

Sunbeam Division, No. 357.

Sunbeam Division No. 357, Sons of Temperance, of Springfield Kings County is in a very prosperous condition. On Tuesday evening Feb. 26th inst. said Division held a Round Party in the Division room, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

O. C.

New Division at Tracadie.

Another new Division is added to the list and this is the fourth for Gloucester Co. Bro. J. W. Young D. W. P. and a splendid representation of Caraque Division drove through to Tracadie on the 25th inst and during the evening organized Tracadie Division No. 356 with a membership of seventeen. The following officers were elected and installed:

Jno. Young, W P; Mrs. Jno. Young, W A; Wm. Archer, R S; Mrs. Alex. Fleet, A B S; Annie E Young, F S; Alex. Fleet, Treas; C C Turner, Chap, Leonard Turner, Cond; Frances W Turner, A C; Willie Young, I S; John Johnston, O S.

Bro. Richard Young was elected P. W. P. and Alex. Fleet, D. G. W. P. The night of meeting will be Saturday. The Division includes the most prominent men of the community and we bespeak for it a long and successful career.

The organizing of new temperance societies and the recent anti-license petitions show which way the wind is blowing in Gloucester.

Yours Fraternally,

A S. of T.

Tracadie N. B. Feb. 26th, '99.

Fraternal Visits.

Despite the threatening weather of Monday evening last, Gurney Division turned out in large numbers to pay a fraternal visit to Lime Rock Division at South Bay. One of Colwell's Mammoth sleighs was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the beauty and the chivalry of the old Division. Mariners and Mechanics Division also intended going, but failed to connect, something strange for them. The visitors were late in arriving but atoned for their tardiness by leaving early in the morning. During the singing of the ode of welcome the visitors filed into the room and took a stand on opposite sides of it; the P. W. P. then formally introduced the visiting Division, who were given the heartiest kind of a welcome by the W. P., Bro. Roxborough. After the customary salutations the members took their seats. Besides the members of the aforementioned Division, there were present also members of Albion, Silver, Tilley and Granite Rock Divisions. The meeting was placed in the hands of the W. P. of Gurney Division, Sister Johnson, who duly acknowledged the honor, after which the following programme was successfully carried out:

Address by Bro. Wm. Roxborough of Lime Rock; reading by Bro. L. C. Ansley of Albion; character dialogue by Bros. Marshall and Anderson, of Gurney, followed by a comic song by Bro. Marshall; recitations by Bro. James Woodrow and Sister Kingston, of Gurney; duett by Sisters Proctor and Hugen, of Silver; readings by Bro. Hicks, Russell and Bradley, recitations by Sister Morrissey, and Bros. Whiteneck, Lemon and Woodrow, and harmonic solo by Bro. Ricketts, all of Gurney; tin-whistle solo by Bro. Johnson, piccolo solo by Bro. Leeman, also songs by each, who are members of Silver; violin solo by Bro. Chas. Smith, and song by Bro. Roxborough, of Lime Rock.

After the programme was carried out, refreshments were served by an efficient committee of sisters, and a half hour was spent very pleasantly in mingling this exercise with social conversation. Then the meeting was called to order. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was given to Gurney Division for their visit, which was responded to by Sister Johnson in a neat speech. After the closing ceremonies and the singing of the old ode "Good night, good night to every one," the meeting closed with cheers and counter cheers for each of the Divisions. Every one expressed their pleasure at being present, and their intention of coming again.

A S. of T.

GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO.

Since the Grand Division Session in December, there has been instituted the following New Divisions, viz: Paris Plains, No. 147, Etozia, No. 188 and Brant Excelsior, No. 243, by J. C. Tisdale, Pro. D. G. W. P.; Welland, No. 388 and Air Line, No. 389, by R. Coulter, G. W. A.; Greenwood, No. 117, by W. H. Bewell, G. S.; Burnhamthrope, No. 297, by W. H. Bewell, G. S. and Jas. Brooks, P. G. W. A.; Moulton, No. 383 and Dunville, No. 384, by H. L. Brown, Pro. D. G. W. P.; Wellington, No. 155, Harrowsmith, No. 261 and Madawaska, No. 158, by E. Carswell, P. M. W. A.; Port Perry, No. 332, by S. Holland, P. G. W. A.; and Malton Section of Cadets by W. H. Bewell, G. S. and Jas Brooks, P. G. W. A.

The following Divisions have been reconstituted, viz: Leskard, No. 98 by A. W. Carveth, D. G. W. P.; Solina, No. 40, by E. S. Pascoe, D. G. W. P.; Rose of the Forest, No. 102, by W. T. Henry, D. G. W. P.; Aultsville, No. 247, by Ira Empey, D. G. W. P. Jas. Brooks, P. G. W. A.; R. Coulter, C. W. A.; W. H. Bewell, G. S. and others have given considerable time to visiting weak Divisions, with very satisfactory results.

York (Ont) District Division held a special session at Evergreen Division room, East Toronto, on the 15th inst., Jas. Brooks, D. W. P., in the chair. Among the visitors present were W. H. Bewell, G. S. The D. Scribe, Bro. G. F. Stephenson, finding it impossible to give the necessary attention to the office resigned and Sister M. McCulloch, Coleman, P. O., was unanimously elected. There was a large attendance of delegates and the session was a very successful one. A public meeting was held in the evening when a splendid programme of speeches, readings, music, etc., was given by members of the different Divisions.

The good old system of fraternal visiting is reviving with great benefit. In Welland Co. this is carried out very systematically, and the same is largely true in Ontario and other Counties.

Greenwood Division, No. 117 held a concert on the 11th, inst. inviting all divisions within ten miles to attend and contribute to the programme. The concert was a great success in every respect. The chair was filled by Jas. Brooks, P. G. W. A. Addresses were given by Rev's Wm. Hall and J. Carmichael; J. Kirton, D. G. W. P. and W. H. Bewell, G. S. Readings by Sisters Edwards of Toronto, Ferrier of Claremont and Myers of Whitby. Songs by Sisters McTaggart of Myrtle, Wilkinson of Whitby, Tait and others of Greenwood, and Misses Law and Messrs Law and Linton of Pickering. Excellent music was furnished by the Whitevale Orchestra. The following Divisions were represented at the Concert; Whitby, No. 34, Myrtle, No. 8, Mt. Zion, No. 38, Claremont, No. 107, Whitevale, No. 37, Brongham, No. 104, and Greenwood, No. 117, in Ontario Co. and Excelsior, No. 28, Toronto, No. 27, and Harvest Home, No. 317, in York Co. Greenwood Division treated members of visiting Divisions to an excellent lunch after the Concert.

Oshawa Division No. 35 paid a fraternal visit to Whitby Division No. 34, on the 4th, inst.

P. G. W. A. Brooks of 317 and Sister Edwards W. P. of Excelsior Division No. 28, also being present. Bro. E. Carswell, P. M. W. A. of Oshawa was among the visitors. A pleasant evening was spent. Our private work was exemplified. Programme and refreshments, also former an enjoyable part of the entertainment. Return visit will take place on the 25th, inst.

General Eaton, United States Commissioner of Education, is authority for the statement that ninety-five per cent of the depraved youth of our land are children of drunken parents.

"What good has the liquor-seller done?" asked a public speaker. "Can anybody think of one whom the liquor business has benefited?" The silence was broken by some one crying out, "The grave digger."

The ancient proverb, "You cannot get more out of a bottle than you put in." That's an error. Besides what he puts in, he can get a headache, a sick stomach, delirium tremens, and perhaps ten days in the lockup.

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

REPORT ON JUVENILE ORGANIZATIONS.

G. W. F., Officers and Members :

Your Committee on Juvenile Organizations have had under consideration, during the past quarter, the question of how best to propagate and advance our juvenile work. The fact that we have in our organizations only one pledged juvenile to every ten adults, seems to furnish a very cogent reason for the introduction of a line of work which shall be at once of a practical and popular character.

Our Juvenile Organizations have done, and are doing a good work in educating our youth in the great principles of Total Abstinence. A very much greater number of Bands of Hope might have been formed, could we find among our Division members a sufficient number who are able to spare the time required each week to attend to the work. This has been, and will no doubt continue to be the greatest drawback that we shall have to face.

This difficulty having been carefully reviewed, we now propose to make such recommendations as we believe will solve this problem, and while furnishing a powerful aid to existing Bands of Hope, and to the Divisions of our Order, will also make our juvenile work of much greater extent and utility than at present.

We therefore recommend—

- 1. That a Supplementary Juvenile Organization be formed entitled "The Band of Hope Reserve Army."
2. That such organization shall consist of Bands or Companies of, say, 12 members between the ages of 8 and 15 years—such Bands or Companies to be designated by numbers only, running consecutively throughout the Province, according to seniority of formation.
3. That each member shall be assigned a number irrespective of the company to which he belongs, these numbers to run from one upwards, consecutively.
4. That said Bands or Companies be required to meet only once each quarter; but that the officer in charge be authorized to assemble the Band at such other times as he may find it convenient.
5. That each Subordinate Division—where such Bands are organized—open their doors once each quarter to receive and entertain the Bands, and that such gathering be recognized as the regular quarterly meeting, suggested in Sect on 4.
6. That Grand Division appoint a special night for Subordinate Divisions to hold such Band receptions, which shall be known as "Band of Hope" night.
7. That, in order to secure uniformity of action, the Division night previous to the regular session for election of officers, in each quarter be appointed Band of Hope night.
8. That any member of a Division may personally, or by authority of his Division, raise a Band or Company of said Reserve Army by procuring from 10 to 12 names of eligible candidates and forwarding the same to the G. S. for enrolment.
9. That, on receipt by G. S. of said list, and ten cents per capita, suitable pledge cards and badges be forwarded to the party in charge for distribution, the pledge to be administered and cards given in presence of the Division members on the first Band of Hope night after organization of Band.
10. That the brother or sister in charge, shall, on the endorsement of his or her Division, be commissioned as chief officer of the Band, and that two of the Band members shall be elected yearly by their comrades to the minor positions of first and second officers, the duties of each other to be defined later.
11. That the pledge be the same as used by the bands of Hope and known as the triple pledge.
12. That all Divisions be specially requested to arrange for the formation of one or more of those Reserve Bands in each town, village or Settlement within their jurisdiction where no Band of Hope is now in operation.
13. That the Juvenile Organization Committee and G. S. be authorized to arrange the Order of business, duties of officers, etc., and have cards printed containing the same, to be furnished to organizers of Bands, gratis, or at a nominal cost.
14. That the aims and objects of this supplementary organization be

written up in the Clarion, and that full information as to its progress be therein from time to time.

Your Committee have had before them the resolution of Grand Division, at its last session, respecting a more durable pledge card. D. C. Cook, of Chicago, publisher of the pledge cards now used by our Bands, has been communicated with a view to ascertaining whether the same kind of card could be furnished on thicker paper. The reply being somewhat obscure, we have referred the matter back to him for a fuller reply. We have also examined a number of cards of other styles, and hope shortly to be able to make an appropriate and economic selection.

So far we have found it impracticable to formulate any place for carrying out the recommendation embodied in our last report, and adopted by Grand Division, respecting the introduction of the triple pledge into the schools of the Province, but believe that a vigorous enrolment of our youth in the ranks of the "Reserve Army" will in a great measure accomplish this end. A detailed statement of regular Band of Hope work and new Bands organized for the quarter will be found appended herewith.

The Banner Band is Rosebud, still with 335 members. Joy stands second with 136 members, Brilliant coming next with 111, and Royal Banner fourth with 100 members, the others following with lesser numbers, but most of them, we believe, doing good work.

All of the above is submitted in L. P. & F.

Signed on behalf of Committee, WILLIAM MURRAY, Chairman, G. H. MACKINLAY, Sec'y.

From Iowa.

Commenting upon the periodical assaults made upon prohibition in Iowa by outside parties in the interest of the liquor traffic, the State Register, of Des Moines, says:

The periodical assault upon prohibition by parties outside the State, has arrived again. This time the Omaha Bee is the assailer. It amuses the people of Iowa to see these periodical attacks by people who distort and misrepresent facts in order to construct some kind of a basis for their dislike of prohibition. The probability that the present Nebraska Legislature will vote to submit a prohibitory amendment to the people, is the occasion of this last outbreak. A correspondent of the Bee visited Des Moines, and pretended to have discovered a widespread disregard and practical nullification of the prohibitory law in this city, but when sifted down his three-column article amounts to very little. As usual, it answers itself. There is the same old cry that prohibition has killed the city; that the closing of the saloons has paralyzed business, and right along with this is the statement that the law is constantly violated, and that there are any number of places where liquor can be obtained without any trouble. It is sufficient answer to all this anti-prohibition twaddle to say that there is not a place in Des Moines where liquor is openly sold. That at all of the places where this foreign correspondent professes to have found it he had to lie, or play the sneak, creep in back ways, and clandestinely secure at great risk of detection the liquor which he seemed to want so badly. Furthermore, if this Omaha reporter will pursue his investigations far enough, he will find that the two liveliest and most prosperous cities in a business way, are Des Moines and Sioux City, the two where prohibition has closed every open saloon. A great many newspaper have been sending correspondents to Iowa to write down prohibition, but it somehow refuses to be suppressed at their bidding.

Drunkards for the Amendment.

A Pennsylvania correspondent to the National Temperance Advocate writing of the pending prohibitory amendment contest, says:

"I have been informed that the worst drunkard in the place intends to vote for the amendment to save himself if possible, but his vote will be cancelled by the richest man (a deacon in the largest church) in the place. Perhaps I ought to say that the drunkard will cancel the deacon's vote, and be thankful."

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

FROM THE CLARION.

Bedford had a most successful dedication of its new Hall. We hope to have some account of proceedings soon.

Tatamagouche Division is prospering. It now numbers one hundred. Ten joined last night of meeting. Good!

Elmsvale Division, Middle Musquodobit, the Division of G. W. P. Reid, celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of its organization on the 14th inst. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. An excellent entertainment was provided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. Croft, F. McClure and Wm. Sedgwick. The G. W. P. presided.

Shubenacadie has an excellent Band of Hope. Miss Kirkpatrick is Superintendent, and a number of ladies and gentlemen take an active part in the work. The weekly meetings are most interesting and profitable.

Shubenacadie Division deserves praise for its enterprise in providing the community with a course of free lectures. A number have already been delivered, and more are to follow. Expenses are met by a collection taken at the door.

SPRINGHILL AND STANLEY.

These Divisions are showing courtesies to each other at this pleasant season. Springhill members were off to River Philip last Saturday night in gallant style. "Every lassie had her laddie" to the number of over twenty. Stanley was out in force to welcome them. Speeches, songs, recitations, and greetings were in order. To-morrow (Friday) night Stanley is to return the visit, when Springhill will have its turn of the courtesies. These Divisions—the only close Temperance organizations at work in the two places—are doing splendidly.

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

New York State has \$60,000,000 invested in prisons, asylums, hospitals and almshouses. New York City alone has 10,000 dram-shops to help provide the inmates.

The U. S. Senate was startled last week by a petition for temperance legislation signed with 14,174,734 names. It was the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The Bristo Gospel Temperance Union of Edinburg, since its organization in 1882, has influenced between four and five thousand persons to sign the total abstinence pledge.

An elegant new hotel, the "Grand Union," to be constructed on strictly temperance principles, has just been opened at Auburn, N. Y.

Experiment—A laboring man tries to support a family and a saloon at the same time. Result—The saloon gets the support and the family gets left.

The Governor of Iowa says that since the enactment of the prohibition law they have lost several thousand saloon keepers and their associates, whom they were glad to part with. Prohibition has been a marked success. Half the jails are empty, and crime has decreased one half. The people now spend their money for those things that do the most good.



CAPE BRETON RAILWAY.

Tender for a Bridge at the Grand Narrows.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside, "Tender for Bridges," will be received until noon on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1899.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of Government Railways, Ottawa, where forms of tender may be obtained on and after Wednesday, 20th February instant.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit equal to 5 per centum of the amount of the tender. This deposit may consist of cash or an accepted cheque made payable to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and it will be forfeited if the person tendering neglects or refuses to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if after entering into a contract he fails to complete the work satisfactorily according to the plan, specification and contract.

If the tender is not accepted the deposit will be returned. Tenders must be made on the printed forms supplied.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest of any tender.

A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 7th February, 1899.