. F. S.; Israel E. Smith, Tilley, D. Treas.; Thos. Miller, Valley, D. Chap.; John C. Thomas, Granite Rock, D. Con.; Elijah Ross, Tilley, D. Sent.; John Rankine, Gurney, D. P. W. P.;

The proceedings of the joint committee will be submitted to the G. W. P. for his approval. The Grand Officers will likely be requested to install the officers and otherwise regulate the formation of the District Division in a short time.

Asking your pardon for submitting this lengthy account,

I am,

Yours in L. P. and F.

One who was present.

Centenary Division, No. 289.

The following officers have been elected and installed in our Divisions:—H H Kirkpatrick, W P; Helena S Fleming, W A; A S Penn, R S; Maud A Harrow, A R S; Willie J Craig, F S; Eva J Kezer, Treas; J R Kirkpatrick, Con; Willie R King, Con; M Effie Kirkpatrick, A C; H V Kerr, I S; Howard Nason, O S; C W Manzer, P W P; W V Penn, D G W P;

Yours in L. P. and F.,

O. C.

Debec Jan 6. 1886.

Wednesday, Dec. 26th a Division to be known as Fenwick Division, No. 43, was instituted by the Grand Division of Connecticut, at Sunny Brook Point. Fifteen members joined the new Division.

GRAND DIVISION OF WISCONSIN.

SHIOCTON, Wis., Dec. 29th, 1888.

H. H. Pitts, Editor of Temperance Journal:

The 8th District Convention of Wisconsin was called to order at Lanark yesterday at 1 o'clock p. m. by D. M. Torrey as District Deputy, who invited Bro. Temple M. W. P. to preside he being present. He complying the Conductor proceeded to reorganize itself into a District Division, there was 5 Divisions represented. The afternoon was spent in organizing and with its usual routine of business, an adjournment was taken until 9 a. m., next day, and preparations made for an open meeting in evening.

The evening meeting was addressed by Bro. Rhobots, Sister Anderson P. W. P. of Minnesota and Bro. Temple M. W. P. of America addressed us on the work of the Order and the benefits of the same, the addresses were short and to the point being very enthusiastic and by repeated calls the following Brethren responded Bros. West, Nash, Darling, Fork, and Torrey, G. S. who spoke of the work being done in the State.

The meeting was interspersed with the best of recitations and songs by members of Lanark Division which made it very pleasant. The morning session was devoted to the Propagation Work, a collection taken up, appointments arranged for sister Anderson who commences the work of organizing at this place, and who will devote a part of her time in Wisconsin and for our beloved Order. She with other workers will make it warm for the enemy this winter in Wisconsin, and we expect to double our membership this year. Meeting adjourned to meet at Blain the 23rd of January next at 2 o'clock p. m.

The members of Lanark Division received the Delegates cordially, and bountifully provided for them while they remained there and carried them a distance of 4 1/2 miles to and from the meeting to the depot making it one of the most pleasant sessions that I ever attended. All tried to do the most for our comfort, and the fraternal ties then formed will long be remembered by all, as also we will ever remember the counsel and instructions of Bro. Temple who must have been born for the position of M. W. P.

Submitted in L. P. and F.,

D. M. TORREY

G. S.

Grand Division of Nova Scotia.

DEAR JOURNAL.—"Had the pleasure of visiting my old division of April 4th, '54, of which I am the only charter member, Phoenix Division, No. 115. Old scenes came to view, but old familiar faces were seen in imagination, but the children and grandchildren of my early associates filled the vacant seats, and gave me a cordial welcome home."

On my first visit to Bridgewater, 370 men, women and children only comprised the total inhabitants and now some 5,000 may be counted, and good old Phoenix of '54, still holds on its way—a beacon light to guide the poor inebriate to a safe haven—as it has done in the days of long ago, still blessing and to bless. Truly our Order is sight to the blind, a comfort and blessing and hope to all.

Wishing you, Bro. Editor, and your readers the compliments of the season,

I am,

Fraternally Yours,

W. J. G.

NOTES FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

A ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 28th, '88.

DEAR BRO.—Since the Annual Session of our Grand Division, which met Oct. 11th, 1888, in this city, I have intended to write you or rather address a communication to the JOURNAL. Against my protest and contrary to my expectation, I was at said session elevated to the exalted position of G W P.

I say exalted and I mean it, for to be at the head of a State organization, of our noble Order, which for nearly half a century has been battling against the strong-holds of iniquity and sin, and has not only saved men's bodies, but in a great degree their souls, is in fact an exalted position.

The other officers for the year are as follows:

C S Way, G W A; C L Lindsay, G S; J G Lindsay, G Treas; A E

Clark, G Con; W D Justice, G Chap; Jno. W Shook, G S.

Our reports from the Subordinate Divisions were quite meager, the weather very bad and attendance small. I do not know how it is, but somehow our people do not take that interest in this great work that they ought to. At one time we numbered thirty Divisions now we have about eight. In popular places in the country and in our town divisions have been allowed to languish and die, because—well why? the temperance people of the place did not think enough of, nor realize their duty to the community in which they live.

Hoping it might awaken a new spirit of zeal in our members, by having their attention called constantly to the great and noble work before them and might be inspired to emulate the example of others, our Grand Division passed the following resolution:

For good literature, for the good of the Order generally, we would recommend the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, published at Fredericton, N. B., as a paper that should be in the homes of all our people, which may be secured in clubs of ten at 60cts per annum, and which is the cheapest organ of the kind known to us. We would further recommend that the Grand Division subscribe for one copy of said paper for each Subordinate Division, and that each Division be requested to make up clubs for the same.

This is taken from the report of the committee on the Good of the Order, and the subscriptions have been sent on in compliance therewith.

Our Grand Division by standing order pays all the expenses of our representation to the Grand Division, and we also allow the full charter fee to any one organizing a new Division.

One of our brother's has been discussing the subject of accepting the very liberal offer made by the Mutual Aid Society and begin to work in that direction after New Year.

I have on several occasions urged the Aid Society upon our members, not for their own benefit merely, but as an incentive to keep up the Division. They seem slow to accept its liberal provisions.

We shall be exceedingly glad to grasp the hand of our M W P Feb. 9th, to 22nd, and no doubt shall enjoy his visit much, but am sorry he shall find us in such a delapidated condition. Perhaps he can suggest a way to build us up.

But I am writing too much. [A prosperous, happy New Year to you, your paper, and our Order.

Yours in L P and F,

P A Cummings, G. W. P.

Wilton Division

This Division was organized March 24, 1876 with 29 charter members, only 14 of whom were present at the organization.

Wilton numbered at one time, over 100 members, but has only 63 at present. We initiated 2 last year and 3 so far, this year and with more in view. We hold our meetings on Tuesday evenings and for the good of the Order we have readings, singing, and occasional recitations, a few remarks etc.

The following officers were elected for the present term:

Mrs. Jane H. Merwin, W P; Geo. F. Canfield, W A; Miss Alice B. Olmstead, R S; Bertha L Adams, A R S; Chester R Olmstead, F S; Wm Gantley, Treas; Susie M Hubbell, Chap; Geo P Knapp, Con; Clara B Fitch, A C; Wm Turner, I S; Marian H Olmstead, O S; C N Adams, P W P; Hattie F Olmstead, Librarian; Geo F Smalley, Asst. Librarian;

Wishing the JOURNAL and the Order of the Sons of Temperance a Happy and successful New Year

I remain,

Yours in L P and F,

O. C.

Cadets of Temperance.

Windham Section, No. 1, C. of T., was organized Aug. 14, 1888, under the care of Pine Tree Division, No. 1, S. of T., with twelve members, and we now number twenty. We hold our meetings Saturday afternoon.

The following officers for the present quarter are:

Charles W Hapley, W A; Ethel L Libby, V A; I F Dolley, S; George Dolley, A S; Lot M Morrill, F S; Jennie M Morrill, Treas; Lena C Lord, G; Willie S Jordan, U; Rosalia Dolley, I W; Eugene L Morrill, O W; Wilson S Dolley, P W A.

Yours in L P and F,

O. C.