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ance topics and when we do diverge from this line our attention is generally directed to subjects that would be voted tiresome in a division where a lighter kind of entertainment is prepared. We do not wish to depreciate the work that is done by divisions with a mixed membership. We wish them success in the New Year in the field that they are peculiarly fitted to occupy and we will endeavor to make 1838 a good year in Albion. But please, Mr. Editor, do not call us any more wrongnames. We will forgive you this time.

Yours Truly,
OFFICIAL COR. ALBION.

Britannia Division, No. 253.

DEAR SIR.—As official correspondent of Britannia Division it becomes my duty to report the standing of our society. During the past year we have held regular fortnightly meetings, in which, while we have met to "exchange the greetings of an exalted friendship" we have endeavored to promote the interest of the cause so dear to every Son of Temperance. Although no active work has been done outside the division room, during the past year, yet the tenor of our meetings has been strongly in favor of aggressive work as the duty of every temperance order.

On New Year's eve our last night of meeting, for the year, we had a general union of the members of Britannia, and were glad to welcome the friends from our sister division Centreville who met with us and by speeches and recitations contributed to the evening's enjoyment. After attending to the regular business we gathered around the social board and after doing justice to the pound supper and oyster stew which were provided for our good cheer, we separated with renewed interest and the hope of doing something toward driving from our land the curse which blights it.

Yours Officially.
MRS. M. F. MCLEOD.
Millstream Jan. 2nd 1888.

Rising Star Division, No. 303.

I regret that I have not written to the JOURNAL in some time but as nothing very important has happened I can have a good excuse. In reviewing last quarter we are sorry to report no new members and several resignations but as the latter rarely attended division they did not leave a very serious blank. We had however a very profitable quarter, and interest has been well maintained. We had a sharp debate on the merits of the Scott Act and License System, both sides of the question were well argued, and the Scott Act had three of a majority in a large vote. On the evening of Wednesday Dec 28th the following officers were elected:

J W Myles, W. P;
Etta Northrup, W A;
Geo Long, R S;
Jane Miles, A R S;
John H Northrup, F S;
Eliza Murray, Treas;
Mrs Martin Freeze, Chap;
S LT McKnight, Con;
Estella Northrup, A C;
Micheau Scovil, I S;
Henry Prince, O S;
Jesse Fowler, P W P;

Wishing the JOURNAL with its improvements every success I rest in Love Purity and Fidelity.

Yours Truly,
O. C.

Wills Division, 266.

Please excuse Wills Division, 266, for not corresponding oftener, for our Division does not boast of much talent in the way of reporting the doings of the order, and the lot has fallen on me, a poor scholar, but having a strong desire that the temperance cause should prosper.

Therefore, I am willing to do all I can to advance the cause. Having done all in our Division, that a man of my talent can do, I see no fitter opportunity to encourage the cause, than to scribble off my thoughts in manuscript form for the only reliable temperance periodical that comes out boldly for the cause the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL. In communicating my thoughts, I may state some things, in opposition to the views of others, making it necessary for them to reply. That would be just what I would like to see, and that in the columns of the JOURNAL; so that wrongs may be set right by coming to the light of reason; for we are all fallible creatures, and the world would stand still, if there were no conversions. An erroneous view in a great man, will do more harm than an error in a man of little influence.

Now the subject I wish to speak of

is, whether it is the duty of a disciple of Christ to take hold of the temperance movement, or to look on the carcasses of the slain, with their muscles paralyzed. My views doubtless, will be in opposition to many assertions, made by divines: viz, that all sin in a candidate, is remitted when he is taken into the Church, and the Tree of Evil, (that is old Adam) is cut down, and the church proposes to dictate the means of complete salvation from all sin; and that a Christian is a praying man, and his soul is saved in answer to his prayers.

Now I want to ask a few questions and answer some. Was there ever a minister of righteousness drunk; or a member of the church drunk; and does the church fail to gather all under its guardianship? And are there not many deprived the privilege of hearing the gospel, and does the church fail to close the saloons in its advance; and are not Christian nation more cursed with the sin of drunkenness, than the heathen are?

If these questions be answered in the affirmative; does not the ministry greatly need the temperance pledge in the hands of its workers. Some will say they are doing a great work, and can not come down to the minor work of reform. Did Noah preach temperance, as well as righteousness, while preparing the Ark, or did he advocate total abstinence from all that intoxicates with the pledge in this hand? We have no record showing that he did, and was it not a failure in him? Would it not have been better for himself, and posterity, to have had the pledge in the Ark? He was a preacher, and doubtless a praying man, and yet after the ungodly were drowned from their iniquity he introduced the sin of drink on men. Had he foreseen the curse entailed on his descendants by that fall? I think he would have been a temperance lecturer, as well as a preacher of righteousness, seeing the latter had failed to save him. He was saved from the deluge, but not from the sin of drunkenness. If a man is commissioned to preach the gospel it is not his duty to preach against the most besetting sin of the land, and save its victims?

The Grand Division has a clergyman at its head, who is neither afraid or ashamed to be engaged in the cause of temperance, although a divine. If the temperance workers should take a man continually drunk, and make a temperance man of him and a frequenter of the house of God, and is converted, who has the honor of reforming him, the temperance worker, or the minister? Then if the minister, and the temperance worker were both one person, would he not have a two fold influence in reforming the erring ones. Therefore I contend that if a minister is not found in the temperance movement, his work is not complete neither in precept, or example and I fear there is a liability of many stumbling over him. Is not drunkenness a sin that excludes us from the kingdom of heaven? Galatians 5th 21) Unbiased experience, and (as Balaam said) the man whose eyes are open hath said, that the sin of drunkenness far exceeds any other sin in the work of destruction, both soul and body, as well as the cause of much suffering and loss of money and property. I would suggest that when the ministry cuts down an evil tree that they would burn it up that it shall leave neither root or branch, and not leave them where they will take root again, and require another order to follow after, and cut off the worst of the branches.

Why does not the ministry take hold of the temperance movement and form one bold front? Is it because there is no money in it, or do they think they are incompetent for so great a work? We know that the curse of drunkenness prevails in defiance of the ministry, and can they say it is not due to their neglect? It is very pleasant to have a large majority on our side, when we start a reform, but we should not deviate from principle, for the sake of that majority, if we do, we leave a work undone for future adjustment, and our work fails in its attempt. It ever was the lot of truth, to start with a very small minority, under a powerful opposition, but if continued will triumph. But, if we concede to the views of our opponents for the sake of power, truth is discredited, and the cause defeated. Then, let all conform to one grand principle of reform, and not deviate, and not forbid because they follow not us; for those that are for us can not be against us.

Yours in L P and F,
STEPHEN S SMITH,

Clark's Corner Division.

Clark's Corner Division met on Thursday evening last and elected their officers for the next quarter as follows:

Asa Balmain, W P;
Minnie G Hunter, W A;
Mary Hunter, R S;
Verra Chase, A R S;
Helen D Hunter, Treas;
Chesley Hunter, F S;
Solomon Denton, Con;
Jennie S Carlk, A Con;
Thomas F Carle, I S;
Willie Palmer, O S;
Sadie Hunter, Chap;
Isaac H Carle, P W P;

This Division is still doing a good work, although many of the young men are away for the winter which causes our meetings to be rather smaller than usual. The Division gave a public entertainment a few evenings ago and a very enjoyable time was spent. In places where they seem to be losing interest in their Divisions if an entertainment like the above, were given, at least, once in each quarter it would put life and vigor into the work, and would be of great benefit. If Divisions are kept running they must be made interesting. Clark's Corner however, is not backward in this respect, and the Division is gaining in consequence.

We receive the JOURNAL promptly and find it very useful.

Yours in L P and F.
H A CARLE,
Official COR.

Gibson Division, No. 306.

DEAR EDITOR.—The following officers have been elected for the quarter.

James E Simmons, W P;
Nellie Simmons, W A;
Earnest Barker, R S;
Minnie Burpee, A R S;
Woodford Kyle, F S;
John Martin, Treas;
Dr Barker, Chap;
Fred Peters, Con;
Alice Hoben, A Con;
Thomas Simmons, I S;
George Kyle, O S;

As much of the success of the Division depends on the officers, we hope that they will be found in their place each night of meeting. The report of the R S for last quarter is in itself reassuring. He says our progress has been slow but sure. Five members have been initiated during the quarter, older members are coming back, and while we can point to other reasons for our prosperity yet God and he alone has sustained us when we were almost fallen off. And as members of a grand order which has for its object the rescue of the inebriate we should be worthy of his regard and not to tolerate any one as member who does not keep his pledge inviolated. Trusting that our membership may largely increase during the present term,

I remain,
J. H. H.

January 10th 1888.

S. OF T. UPPER WOODSTOCK.

At the regular meeting of "Jubilee" Division, S; of T., Upper Woodstock, on Wednesday evening, the following were installed in office for the ensuing quarter:—

David Hipewell, W. P.
Mrs. Hubert Brown, W. A.
Hubert E. Brown, R. S.
Gabriel Brewer, A. R. S.
Alice A. Jones, Chaplain.
Franklin Sharp, C.
George Hamilton, A. C.
Ethel J. Riley, I. G.
Archie Plummer, O. G.

The Financial Scribe and Treasurer elect being absent from the meeting, their installation will take place at a future meeting. John Burpee is Past Worthy Patriarch, and Miss Georgie Good, organist.—Press

Lounion Division, No. 297.

DEAR SIR.—I am happy to say our Division is getting on nicely, and although our meetings, on account of the stormy weather, and bad roads, are not very well attended, those of us who can get there spend a very pleasant evening. Miss Annie J McLeod, one of our charter members, was married last Wednesday, to a young man from near her home at Chatham Head. We will miss her very much as she was one of our most useful members, taking an active part in everything that assisted the progress of the Division, and has held an office every quarter since it was organized. She is the only lady W P that we have had.

We have elected the following officers for next quarter.

W. R. McMillan, W P;

Mary Miller, W A;
Maggie Carmichael, R S;
D Kelsoe, A R S;
Annie Beattie, F S;
John Winton, Treas;
Bella Winten, Chap;
Maggie Harvie, A Con;
D Carmichael, Com;
W Beattie, I S;
A M Millan, O S;
D Stewart, P W P;

Yours in L P and F,
W R McMILLAN.
Official COR.

Jan 7th 1888.

HAMPTON CORRESPONDENT.

The following officers were installed by D. G. W. P. Barnes:—

J. Wesley Fowler, W. P.;
Mrs. F. W. Macpherson, W. A.;
J. Earnest Whittaker, R. S.;
Walter Langstroth, A. R. S.;
George Barnes, F. S.;
S. W. Sprague, T.;
George M. Wilson, Chap;
A. J. Sproul, Cond;
H. H. Fraser, A. C.;
George H. Barnes, I. S.;
W. D. Edwards, O. S.;
A. Britain, P. W. P;

Mrs. George M. Wilson, Organist.

On Monday 9th a public Temperance meeting was held in Barnes' Hall under the auspices of Spring Division. The chair was taken at

8 o'clock by Jas. W. Smith, Esq. who introduced Rev. O. S. Newham, as the lecturer of the evening. The attendance was large and the audience

were very much interested in the remarks of the Rev. gentleman who held their closest attention all

through the evening. He spoke with no uncertain sound on the Temperance question.

At the close of his remarks the chairman spoke for a few minutes, on the Scott Act, and said

that if they had not been able to stop

the sale of liquor in Hampton, they

had compelled them to pull down

their blinds, and close the door,

and he hoped that before they were done,

they would stop the sale altogether.

A unanimous vote of thanks was

given to the Lecturer by the audience

present.

These meetings will be held at regular intervals through the winter. It is expected the next one will be addressed by the G. W. P.

Yours in L P. and F., M.

BAY VERT DIVISION NO. 65

MR. EDITOR.—The following are the names of those who were installed into office for the winter term:—

Earnest Goodwin, W. P.;
Alice Wood, W. A.;
Frank Wood, R. S.;
Maggie Goodwin, A. R. S.;
Albert Wells, Chaplain;
John Somers, Treasurer;
Edward Wood, F. S.;
Brougham Wells, Con;
Annie Turner, A. Con;
Eliza Turner, I. S.;
William Scott O S;
George Welling, P. W. P;

Hampton Correspondent.

The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing quarter.

Edward Flewelling, W P;
Bessie Flewelling, W A;
Samuel Flewelling, R S;
Annie Wetmore, A R S;
John Galey, F S;
Sadie Hicks, Treas;
G J C White, Chap;
Fred Wetmore, Con;
Katie Flewelling, A Con;
Charles Lyon, I S;
Lea Wetmore, O S;
R G Flewelling, P W P;

OFFICIAL COR.

Hampton, Jan 4th 1888.

NEWS FOR TEMPERANCE WORKERS.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Temperance Society has determined to organize the women as auxiliaries in its temperance work.

In the Girls' Mission School, at Somokor, Turkey, a temperance Society has been formed. The girls wear the W. C. T. U. White Ribbon.

The Philadelphia Quill says:—Oronhyatekha, M. D., of London, Can., has been elected to fill the vacancy as R. W. G. Counsellor I. O. G. T. He is also the Superintendent of Missions for North America. The R. W. G. Templar has made him Chief Templar for this country. So much for a North American Indian.

Ten per cent. of the tax on alcoholic drinks in Switzerland, is devoted to the purpose of educating the people on its effects.

A SONG FOR THE TIMES.

"In hoc signo vinces."

March on! ye heroes! battling for the right
Lo! day is breaking—it will soon be light;
Be ready for the conflict when it comes,
Stand firm for God, for truth, and for your homes!

From Thought's far heights a kindling splendor creeps,
Down to the vales and plains where darkness sleeps—
It is the dawn of an eternal day,
Whose conquering sun shall drive the night away!

With eyes uplifted to yon dome of blue,
Where flames the sign that proves your cause is true,
March forth to battle! front the vanquishing foe,
And give him steel for steel, and blow! for blow!

The false has triumphed oft in other years,
And stabbed the truth to death with brutal spears,
Has forged its fetters for a world of slaves,
And filled the bloody earth with graves;

Then, fear not ye who lead the battle-van
In the great fight of faith for God and man,
Though fate should, sometimes, blunt your battle-swords,

And Victory's eagles perch on Satan's hordes;

It's but God's way to try you, and to test
What kind of heart is beating in your breast,
The hero's or the coward's—fight on still!

There is no fate save God's almighty will,
And God's will is that Babylon must fall!
His will be done! Is He not Lord of all?

God's will, I tell you, is the voice of fate,
His sign is in the heavens behold! and—wait;

Wait—for the glory of the noon-day sun!
Wait—till the will of God be fully done!

Wait—till the Angel of the Lord appears!

Wait—though the waiting be a thousand years!

Bear ye the cross if ye would wear the crown!
On with the fight! Nor lay your armor down!

Till from her throne accursed wrong is hurl'd,

And truth, and right, and justice rule the world!

CHARLES W. HUBNER.

Atlanta, Ga., November, 1887.

MONCTON DIVISION.

A correspondent has sent us the following from the Times with reference to Moncton Division, which we are pleased to publish.

Moncton division, now the senior temperance organization in the town, was proceeded by the old "Bend" and "Petiteodiac"