

A united meeting of Spring and Hampton Divisions S of T (open to the public) was held Friday evening in the Agricultural hall, Hampton village, to receive on official visit from the Grand Worthy Patriarch, H J Thorn, who was accompanied by C A Everett, Past Most Worthy Associate; W C Whittaker, Grand Treasurer, and James Woodrow, W P of Gurney Division. Earnest temperance addresses were made by the three gentlemen first named and readings were given by Mr Woodrow. Addresses were also made by J W Smith, John Gailey and George Barnes of Hampton, and by Dr F H Wetmore, W P of Spring Division, who occupied the chair. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

New City Division, Strait Shore, held a very successful entertainment Friday evening. The programme was as follows: Opening address, Nehemiah Logan; song, Miss Jessie Anderson; song, Miss Gracie Chisholm; speech, Charles Hamilton; quartette, Messrs Henderson, Brown, Kain and Oram; reading, John Salmon; duet, Misses Logan; speech, Alex Logan, sr; reading, Miss Staples, reading, Miss Jennie Anderson; speech, Mr Bowles; song, John Segee; speech, Wm Logan, sr.

A quarterly session of District Division, No 1, S of T, was held Friday night in Gordon Division rooms, King street. There was a fair attendance of members from various city Divisions. District W P Robert Maxwell occupied the chair. Reports from the executive committee and from the District Division officers for work done during the past few months were very encouraging. Visits were made to nearly all the subordinate Divisions in the District, and two new Divisions have lately been organized. The outlook was very encouraging and considerable work was outlined for the coming season. On the whole a large amount of business was transacted.—*Telegraph.*

ST. STEPHEN LETTER.

The recent Convention in Moncton from which sprang into existence the Prohibition party of the Maritime Provinces has not, I think, received that notice from the press generally which its importance demands. Although not in harmony with the line of action adopted by the Convention for the obtaining of Prohibition, I cannot but admit that the gathering together of so many representatives from these provinces by the sea, earnestly desirous of the speedy attainment of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, must have some considerable weight.

I was somewhat disappointed in not seeing there more of the representative temperance men of the province interested. While among the delegates, were very many earnest, energetic men and women, willing, if necessary, to make sacrifices for the advancement of the cause so dear to them, many of the leaders in the temperance movement were conspicuous by their absence, and not all who were present were in sympathy with the formation of a separate party to carry the measure through successfully.

The Credential Committee reported as present 107 delegates from New Brunswick, 50 from Nova Scotia and 10 from P. E. Island, total 167 and besides these there were others who did not wish themselves enrolled. In comparison with other political conventions I think this shows a degree of interest that is entitled to some respect and the readiness with which the call for funds to carry on the work was met indicates that the members of the new party mean business and are prepared to go further than mere talk on the subject.

The resolutions affirming that the liquor traffic is destructive of the social, moral and material welfare of the people and that its prohibition is the supreme necessity of the hour, that it is thoroughly organized and must be met by an organized power in order to its overthrow, that united action is necessary by temperance people etc., were passed without a dissenting voice for there are truths which all temperance men will admit, but the clause affirming that the Convention proceed to organize itself into a Prohibition party was the cause of some debate as all did not admit the necessity of a third party in order to obtain prohibition. However, the third party element was in the ascendant and

the resolution passed almost unanimously.

Again, when the one plank of the new party was presented, the most animated discussion of the session was provoked by the statement that "we have no hope of obtaining prohibition from either of the present political parties;" a number of delegates expressing themselves as being very hopeful of a time in the near future when one or other of the existing parties would include a prohibition plank in their platform. In the meantime the temperance voters see to it that temperance men were chosen as their party's representatives and in that way secure a strength in parliament that would compel the granting of a prohibitory measure when demanded by the people.

Others affirmed with strong arguments that the words no hope were none too strong as the past records of the parties proved, and the outlook for the future held no encouragement for those who looked for a change, that because there was no hope was the very reason the new party was called into existence that through it there might arise a strong hope that Prohibition would soon become the law of the land; and so the plank was adopted upon which the party is to stand that hopes to gather to its ranks those temperance men who believe in Prohibition, and they are many. But just here the difficulty arises, for while all agree that Prohibition is necessary, comparatively few believe in the wisdom of trying to obtain it through a separate political party. The party being now organized it was necessary to elect officers to conduct the business. Quite an imposing array of officers was elected, with J. T. Bulmer, Esq., as President. He being the chief mover in the calling of the Convention and working up the whole movement it was but fitting that he should be chosen for the position.

Charlotte County is represented on the Executive Committee by C. N. Vroom, who is a strong advocate of the movement and is, perhaps, as well, if not better posted than any other man in the party on the whole prohibition question.

The *Canadian Voice* was made the organ of the party and with brother Bulmer in the editorial chair we may look for some hot shot and heavy bombarding on the question right away.

He has lots of energy, any amount of confidence and is very sanguine of success, and if he can succeed in imparting some of his overflowing confidence and energy to others he will contribute very materially to the life of the movement.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed for the friends in Lambton and Fredericton with the hope that they might be successful in their efforts. Record was also made of their appreciation of those newspapers which refused to insert liquor advertisement recommending that they be given the preference by temperance men and women.

The presence of Rollo Kirk Bryan the Chalk Talker added much to the interest of the Convention, and I think his chalk talks will be remembered long after the other matters of the session are forgotten.

Altogether, I think the convention will be productive of good and although we may not agree with the method adopted we cannot but receive some benefit from contact with so many earnest temperance workers.

In passing through St John I was glad to meet with our Grand Worthy Patriarch, brothers Maxwell, Kelley, Ellis, McKeown and others who reported quite a boom among the Divisions in that vicinity. I regret that my time was so limited, as I would like to have visited some of the Divisions there, and also to have taken in the visit to St Martin's Division; but I hope to have other opportunities during the year.

I had hoped to meet Grand Scribe Thomson but learned with regret that he was confined to his house by illness.

The Chalk Talker had good houses both here and in Milltown and if ever he comes this way again will meet with crowded houses. The weather lately has been rather against fraternal visits. We had arranged one for Oak Bay last Saturday night but were obliged to postpone it.

We will visit Brunswick at Old Ridge to-night, and will try Oak Bay again this week and possibly May Flower at Pomeroy Ridge. We are watching with great interest the

struggle between Right and Wrong in your city and are praying that the Right may win.

HOWARD.
St Stephen, N B, Nov 27th '89.

Grand Division of Michigan.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of the State of Michigan met in Annual Session with Anchor Division, No 203 on Wednesday October the 9th and continued in session until Thursday, Oct 10th, 1889.

Taking in consideration the busy time of the year and the location of the meeting, this being in the country 5 miles from North Lansing, the nearest R R Station, the session was well attended and full of enthusiasm.

The report of the Grand Scribe shows a net increase of 5 Divisions, and, thanks to the generous donation of the propagation Committee of the N D the Grand Division is in a healthy and good financial condition there being \$100 cash in the treasury. The work during the year has been pushed vigorously and persistently, but owing to the unsettled feelings in the political field, and also the inexperience of the organizer employed, the results were not as satisfactory as desired, or, by the outlay in money paid anticipated. Yet, new impetus has been given the Order, new interest awakened and the field prepared for a vigorous work this year.

On Wednesday evening the meeting was opened to the public, and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. It is claimed that the announcement that the Grand Scribe, a native of Germany would address the people caused, about the whole German Settlement to attend the meetings, so that about one half of the entire audience were Germans.

The meetings opened with singing by the choir of Anchor Division and prayer by Bro L J Phillips of Fenton. The W P of Anchor Division, Bro James Gunnison presiding.

The address of welcome was given by Bro Alfred Gunnison, and closed by a well chosen song by the choir, after which the Grand Scribe, Joseph Falk, of Ypsilanti, was introduced to make the response. And being well acquainted with the objections and arguments presented by the Germans, after first explaining the object of this meeting and the aim and purpose of the Order, attacked their arguments in a forcible way that set at naught all their objections, claiming that the advice, given by Paul to Timothy, was a dispensation to Timothy only, and not to all the people, and that only on account of his poor health, and the fact that such dispensations was necessary, proves that drinking at that time was also considered a sin, for Paul also says: "But shun profane and vain babblings; for they will increase unto more ungodliness." He also says: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed." Now drunkenness is a sin for, "No drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

And in order to become drunk, persons must commence drinking. Now where does the sin begin? With the first drink or the drink that completes that which the first drink started? I claim that the sin begins with the first drink for you never could get drunk unless you take the first drink. God said unto Adam: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it; thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee and thou shalt eat the herbs of the field in the sweat of thy face." But God said nothing about drink. In His mercy he has endowed the men with an inventory spirit to prepare the food to be palatable to the taste, but as to the drink, God has prepared the beverage himself water, pure water, to nourish and invigorate his body. And wherever you find water, it is ready for use without the help of men and when you find it not ready for drink no inventory genius of men can make it so. In speaking about the influence and the responsibility he said that as the blood of Abel called to Heaven for revenge, so does the groans and miseries caused by the demon drink call to Heaven for revenge upon those who for the sake of their appetite, foster, nourish, defend and protect the demon, that causes the miserv.

He spoke for over half an hour during which the audience listened with a marked attention to the somewhat new arguments which have left a deep impression upon the hearers. Following the G S's speech,

Miss Fanny Daskner of Ypsilanti favored the audience with a song; after which Miss Lillian Ward of Ypsilanti gave a very touching recitation, in which a drunken engineer ran over his own darling child, who was trying to warn him of the danger ahead.

Then Bro L J Phillips of Fenton, gave a lively address followed by Bro Glad of Anchor Division, after which 16 young ladies, dressed in costumes, performed a marching drill, which was well executed. Rev Wm A Taylor, of Bath, gave one of his ever ready speeches, always hitting the nail on the right spot; followed by a few remarks from Bro Cole of Ypsilanti and Sister Falk.

The meeting was then dismissed with prayer by L J Phillips.

On Thursday at 8 A M the Grand Division was again called to order and the business was pressed with energy, as most of the members were engaged in the several committees, the G D took recess for a social and friendly chat. The committees, being ready to report, the meeting was called to order and the reports received, and adopted after which the following officers were elected

and installed:

G W P, L J Phillips, Fenton; G W A, R W Cade, Okemos; G S, Joseph Falk, Ypsilanti; G T, G W Butcher, Fenton; G Chap., Rev. Wm. A Taylor, Bath; G Cond., G W Smith, Pine Lake; G Sent. James H Gunnison, North Lansing.

Among other resolutions the following was unanimously adopted:

Each division shall appoint a reporter, whose duty it shall be to report any items of interest at least once a month to the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL published at Fredericton, N B, and to their several local papers; and that each Division shall subscribe for at least one copy of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, this being the adopted organ of the G D of Michigan.

The G W P, Bro L J Phillips, on taking the chair announced that he himself will take the field as organizer and will devote his entire time to the work. After a few remarks by the new G Officers the G D closed in due form to meet again on the last Wednesday in October, 1890; the place to be selected by the Executive.

J FALK.
G S.

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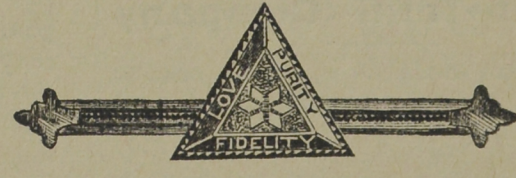
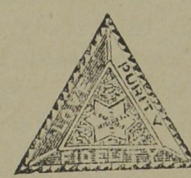
RESOLUTION.

(To be moved by some Brother in active Divisions, where they do not already subscribe for the JOURNAL.)

Believing that our officers and members should be kept informed as to the doings of the order, and the duties of their several officers, therefore

RESOLVED, that this Division subscribe for six copies of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, a weekly, 8 page paper, the Organ of the Sons of Temperance of America, published at Fredericton, N. B., Canada, and that the paper be sent to the address of the Worthy Patriarch of this Division for distribution each Division night, and that a cheque be issued on the Treasurer for the sum of \$4.20 in payment of the same, and the money forwarded to the Editor.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE



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