

CIRCULAR LETTER FOR MINNESOTA. (To be read in the Division.)

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.— Now that the excitement of a great political campaign is over, let us turn our attention to the work of building up our Order, as a means of promoting the interests of humanity, and suppressing the criminal traffic in intoxicants.

The incalculable good that has been done in the past by the Sons of Temperance augurs the possibilities of the future. Thousands have been redeemed from the thralldom of the drink that "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," and thousands of homes have been made brighter and happier by the ministry of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance.

Remember the fact that weeds grow spontaneously, while useful plants will not thrive without cultivation; and this means work. What is true in nature is true in morals. Moral reform means earnest, persistent, determined work. In this connection permit me to urge upon your attention the importance, aye, the necessity, of personal effort, by which can be utilized the individual influence which all possess; for no one lives without exerting an influence over others, less or more. It would not require a very great effort for each member of the Division to bring one new member during the coming month, which would double our membership in the next thirty days. Will you do it?

The Grand Worthy Patriarch intends to devote a large portion of the ensuing year to the work of building up the Order in new localities, and strengthening the Divisions already in existence. To successfully prosecute this good work I shall need the co-operation of all members of the Order in this State, and shall expect valuable assistance from the Deputies who shall be appointed for this year. It would largely increase our strength, and power, for usefulness, if a sufficient number of Divisions could be organized adjacent to each other to form District Divisions. In associated action the individual gathers inspiration and enthusiasm from the aggregation of individuals. If you are acquainted with any locality where a Division could be organized, please notify the G. W. P., or the nearest Deputy. The Deputies are especially requested to look for opportunities to organize Divisions. Do not wait for something to "turn up," but turn something up.

As a means of attracting the attention of the public to the excellencies of our organization, I would recommend frequent open meetings, with short addresses, recitations, readings, music, etc. It will require some effort to get up a creditable entertainment, but those persons who undertake the task will be abundantly rewarded by the reflex influence of such work. People cannot do anything to benefit others without being benefited themselves. Thus, while you are studying and practicing for an entertainment, you are storing your own mind with valuable information, and qualifying yourself for future usefulness.

Your Division is requested to immediately recommend a suitable person for appointment to the important and responsible position of Division Deputy G. W. P., and the commission for such officer will be issued as soon as practicable. It is necessary to have the names of the Deputies at the earliest possible moment, that they may be inserted in the printed minutes of the Grand Division. It is the desire of the G. W. P. that you recommend one of your most efficient and active members for this appointment.

Brothers and Sisters, do not allow the suggestions in this epistle to pass out of your mind with the reading; but resolve upon a course of renewed activity, which means renewed prosperity. Our cause is of celestial origin, and touches with its "magic wand" the dearest interests of humanity, bringing light and gladness to many who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All communications pertaining to supplies, blanks, etc., should be addressed to the Grand Scribe, J. P. BONNELL, corner Central Ave. and Sixth St., E. D.; Minneapolis, Minn., to whom the quarterly reports and per capita tax should be promptly forwarded.

Should you desire a public meeting, and lecture by the G. W. P., the

matter can be arranged by correspondence. In writing to the G. W. P., address, DR. E. W. STEVENS, 2221 24th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

Your Fine House in Danger.

At a meeting in Philadelphia, during the week of prayer, one of the speakers related this incident:

A lad was approached by one of those devil's agents of that which deprives men of their property, and destroys both body and soul, who solicited him to come into his place of destruction and take a glass of lemonade. The boy hesitated, but on being assured that he would get nothing but a glass of nice, sweet lemonade he was induced to go in. Sure enough, he was offered and partook of what had been promised him and nothing more. This was repeated several times, till at length the trap having set, it was time to spring in it. Accordingly the rumseller began his devilish work by dropping into the glass of lemonade one drop of strong liquor, increasing it so as thus imperceptibly to form in the lad a taste for it. As the boy never paid for these drinks, one of the place asked the landlord why he so favored the boy. He replied by pointing and saying: "Do you see that fine mansion upon the hill yonder? That belongs to the boy's father, and will probably soon belong to him, and then in turn it may belong to me," See?

We hear much of the suffering from cold and hunger among the poor during the cold winter months, and we hope no one will turn a deaf ear to the appeals which come up to us from every quarter. Most of the sufferers are women and children, and their wants must be attended to. Many of those women have been brought to this condition by drunken husbands and fathers it is true, but that is no fault of theirs, and their cries for help must not be overlooked on that account. But there is one way in which a large amount of this suffering may be prevented, and that is to close the miserable hell-holes that are scattered through out the city where liquor is sold by the drinks. Men are enticed into these dens and dives by every sort of device and induced to spend their hard earnings for rum while their wives and children are shivering and starving for food and fuel. The money that should go to alleviate the sufferings of his own family is appropriated to clothing and feeding and rendering comfortable the family of the fat sleek rumseller, who not only have the necessaries of life, but are surrounded with every comfort. Crush out the damnable liquor saloon, and you will prevent much of the suffering among the women and children of any city.—Ex.

Granite Rock No. 77

Carleton, N. B., Dec. 27, '88. At a regular meeting of Granite Rock Division, No. 77, S. of T, held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

- Willard McConnell, W. P. Lottie Larkin, W. A. Samuel T. Mosher, R. S. Edward R. Taylor, A. R. S. Edwin L. Strange, F. S. John C. Thomas, Treas. Wm D. Baskin, Chap. Alfred Howard, Con. William Hamm, A. C. John Lyons, I. S. John H. Lee, (P. W. P.) O. S. William Lee, P. W. P. Clara Wood, Organist.

The next meeting of the Division will be held on New Year's Day, at 10 o'clock, when the officers will likely be installed by some of the Grand or Past Grand officers in this vicinity.

Tilley Division will pay Granite Rock a fraternal visit (their first) on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, 1889. A successful visit is expected. Last quarter's officers take the palm for attendance and punctuality, the W. P. shewing the example by having perfect marks for that branch of the work. It is to be hoped that the newly elected officers will follow the example set by their predecessors.

Wishing the Editor and Staff of the Journal all the compliments of this hallowed season, I remain Yours in L., P. F.,

A. Member.

New Hampshire Notes.

DANBURY.—Golden Star Division makes a good showing in its report. Increase in membership and interest and finance. We are always pleased to report 'progress', and intend to put in more efficient work the coming months. P. G. W. P. Flanders will be with us for the present and by a union of effort we shall 'go in to win' GOLDEN.

HILLSBORO.—Wednesday, 5th inst. our division held a public meeting in K. of P. Hall, when G. W. P., H. F. Smart gave an interesting and instructive lecture illustrated by numerous paintings, to a large and appreciative audience. After the lecture, the division held its regular session and at the close of the business the G. W. P. warmly complimented the officers for their proficiency in the work, and strongly urged upon us the great need of individual responsibility, as well as personal effort in as recruiting agents of the division. Our members caught inspiration from his spirit and counsel.

Several members spoke briefly, pledging more effort in the days to come. THOMAS HOLDEN, W. P.

HONORS RECOGNIZED.—An impromptu reception was tendered Mr. Thomas Webster last evening at the regular meeting of Grand River Division, No. 68, Sons of Temperance of this town, in honor of his election for the third time, to the chair of Grand Worthy Patriarch of this Province. Complimentary remarks to the honored brother, singing, &c., with a suitable reply from the G. W. P., constituted the programme. Refreshments were liberally provided by the ladies of the Division, and a pleasant evening was spent.—Paris Star.

Kingsclear Division, No. 315.

DEAR JOURNAL,—I am glad to report that our Division is steadily gaining ground. I think that the change in our place of meeting has already infused new life in the members. At any rate it has certainly been the means of adding to our membership.

Since my last report we have added eight to our list of members, and no one who heard the warm and cheery words from our newly initiated Bro. Everett, on the last night of meeting, can doubt but that he with the other newly initiated members will be a great strength to the working members of our Division.

We are expecting soon a fraternal visit from Lansdowne Division to a public meeting of entertainment to be given by them, and no one Division knows or can appreciate these visits more heartily than No. 315.

We are looking forward to good meetings during the winter months and hope by a united effort to greatly strengthen the good cause of temperance in this locality.

Yours in L., P. and F., O. C.

Kingsclear, Dec. 18th, 1888.

A Poor Apology.

If you will let rum alone that will let you alone.

The above is an argument that is used by the masses to so great an extent that it is worth looking at to see just how much truth there is in it. So we will see who rum affect.

In the average town in Vermont, there are more or less paupers, that the tax payers have to support and their poverty is caused directly or indirectly by drink.

There is one family in the town of Greensboro, that costs the town about one dollar for every voter in town and the father and husbands' disability to support his family can be traced directly to strong drink, so the reader can see that although he lets liquor alone it will not let him alone.

Then take for instance an accident that causes the loss of life caused by one man getting intoxicated as is often the case. Who will tell the friends of the dead and wounded, that if they had let rum alone it would have let them alone.

Then take a community like Omaha, Nebraska, known as the city of drunkards and the State of Maine, as the Prohibition State. Yet Omaha has its total abstainers and Maine its drunkards.

Then you see that the character of the masses rules the standard of the community.

A. J. McL., S. of T.

Lisconic Division, No. 13, of Waterville, Maine.

This Division after lying dormant for years, was re-organized March 5th, 1886, with 12 charter members. We now have 72 members in good standing, initiated 12 this present quarter, and have several propositions on hand. Eleven out of the 72 are members of the National Mutual Relief Society, and still there is more to follow.

It is a grand good thing, and I was glad to see it so well indorsed by your paper. Our Division is very much indebted to the ones and twos of whom you referred to in your last issue, who in bad or fine weather, under all circumstances and at all times, attend our Division meetings.

Yours in L., P. and F., M. L. F.

Leamoile Valley Division.

This Division was organized Nov. 26th, 1883, with about 10 members and soon grew to 100, and kept increasing until we had 152 members at one time. But since that time it has steadily decreased in members until within the last year we got down to 63 members. We are now in good working order and have the reputation of being the best working division in the state.

We hold our meetings Saturday evenings. For good of the Order we have readings, recitations, remarks, debates, singing, anecdotes, &c. We also have an occasional open meeting with literary entertainments, dramas, farces, &c., thinking that such things bring the work before the public, that it may do good. We have had some hard struggles and think we have done a great deal of good. We hope and trust during the coming year to hear of a lot of good done by our sister division.

Please find enclosed a copy of resolutions on the death of sister Flanders, which we want printed in the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL.

Yours in L., P. and F., O. C. Greensboro Bend, Vermont, U. S. A.

Greensboro Bend, Vermont.

Whereas, The great Ruler of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from our Order our worthy and esteemed sister, Alice Flanders, and

Whereas, The intimate relations held during a long connection with the members of our Division makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of her; therefore

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which she has exercised in aid of our Order by counsel and services will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a sister from our Division and community in both of which she has held leading positions for a long time leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply felt by all members of the Order and its friends and will prove a grievous loss to this Division and community.

Resolved, That, with deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives and friends of the deceased we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be over-ruled for their highest good.

M. L. Hutchins, Committee. R. A. Simpson.

Campbell Division.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Campbell Division, S. of T, on Tuesday evening last: W. S. Saunders, W. P.; Mrs. L. P. Fletcher, W. A.; A. D. Holyoke, R. S.; Clara Carr, A. R. S.; Fred. Moore, F. S.; James Sutton, Treas.; Rev. Job Shenton, Chap; Wm. Balmain, C.; Lena Carvill, V. C.; Aubry White, I. S.; W. Austin, O. S.; L. P. Fletcher, P. W. P.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The members of the Committee *in re* District Divisions, appointed by the Subordinate Divisions in St. John Co., will meet at Gordon Division Hall, King Street, St. John, on Wednesday evening, January 2nd, at 7.30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing. It is requested that every member of the committee be present.

J. KING KELLY, R. S., Sub. Div.

Excelsior Division, No. 346.

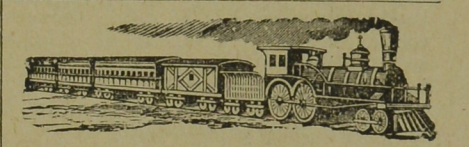
At a regular meeting of Excelsior division No. 346, S. of T., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: E. S. Hetnigar, W. P.; Thos Goodwin, W. A.; W. F. Allen, R. S.; J. Nixon, A. R. S.; S. Hoyt, F. S.; N. Hoyt, treasurer; W. Greig, chaplain; R. Chesley, conductor; Miss Carrick, assist conductor; J. E. Whelpley, I. S.; W. Goodwin, O. S.

Christmas Supper.

The members of the REPORTER staff and a few others—to the number of about thirty gathered in the large composing room of the REPORTER office on Christmas evening and in a quaint and efficient way did justice to the edibles provided by the hostess, Mrs. Pitts.

At the close of this part of the programme, a few suitable remarks were made by Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the INTEL-LIGENGER, Rev. A. J. Mowatt, and the proprietor of the office.

MOUNT ALLISON.—President Inch has been officially notified that the Executive of the General Council of Medical Education and Resignation of the United Kingdom recently passed a resolution "that the examination for a Degree in the Arts of the University of Mount Allison College, New Brunswick, be recognized and added to the list of preliminary examinations accepted by the Council.—Post.



NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY CO

ALL RAIL LINE Arrangement of Trains IN EFFECT DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

LEAVE FREDERICTON.

EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

- 7.00 A. M.—Express for St. John, and intermediate points. 4.5 A. M.—Express for Fredericton Junction Vanceboro, Bangor, Portland, Boston and points West; St. Stephen, St. Andrew's Houlton, Woodstock, Presque Isle, Grand Falls, Edmundston and points north. 12.50 P. M.—For Fredericton Junction, St. John and points east. 3.40 P. M.—For Fredericton Junction, St. John and points East.

ARRIVE AT FREDERICTON

- 11.35 A. M.—From Fredericton Junction, St. John and points East. 3.10 P. M.—From Fredericton Junction, Vanceboro, Bangor, Portland, Boston, and points West, St. Andrew's, St. Stephen, Houlton Woodstock and points north. 6.15 P. M.—From Fredericton Junction and St. Stephen. 6.30 P. M.—Express from St. John, and intermediate points.

LEAVE GIBSON.

- 6.50, A. M.—Mixed for Woodstock, and points north.

ARRIVE AT GIBSON.

- 4.45 P. M.—Mixed from Woodstock, and points north.

H. D. McLEOD, Supt. Southern Division. F. W. CRAM, General Manager. A. J. HEATH, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent. St. John, N. B., March 29th, 1888.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, Feb'y 1st, 1889, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years. Once per week each way, between Nashua and Stanley from the 1st April 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 be carried from Nashua Post Office via Tay Creek Road and Limekiln Post Office and back again by the same route.

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 Nashua and Stanley, and at this office.

S. J. KING, Post Office Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, December 27, 1888.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, February 1st 1889, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, twice per week each way, between Dorn Ridge and Mouth of Keswick, from the 1st April 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 be carried from Mouth of Keswick Post Office via Post Offices at Pugh's Crossing and Upper Keswick to Dorn Ridge Post Office and back again by the same route.

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 Dorn Ridge & Mouth of Keswick, and at this office.

S. K. King, Post Office Inspector. POST OFFICE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.