

Communications.

Blissfield Division, No. 347.

GRAND DIVISION, OF N. B.

Bro. David Y. Bamford, Deputy of Blissfield Division, Northumberland Co., writes us that this Division was organized in June 1888 with 25 charter members. The number has decreased to 23. The Division meets every Wednesday night. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$6.19. The value of property owned is \$7.50. There are no Divisions within a distance of ten miles. A Division might be organized at Red Bank, South Esk. They are troubled with liquor selling at Blissfield although the Scott Act has been adopted by the County.

Rising Star Division, No. 303.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

Bro. Martin W. Freeze, Deputy of "Rising Star" promptly informs us about this Division. He says it was organized by the G. S., Bro. D. Thompson, in Feb. 1885, with 20 charter members. The membership has increased to 65, 42 of whom are males. The Division meets every Wednesday night. Have missed but one session during the last quarter. Two fraternal visits were made this year, and two public meetings held. Bros. M. W. Freeze, S. L. T. McKnight, Hazen Murray, Howard Freeze and other members were instrumental in organizing Snowflake Division. They are troubled with liquor selling in that vicinity. There are three Divisions within a distance of ten miles. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$86. They do not own the Hall in which the sessions are held, it is a public hall. Referring to the JOURNAL, besides the four copies received by the Division, two others are taken. Bro. Freeze thinks he cannot take time to attend the Annual Session in Woodstock.

Woodbine Division, No. 698.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. S.

Bro. Elwood Young, Deputy of Woodbine Division, writes that this Division was organized Sept. 12th, 1887 with 21 charter members. The number has increased to 81 with prospects of a still larger membership. The Division meets every Saturday evening. They were visited by a Grand Officer last winter. Have made no fraternal visits and held no public meetings this year. They are not troubled with liquor selling in that vicinity. The Scott Act has been adopted by the County. Bro. Young does not expect to attend the Annual Session in November.

Whitby Division, No. 34

GRAND DIVISION OF ONT.

Bro. Wm. A. Bewell, Deputy of Whitby Division has favoured us with some items. He says this Division was organized in Nov. 16th 1885 with 12 charter members. The number now on the books is 30. The membership is increasing slowly with fair prospects for the approaching winter. They were visited by the G. W. P. and G. S. in Sep. Two public meetings were held this year. There are four Divisions within 12 miles of Whitby Div. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$2.12. Several have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Bro. Bewell has not missed a meeting since the Div. was organized except five, at all of which he was over 100 miles from Division. He has organized Evergreen No. 318. He with two or three more from this Div. expect to attend the annual session which meets in Toronto in Dec. All the delegates from this Division pay their own expenses.

Excelsior Division, No. 110.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

Mr. Robert Wills writes us from Excelsior Division, St. John. This Division was organized 26th April, 1888 with 18 charter members. The number now on the books is 19, 18 of which are males. They meet every Tuesday evening. The prospects for the winter are good. They were visited by the Grand Scribe in Sept. There are eleven Divisions within a distance of ten miles. Three of the members of Excelsior Division are insured in the Sons of Temperance National Relief Society. A section of Cadets of Temperance has been organized in this vicinity. Bro. Wills has assisted in organizing new Divisions. He does not expect to be present at the Annual Session in Woodstock. The Division owns property to the extent of \$20. No members have been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Howard Division, No. 1.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

The Deputy of Howard Division, St. Stephen, Bro. Sedge Webber, informs us that this Division was organized March 8th, 1847, with 9 charter members. The membership has increased to 300 members, 125 of which are males. About 75 have been

suspended this year for non-payment of dues. The Division is decreasing in numbers owing to the usual reaction after revival, but the prospects for the approaching winter season are very fair. They have made several fraternal visits this year, and held some public meetings. The Division has been instrumental in organizing about all the Divisions in the County. The names of some of the members who assisted are S. Webber, C. N. Vroom, T. M. Boyd, H. Stevenson, L. W. Hughes, Rev. G. M. Campbell and others. There are eight Divisions within a distance of ten miles. There is only one place where a Division could be organized and sustained and that is Oak Bay, but there is no place to hold meetings. Howard Division was visited in July by Grand W. P. and P. G. W. P. on Sept. 21st. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$51.41. The value of property owned by the Division is \$900. The Division pays the fare of one delegate to the Annual Session if necessary. Probably one or two of the members will be present at the Annual Session at Woodstock. Ten or twelve of the members are insured in the Sons of Temperance National Relief Society. Referring to the T. JOURNAL, besides the four copies taken by the Division 12 or 15 are taken by private members of the Order.

Atlantic Division, No. 334.

GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO.

Bro. G. H. Fawcett, Deputy of Atlantic Division, informs us that this Division was organized in Oct. 1883 with 15 charter members. The number has increased to 29. The Division meets every Monday night and is in a most prosperous condition. Four fraternal visits have been made this year and several public meetings held. This Division has been instrumental in organizing one Division and re-organizing two others. There are six Divisions within a distance of ten miles. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$9. The property owned by the Division is valued at \$150. They were visited by Sir Leonard Tilley in 1886, and by the P. Grand Scribe in 1887. Bro. Fawcett hopes to attend the Annual Session in Toronto in December.

Gibson Division, No. 306.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

Bro. J. H. Hamilton, Deputy of Gibson Division informs us that this Division began with 22 charter members, but the membership has increased to 37. They meet every two weeks, on Monday. Have made several fraternal visits this year and held one public meeting. They were lately visited by the G. W. Associate. The prospects for the approaching winter are very encouraging. Bros. F. Burpee, E. Barker, E. Branscombe, C. Simmons, and T. Simmons, have assisted in organizing other Divisions. Ten members have been suspended from Gibson Division this year, for non-payment of dues. The deputy sends a short report to the G. W. P. each quarter. The property of the Division is valued at \$24.00. Bro. Hamilton and two or more of the members expect to attend the annual session at Woodstock.

Wills Division.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

Bro. Stephen S. Smith, Deputy of Wills Division, C. C., writes us that this Division was organized May 9th, 1884, with 25 charter members. The membership now is 49. They meet every Saturday evening. Have held one public meeting this year but have made no fraternal visits. Were visited by a Grand Officer in Sept. The prospects are good for the approaching winter. There are three Divisions within a distance of ten miles, viz., "Baillie," "Oak" and "Brunswick." Thirteen were suspended for non-payment of dues in Wills Division. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$19.79. The amount of property owned by the Division is \$16. Bro. Smith expects to attend the Annual Session in Woodstock.

The District Division of Cumberland County Maine met with Long Island Division, No. 11, at Long Island, Thursday, Aug. 30. The meeting was opened with G. W. P., H. Phillips in the chair. The committee on credentials reported 51 delegates present, representing 14 Divisions. Grand Scribe Patrick Hayes was present and made encouraging remarks relating to the growth of the order. The different Divisions were reported in a flourishing condition. Rechab Division, of Cumberland Mills, is the banner Division in the county having 152 members. Ten Divisions have been organized within a year making a total of 14 Divisions and 2710 members in Cumberland county, an increase of 375 members in the past year.

P. E. I. News.

Mr. Editor, — As an organization we have not for some time been as aggressive in propagation of Temperance work, as we ought to have been. The consequence is that we have little more than held our own. This is not as it should be. If we had done our duty in this matter, we would to-day be a power in the land, and would be in a position to make our influence felt in every part of the public service. Judges would not have to state from the Bench that the Scott Act was making perjurers of our people; nor would subordinate officers refuse or neglect to do their duty. It is to be lamented that men holding the high position of Judges, should so far forget their duty and their solemn oath, as to hold up to ridicule and contempt the laws they had sworn to enforce as they find them on the Statute Book. I ask what law would be respected and obeyed, if the Judge from the Bench were to denounce it as the Scott Act has been denounced and ridiculed by the Judges on the Island? Would the law against murder be respected if because some witness had sworn falsely, the Judge had denounced the law is a perjurer—making law? Or, Sir, would any of our laws be obeyed, if they had been treated by our civil officers? Rum is and has been the demoralizer of its victims, and not the Scott Act. The Scott Act is only the hole in the wall through which the people looked and seen the state that the rum traffic has brought its victims to, a state so low that when the victims are placed upon the witness stand to give evidence against the man who has debased him, that he will perjure himself, as all the manhood has been crushed out of him by his victimizer—rum.

The man or men who would blame the Scott Act for debasing men in this case, is beneath contempt.

There is something wrong when a judge from the Bench will decide that intoxicating liquors are not intoxicating, and by his so deciding throw obstacles in the way of enforcing the Scott Act on the Island. Since Judge Peters has declared that Schenk Beer is not intoxicating, it is being sold everywhere, and the people are drinking and it makes them drunk. When a officers in high places will violate the Law and treat it with contempt it is folly to expect the masses of the people to be law-abiding.

The question is, what are we going to do about it? Are the Temperance people going to allow this insult to our rights and principles to pass and not to resent it? I hope not. Our duty in this case is to teach these aggressors of our rights that they must do the right thing or step down and out, as the Temperance people will not submit to have the cause they fought so hard for, to push to the high place it now occupies, to be dragged in the dirt by presuming demigods, although they may wear the ermine.

But nevertheless when we take a retrospective view of the Temperance work on the Island and compare it with the other Provinces we have reason to thank God and take courage. In every part of the Island the Scott Act is in force, and notwithstanding the opposition from public officers, and imperfectness of the law, the liquor traffic has been suppressed to an extent greater than in any other part of the Dominion and the people of P. E. I. use less intoxicating liquors, per capita, than any people in any other country in the civilized world. Government statistics for 1887 say that 60,000 gallons of intoxicating liquors were imported by our people in that year, and as there are none made on the Island this would give a half gallon for each man, woman and child on the Island. When we compare this showing with the other Provinces of the Dominion we feel proud of our people and especially our Temperance people and claim to be the banner Temperance people of the world. As Temperance workers we are confident that Prohibition would carry in every constituency on the Island, and as a whole the vote on the side of Prohibition would be two to one. If we had the power in this matter Prohibition would soon be an accomplished fact.

When we consider the powerful rum interest in the other parts of the Dominion and the desperate fight that will be made in defence of that interest, we must admit that before effective Prohibition is obtained, Temperance work must be made more aggressive than it is at the present time.

O. C.

York District Division, No. 1.

Mr. Editor, — Perhaps a few lines with regard to York District Division and its work would be of interest to the readers of the JOURNAL.

Although we have been at work in this line but a short time, (in fact, as the boys say, we have scarcely got the "machine in motion.") yet already we are beginning to see its effects for good. The move is certainly a good one and if the interest

now manifested is kept up, the District Division will be a decided success.

The only serious difficulty we have had to contend with as yet, is that, as some of our Divisions are many miles from the others, it is almost impossible to have delegates from all attend the meetings.

Last Monday evening the third regular session was held at Gibson. We regret very much that some of the Divisions were not represented. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—

- B D Branscombe, Gibson, D W P; Davenport, Marysville, D W A; Wm M Clark, Lansdowne, D S; F W Burpee, Gibson, D F S; H H Pitts, Lansdowne, D T; B W Fox, Kingsclear, D Chap; A W Ross, Farmer's, D Con; Eli Taylor, Dufferin, D S; Good, Marysville, D P W P.

Committees on Finance, Credentials and Entertainment were appointed, and the Executive Committee, composed of the D W P, D W A, D S, D T, and D P W P are to look after Propagation work.

The G W Associate and D Scribe have been corresponding with old members of Poquiock Division with a view to resuscitate it. The G W A, D W P and some others will go to Poquiock on Tuesday to see what can be done, and we hope to be able to report at the next session of the D D that No. 312 is again in good working order.

Our Executive Committee believes in fraternal visits and that this may be done systematically a number of teams of four or five members each, will be appointed, whose duty it will be to visit the various divisions in regular order and at regular intervals. Thus we hope to keep up the interest all round and have all the Divisions pulling together.

CAMBRIDGE, Oct. 3rd, '88.

At the regular meeting of Johnston Division, No. 62, Sons of Temperance, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:—

- Fred Wilson, W P; Josie Perry, W A; Malcolm Straight, R S; Rachel Wilson, A R S; Geo. Robinson, F S; A L Black, Trea; L O Wilson, Chap; D B. Black, Con; Florence Wilson, A Con; Amasa Wilson, I S; Geo. Hawes, O S; John O Wilson, P W P.

O. C.

Gordon Division.

At a regular meeting of No. 2 Gordon Division, S of T, No. 326, held in the Drill Hall, Fredericton, Oct. 4th, 1888, the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter:

- Sgt R Cochran, W P; G W Currie, W A; Sgt R W Gregory, R S; F V Hatt, A R S; J Pringle, F S; Sgt-Major McKenzie, Trea; S J Brown, Chap; J Hegans, Con; J W Colwell, A Con; S E Paterson, I S; H Brewer, O S; G Polkinhorn, P W P.

O. C.

CHERRYFIELD, Oct. 2nd, '88.

Mr. Editor, — Bulmer Division, No. 343, which your correspondent represents, was organized March 19th 1888 with 33 charter members. We have now a membership of about 50. At the regular meeting, Saturday evening Sept. 29th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

- Samuel Blake, W P; J R McKinnon, W A; James McKinnon, R S; Bessie McKinnon, A R S; C J Bennet, F S; D R McKinnon, Trea; Maggie Crossman, Chap; Melvin Murray, Con; May Teed, A Con; Maud Murray, I S; Harvey Murray, O S; Frank Murray, P W P.

O. C.

When a preacher favors the saloons he is not preaching God, he's preaching for the rum-seller's money, and not for human souls. If the high-priced preachers don't love money better than they do God, why is it they preach to please the best payers of their congregations?

Official Notices.

RURAL HALIFAX DISTRICT DIVISION.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SCRIBE UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT, Sept. 20th, 1888.

The Quarterly Session of the District Division of Rural Halifax will be held in Gibraltar Division room, Gay's River, Oct. 10th, at the hour of 2 p. m.

Divisions that have not yet handed in credentials of representatives, should do so to District Scribe not later than 5th October.

P. G. ARCHIBALD, District Scribe.

Grand Division of Pennsylvania

The Forty Fifth Annual Session of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania will be held in St. Georges Hall, Philadelphia, beginning at 10 a. m. on Wednesday 24th October.

HARRY C. JONES, Grand Scribe Philadelphia No 118 South Seventh Street.

Grand Division, S. of T., of N. B.

The Annual Session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, of New Brunswick will be held in Woodstock on Wednesday 17th October.

Representatives travelling on the Intercolonial and Grand Southern Railways will receive certificates from the Grand Scribe which will entitle them to return free of charge. Excursion tickets for first class fare will be issued at all stations on the New Brunswick Railway.

Excursion tickets at one fare will be issued from stations on the Northern & Western R. R. All tickets good to return up to, and on the 25th.

D. THOMSON, Grand Scribe, St. John, N. B.

Judge Gildersleeve on Prohibition

Judge Gildersleeve, of New York in the recent case of a young man convicted of theft, committed, as his first offence, while under the influence of liquor, at the instance of his employer and others willing to vouch for him, suspended sentence, but in doing so took occasion to say;

"Your trouble is due to rum, the cause of ninety-ninth of crime. When we have Prohibition, if we ever do, then we would have one judge here (in the court of General Sessions), while the District Attorney, with perhaps two or three assistants, could do all the work. That would save the Court of General Sessions from \$75,000 to \$100,000, and the people throughout the country millions of dollars, while it would make happy thousands of families which are now miserable.

None know better than the judges of our criminal courts in this city the close connection between drink and crime.



Sault Ste. Marie Canal

Notice to Contractors.

THE WORKS for the construction of the canal above mentioned, advertised to let on the 23rd of October next, are unavoidably postponed to the following dates:— Tenders will be received until

Wednesday, the 7th day of Nov. next.

Plans and specifications will be ready for examination at this office and at Sault Ste. Marie on and after

Wednesday, the 24th day of Oct. next.

By Order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 27th September, 1888.



Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on 2nd November, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, twice per week each way, between Lake George and Prince William Station, from the 1st January next.

The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses, subject to the approval of the Postmaster General.

The Mails to leave Lake George on Wednesday and Saturday of each week at 4.30 a. m., or in time to make connection with mail train from St. John.

Returning to leave Prince William Station on same days after the arrival of mail train from St. John, reaching Lake George in four hours and thirty minutes from time of despatch.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Lake George, Lower Poquiock and Prince William Station and at this office.

S. J. KING, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, N. B.