

Snowflakes.

On Monday night, 13th inst., Snowflake Division, No. 307, S. of T., had a fraternal visit from a number of the members of "Rising Star." A jolly good time was had that evening.

The following subject was debated, and declare in the affirmative: Resolved, That "cider is hurtful as a beverage."

These fraternal visits are an excellent thing. It enthuses new life and vigor into the work. Our correspondent earnestly hopes that "Sunbeam" will come up to visit its poor old mother, as "Rising Star" has done with its child.

On Monday evening, 20th inst., a grand time was had at our open Division. After the work of the Division had been carried through the doors were thrown open and a number of visitors entered. Some members from "Rising Star" were present on this occasion. After order had been maintained, readings, singing and addresses were participated in by nearly every member of "Snowflake."

D. G. W. P. Black, owing to the lateness of the hour, only briefly, but pointedly, spoke to the subject, "Back bone wanted." He humorously referred to the position and predicament of mankind without a backbone. From these he set forth the need of concentrated effort in the temperance cause. He strongly objected to third party movements or any party move. What was wanted was united action, a grand push all along the line of temperance workers and institutions. He urged upon the members to be more zealous and persevering, and thus show their mettle, or backbone. He overthrew and dissented from the silly notions that the work of the Division was only a waste of time and money, or that it was useless to carry it on because there were some in the societies who broke their pledge. With regard to the first point he said it was impossible to carry on any good work without expense and time. But then, he said, what is all this compared to the good that is being done, even in a quiet settlement as our own. All are aware of the old adage, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." We find in our Division rooms many of the young men and women of our land. If these young minds then are trained in proper channels, when they are old they will not depart from it. Even if we can save but one soul, through our efforts, from a drunkard's grave, a drunkard's hell, we have not wrought in vain. With regard to the second point, he said we might also call education and christianity a failure, because much illiteracy and evil exists. We will find those on our church books who fail to live up to the true standard. Is that to say, then, that we should close up our churches? Most emphatically, no! Oh! may we then be more zealous in this good work. Why should we not when we see the ruin and misery that intemperance causes, and the happiness and plenty that may be enjoyed through temperance principles. Let us work unitedly and aid in putting down the drink curse, and then shall we see Prohibition nailed to the mast.

These are only a few of the many points which he brought forth in his address. Bro. Black intends to visit "Rising Star" and "Sunbeam," in the near future. At the first he will speak on the subject, "Men and women wanted," and at "Sunbeam," on the subject "Our Order, its aims and objects—Our duty." May our noble Order continue to prosper and become as a shining light or beacon star to many a mariner on life's ocean. Yours Fraternally, O. C.

Case Settlement, N. B.

Rising Star Division.

MR. EDITOR, In the first place our Division of the S. of T., has been rising and falling more or less since its organization, somewhat over three years ago, but never in its history has it attained such a place of importance and integrity in the eyes of its members as at present.

Despite the short nights and the work of spring, the majority of our members adorn the Division room each night with their presence. The reason of this is probably owing to the very elaborate speeches on temperance and other matters given each

night by a number of its members, notably those by our D. G. W. P., W. P. and Messrs. Murray and Scovill.

D. G. W. P. Black, of Snowflake, intended to be present a night or so ago but failed. He promised more faithfully to favor us to-morrow night with his presence when he will deliver an address on "Men and Women wanted." I sincerely hope he will carry his promise into execution. During the current quarter we have initiated six members, three of which were initiated on the last night of our meeting.

Some time ago the divisions of the S. of T. in this vicinity were warned by a certain correspondent to look out for storms (in the temperance line I presume) etc., as a certain division was fast outstripping its friends in the building up of temperance speakers etc. Now Mr. Editor I have seen nothing more than common as yet, but I would like to see some of its members visit Rising Star and exchange a fraternal greeting and get the electric spark in the line of speaking for I believe if they had it they would make better use of their speaking than they are doing.

Hoping I have not intruded too far on your valuable space I will close by wishing success to all temperance workers, and that our land may soon be relieved from the accursed drink by the standard of Prohibition.

Yours Fraternally, O. C. Belleisle Creek, Kings Co.

Nova Scotia News.

In Nova Scotia this Order has always been celebrated for solid Temperance work.

For many years the Agency Committee of Grand Division has been located in Halifax and one brother—the late William M. Brown—was chairman for 20 years. This committee, partly with funds voted by Grand and Subordinate divisions and partly by contributions personally solicited, has kept two Agents steadily employed for a number of years, visiting divisions, holding public meetings, organizing or re-organizing societies, distributing Temperance literature and arousing the people to enforce the laws against strong drink, or to demand of the Government more stringent enactments. The "Sons" believe greatly in moral suasion and education; but these are means to the end—to secure such laws supported by public opinions as will drive the liquor traffic out. And we have succeeded so that now outside of Halifax either Local Option or Prohibition prevails and there are no licenses granted through the Province.

In many of the large towns liquor is still sold on the sly, but in the villages and rural districts public opinion backing up the officials has driven the rumrunner out completely. The traffic in this country seems to be doomed. It is generally considered a disreputable business; and even the rich licensed vendor is ashamed of his trade and its results. Even in the City of Halifax where four years ago there were more than 200 licensed saloons, last year there were less than eighty, and this year about 100 licensed dealers but not one place outside the hotels where liquor can be legally bought by the glass or drunk upon the premises. But the law, no doubt, is violated in most of the places;—when was ever a rumrunner (even a respectable licensed) known to obey the law when there was money in violating? The City Council appointed a man as License Inspector who to say the least, pleases the liquor fraternity. At times he raids some disreputable place or get some woman fined for violating the law. But every day in going to his office he passes a dozen places that in general estimation could be caught in the act of violation, if he would use his eyes or step a foot inside the doorway. People say he will soon be able to retire from his office, wealthy; and some half-hearted people have suggested that he be allowed quietly to keep on till he falls off of his own accord. It will be the easiest and quietest way. But such advice will not prevail. The people will soon be sufficiently disgusted with paying \$1000 a year to an officer for him to allow the liquor sellers to do just as they please, and there will shortly be an explosion. In Halifax County there are only three licenses with the prospect of none next year; and the illicit traffic is getting a hard

time of it, from license Inspector Reid, the Grand Worthy Patriarch of Nova Scotia, this year. In Dartmouth four years ago, there were 13 licensed places, now there are none, and the illegal vending is about used up. Where there is strong public opinion on our side the law—Scott Act or Local Option—is efficacious; but where the leading people drink, if ever so little, there is complaint that the law is bad.

Knowing that without public opinion the strongest laws would be of little benefit, the Sons of Temperance have devoted much time, energy and money during the past forty years to public meetings, the organizing of societies and pledging the young people. In old times we had the cold water army and later on to the present time our Bands of Hope.

The pledge is in rhyme and tens of thousands of our boys and girls learned it years ago and are thereby the better men and women to-day. We are trying now for all the children of our land to learn this pledge, and through your columns some thousands will get it and learn it. Here it is:

THE NOVA SCOTIA COLD WATER PLEDGE. "Trusting in help from Heaven above, We pledge ourselves to works of love; With hearts and hands united, stand, To spread a blessing o'er the land; And now resolve we will not take, Nor give, nor buy, nor sell, nor make, Through all the years of mortal life, Those drinks which cause pain, woe and strife; Rum, brandy, whisky, cordials fine, Gin, cider, porter, ale and wine."

Not much poetry, some critic might say; but this rhyme has done more good than many a poem or poetic gem.

At the recent session of the G. D., a good winter's work was reported. There was a clear gain of 700 members, bringing our Order in Nova Scotia above 300 Divisions and to 16,560 members, with 30 Bands of Hope and 4000 children. Two Lecturers had been employed—T. Hutchings in the Eastern Counties and T. M. Lewis in the West. During the quarter they had held 85 public meetings, attended by 7,800 people, visited and addressed 112 schools with 3,500 pupils present; visited 47 Divisions attended by 1000 members; organized or resuscitated 10 societies, with 271 members; distributed 2,400 temperance tracts (mostly in schools), travelled 1,403 miles. The whole was at a cost of \$470. This was a pretty good showing and was largely the cause of our increase and general temperance activity. At this session of Grand Division a report was also presented of the Agency work done during the past 16 years, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Agents (3,568), Attendance at Day and Sabbath Schools (367,858), and Total cost of the work (\$21,149.90).

Such seed sowing in the past has given us a sober province to-day; and we are so encouraged that this year we are sowing especially among the young people for good reaping ten and twenty years hence.

Each month the Agents send to the Agency Committee full statements of meetings, collections, schools, etc., together with a summary, such as the foregoing, whereby we can in part record their efforts and success. At the end of each quarter and year the tabulated statement is laid before Grand Division and published in our Year Book; ways and means are discussed, money voted and general plans adopted which the committee in the interim endeavor to carry out.

Other Grand Divisions can do as well and better than Nova Scotia, if they appoint good Committees with brains, whose members reside in the one place and are willing to devote one or two evenings a month planning work and how to get the money to meet expenses. If all the Grand

Divisions would thus labor, there is no doubt the S. of T. could be doubled in numbers on this continent within the next five year.

In L., P. and F., WORKER.

Special Address to the Order in Ontario by the Grand Scribe.

Whitby, Ontario, May 24th, 1889. W. P., Officers and Members:

By new Postal Regulations, it costs five cents to register a letter, in addition to postage, instead of two cents, as formerly. The limit weight of letters is now one oz., for single rate, instead of 1/2 oz.

In remitting to the Grand Scribe, send Post Office Order when it can be obtained. It is safer, and, for smaller amounts, cheaper than to register letter. Where P. O. Orders are not obtainable, remit by registered letter. For fraction of a dollar postage stamps may be sent instead of silver. Send only one, two and three cent stamps. Those of higher denominations are seldom used in this office, and cannot be disposed of without loss. The Grand Scribe forwards receipts for all moneys received. All receipts should be read in the Division, and carefully preserved for reference.

The usually quarterly papers are always mailed before the 20th of the last month in the quarter. If they are not received by the D G W P before the 25th of such month, notice should be sent to the Grand Scribe.

It is a pleasure to note the increasing promptness and accuracy with which Returns and per capita tax are sent to this office. In a few cases there is room for improvement. Every blank in the Return forms should be filled, and the Returns, with per capita, sent to the Grand Scribe before the 9th of the first month in the quarter.

Order forms with Price List of supplies on reverse side, have been sent to all Deputies, and one of these forms is enclosed with each lot of supplies sent from this office. A Price List should be gummed in the Minute Book for reference.

The Order annually sustains a very serious loss numerically and financially on account of "Non-payment of Dues" by members. The wilful non-payment of dues is as dishonorable as the omission or refusal to pay any other honest debt. This truth should be faithfully inculcated. The Financial Scribe should every quarter promptly notify each member in arrears. Few would fail to pay if promptly notified, and none would reasonably be offended, as the F. S. is clearly within his duty. Unperformed duty is not a kindness but a wrong to the members in arrears, and, if persisted in will probably bring disaster to the Division.

The "Cadets," "Incorporation" and the "Relief Society" or Insurance feature of our Order, are worthy of the careful attention of each Division, and its members. I shall be pleased to give information in reference to any of them. Frequent "Open Meetings" are found to be very beneficial. A liberal patronage of temperance literature will also result in much good. The TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, of Fredericton, N. B., edited by Bro. H. H. Pitts, P. G. W. A., is a live weekly eight-page paper, low in price, and devoted to the interests of our Order. It deserves a generous support. Circulars and sample copies have been sent to each Deputy.

Since the last G. D. Session, excellent work has been done. Twenty-four new Divisions and one Section of Cadets have been organized, and eight Divisions resuscitated, nearly all of which are in a prosperous state, and a large majority of former Divisions report increased membership and interest. Sincere thanks are tendered to all who have assisted in the good work.

In the late Scott Act contests the solid work done by our Order was apparent. In Ontario County in every polling division (except in towns) where we have a live Division over two years in existence, and also in nearly every polling division where, within the last twenty years there was an active Division for a term of years, the Act received a majority. Similar reports come from Brant, Durham and other counties. Evidently a widespread and thorough establishment and support of Divisions by our Order, would

be a short and sure road to permanent and effective Prohibition. We have no reason to be discouraged; a grand work has been, and is being, done by our Order. Our cause is right and must ultimately prevail. Each Division, small or great numerically, is a Temperance Home, a training School in Total Abstinence, Prohibition and true business and moral principles. It is also a standing rebuke to the liquor traffic.

Ignorance and indifference, prejudice and appetite, selfishness and sin are arrayed against us and the principles we advocate. We, too, should keep in battle array. Satan and the liquor traffic take no holidays; we need to be equally vigilant. Our enemies use every device to make their traffic alluring and effective. Let us make our Division attractive and keep up our regular meetings all the year round. The usefulness, and frequently the existence of the Division depends upon doing so. Constant work commands success. Sustain your Division through the summer, and be ready for earnest, vigorous work in the fall and winter. Lose no opportunity. In conflict now, in triumph by-and-by.

News from Ontario.

York Co. (Ont.) District Division Semi-Annual Session will be held at Laskay, on Friday, June 14th. Business meetings at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Public meeting at 8 p. m. An important session and a large attendance is expected.

Wm. H. Bewell, G S, and James Brooks, P G W A, visited Zimmerman Division, No. 213, Palermo, 142, and Orzagh, 215, on the evenings of 21st, 22nd and 23rd inst. The visitors met with an enthusiastic reception at each place and were royally entertained by Bros. A Buck, M D, D G W P, of Palermo Div., and M McCrimmon, M D, Co. D G W P, for Halton Co., (both of whom accompanied the G S and P G W A, in each visit,) and by Bros. McMullan of Zimmerman and Henderson of Omagh.

Palermo Division was organized in 1850 and for a great many years was very prosperous. This Division and its veteran D G W P, Dr. A. Buck, largely contributed in making Halton the "Banner" Temperance County in Ontario. Some years ago, after the Scott Act was carried in Halton, Palermo and all other Divisions in the county ceased operations. When the Act was repealed last year, our brethren of Palermo, soon recognized the mistake of the past, and set to work to revive that Division. On Nov. 9th, Dr. Buck, D G W P, resuscitated the Division with 9 members. On Dec. 31st, 62 members were returned to G D and on March 31st, 128 members, and the number is still increasing, five being received on the night of the visit. Palermo Division is now the "Banner Division" of this province. In addition to this, the D G W P of Palermo Div., Dr. Buck, assisted by Dr. McCrimmon, (now Co. D G W P) established the new Divisions at Zimmerman and Omagh, both of which are prosperous and promise a useful future, and still there is more to follow. The hearty receptions, enthusiastic meetings and pressing invitations to return, indicate the Divisions were well pleased with the visits, and the visitors were evidently delighted with the excellent progress and standing of the Division, and the entertainment everywhere provided.

Bro. Jas. Brooks, P G W A, attended the late session of Welland District Division, and received a hearty welcome. This is the "Banner District Division" of Ontario, Bro. R. Coulter, G W A, is the D W P, which in a large measure accounts for its prosperity and usefulness. Bro. Brooks accompanied by Bro. T. W. Atwood, Pro. D G W P, on the following evening, paid a fraternal visit to the Division of which G W P R J Conover, W N Y is a member in Buffalo, N. Y.

From the 4th to the 14th June the Grand Scribe will be absent on a visit to a number of Divisions in Grey Dufferin and Simcoe Counties.

On June 13th, a large Sons of Temperance Demonstration will be held at Lavender, Simcoe Co., at which the Grand Scribe has promised to be in attendance.

Excelsior Division, No. 28, report a net increase of 19 members for the quarter ending March 31st.