

Communications.

PROHIBITION.

Why should strong drink rob a nation
Of its men of truest mould?
Why should that which slays its thousands,
Still, by man to man, be sold?

Why should wives and helpless children
Suffer keen reproach and shame?
Why should they through want and hunger,
Bear more ills than tongue could name?

Why should poor men spend their wages
For what makes them still more poor?
Why should others spend their savings,
For what drives them from their door?

Why should woman's tears unceasing,
Flow o'er cheeks, so thin and pale?
Why? their husbands, sons, and brothers
Are destroyed by rum and ale!

Why must all in man that's noble
Be destroyed, and he made slave?
Why, so many of our kindred
Early fill a drunkard's grave?

Is there none to save the drunkard,
Naught, to cleanse his poisonous breath?
Is there none to stop man dealing
Out to man, eternal death?

What are politicians doing?
Hear ye not stern justice cry,
Save your brother from temptation!
Why look on, and see him die?

And why dies he? answers reason,
'Tis because the sale of rum
Is hindered not by legislation,
Will you still to this plead dumb?

Why still stand with arms thus folded,
Politicians! brave men too,
Think you not this mighty evil
Can be checked and stayed by you?

All ye good men of our nation,
Stand together; strive to do
All you can, to save the drunkard,
Lest his blood should fall on you.

You can save ten thousand mortals
From the drunkard's certain fate,
If you will prohibit selling,
All that can intoxicate.

Call at once for Prohibition,
All who claim humanity;
What's more glorious to a nation,
Than, that all her sons be free.

Collina, K. Co., June 18th, 1888.

No. 2 Gordon Division, No. 326, S. of T.

At a regular meeting of No. 2 Gordon Division, No. 326, held on Wednesday, June 20th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter:

R W Gregory, W P;
T Currie, W A;
F V Hatt, R S;
T Botsford, A R S;
J Pringle, F S;
T Troop, Trea;
A Howell, Chap;
H Brewer, Con;
H Ross, A Con;
T McKenzie, I S;
J Cantwell, O S;
George P Polkinhorn, P W P.
H V HATT, R S

Centerville Division.

MR. EDITOR,—It is some time since I corresponded with you not having anything of importance to communicate. We are holding our own and our division is well attended, as we are not troubled with any saloons in our parish at present. I am happy to say that our Band of Hope is flourishing with the Rev. W G Kirby as president, and other efficient officers, who are trying to instil the principles of temperance in young minds, and may God bless their efforts, that they may prove a blessing to the community, and wherever their lot may be cast. I have seen in the JOURNAL from time to time the visits of our Grand Scribe to the different divisions and we would like to have a visit from him in the near future.

Hoping to have more cheerful news to tell you next time,
I remain,
Yours in L, P, and F,
O C.

Collina Division 129.

MR. EDITOR,—I thought, while I have time, I would send you a few more lines respecting Collina Division. We are still pressing on and trying to present an unbroken front to the enemy, although as previously stated, many of our members have left and gone to other parts, leaving us numerically weaker. But we have a number of valiant members still left, and those will stand by the old banner, I truly believe, in adversity as well as in prosperity; and wield a weighty influence for the temperance cause.

There has, perhaps, been a slight declension in interest with us for the past few months; but the outlook is, a renewed interest, an aggressive

movement, a stronger determination to move forward in majestic regularity, not giving any place for the possibility of defeat, and looking forward to success as the certain result of faithful toil. For this purpose, it has been thought necessary that our meetings should be made more interesting, and a larger number engaged in our entertainments for the 'Good of the Order.' To accomplish this, we have already procured a new supply of Standard Reading and Recitation books; these to be under the care of a librarian, who is to see that they are transferred from one member to another, as circumstances may require.

Furthermore it was proposed, at our last meeting, that we have a public installation on the first evening of our meeting in next quarter, a strawberry festival sometime in July, and a basket social sometime in the coming Autumn. With all these before us, the eyes of the young sparkle already with delight, the oldest give an assenting nod, as if they still could appreciate a social season.

And now, to convince you that this is not mere speculation, I think I will only have to cite you to the subscription list sent you last week from our Division. There were only thirteen subscribers, of course, and I wish it had been much larger. But still it is gratifying to know that there are so many among us who appreciate a good paper, when placed before them. And by the way, Mr. Editor, I believe it speaks more loudly for your paper, than words could do; so I will not attempt to say to its readers more than this; that thirteen of our members take the Temperance Journal and Reporter, besides the deputy and correspondent. These with the four sent gratuitously, make in all, nineteen copies weekly distributed among us.

And now in conclusion, I wish to state that at our last meeting the addresses of our deputy, Jacob I Keirstead and A J Keirstead, were not only encouraging, but full of meaning; and we believe this division greatly privileged by such members, who are always ready to do and speak words of truth and soberness without restraint, though in a mild and dignified manner. Hoping that all things may work together in harmony amongst us and the cause prosper among all people where intemperance prevails.

I remain Fraternaly Yours,
O C.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

A new division of this Order was instituted on Saturday evening last, at Bamford Settlement, Parish of Blissfield. The following members of the Order were present:—

From Blackville Division—Otto Hilderbrand, Ida C. Grady, John Bowser, Peter D. Coughlan, Robert McLaggan.

From Newcastle Division—W. C. Anslow, Bessie Anslow, Sarah Reeves

From Nelson Division, Derby—George Cowie.

From Northumberland Division—H. Letson.

The application for a charter was signed by thirty-two persons, twenty-five of whom were initiated on Saturday evening. About 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by W. C. Anslow, P. G. W. P., (the school house being crowded) who stated the object of the meeting was to be the instituting of a Division of the Sons of Temperance and inviting those who had not already signed the application for a charter to do so if they wished to help in a good work.—The public meeting was then closed and a session of Blackville Division, No. 328, was opened with the following officers:—

W C Anslow, W P;
Bessie Anslow, W A;
Sarah Reeves, R S;
H Letson, A R S;
George Cowie, F S;
Otto Hilderbrand, Chap;
Ida Grady, Con;
John Bowser, A Con;
Robert McLaggan, I S;
Peter Coughlan, P W P.

After Blackville Division had been duly organized the application for a charter to open a Division was then read and those present were duly initiated. After the initiation ceremony business was taken up. The new Division will be Blissfield Division, No. 347, meeting every Saturday.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Enoch Bamford, W P;
Edward Mersereau;
Janet Strong, R S;
A A Wilson, A R S;
Sadie Bamford, F S;
David Bamford, Trea;
Annie Bamford, Chap;
Ella Wasson, Con;
Peter Lyons, A C;
James Weaver, I S;
Miles Moroney, O S;
Hessie Edwards, P W P by appointment;
David Bamford, D G W P.

The officers were then duly installed by P. G. W. P. Anslow, sister Ida Grady acting as Deputy Grand Conductor.—The W. P. expressed his thanks in being elected to the honorable position of first W. P. of Blissfield Division, and which he hoped would be a great success. Other matters of business were disposed of, a vote of thanks to the visiting members for their kindness in travelling so far for the purpose of instituting Blissfield Division was passed unanimously and at a late hour the Division adjourned.

Blissfield Division starts with good prospects of success. The members are earnest and painstaking, and with plenty of talent among them to make their weekly meetings pleasant and profitable. The visiting brethren are indebted to Mr. David Bamford and others for the kind hospitality with which they were entertained and for which the people in the country districts are proverbial.—The visit was much enjoyed. The charming and diversified scenery of the Miramichi and surrounding country is especially beautiful at this season of the year, and the purity and freshness of the atmosphere made the drive up and down a most delightful one.

Some of the party while driving from Blackville saw a caribou on the barren which seemed quite tame, displaying no fear and allowed them to come quite close before it started off into the woods.

The members of Blackville Division have commenced the erection of a new hall in a convenient and central position in Blackville. The hall will be 28x50 feet, 18 foot post. The upper flat will be laid off into Division and ante rooms, the lower flat being intended for a public hall. During the past two years this Division has been indebted to Scott Fairley, Esq, for a place to hold its meetings but the new hall will fill a long felt want for a place wherein to hold public meetings. The frame of the new hall will be closed in and roof shingled early next month when a Social will be held to raise a part of the funds required. It will be finished this fall.—Advocate.

The Right Place for a Saloon.

Where is the right place for a saloon? Where is the saloon wanted? If not the fashionable mercantile establishments, what other kinds of business are like to be helped by the proximity of gin mills? Let some one name them. Is it the baker, the tailor the shoe-maker, the butcher, the milliner, the bookseller? Do any of these find it any particular advantage to their trade to have a grog-seller come and open shop beside them? What surroundings are necessary in order to justify the opening of resorts for loafers, of drunkard-mills, of dens for the propagation of vice and crime? What neighborhoods shall be selected for the establishment of places for the debauchment and ruin of men, for the destruction of families, for the making of paupers and felons? Which is worse, to open a saloon within two hundred feet of a church or a school, or to open one next door to a home, in front of a home, over a home, or under a home. What is there that should make a grog-shop a stench in the nostrils of the public on one street and a sweet-smelling savor on another? What should make it an ugly blot on the landscape in one locality and a thing of beauty in another? Is a saloon on Fifth avenue calculated to do greater harm than a beer-dive on Mulberry street? If the wealthy and the powerful cannot endure the presence of the grog shop, will they help to thrust them on the poor and the weak? Are the tenement districts—the homes of those who are already deep down in poverty, squalor and misery—are these the proper places to set the saloons? Are they needed here to help men live purer lives, to make happier homes, to strengthen the

weak, to cheer the downcast, to guide the erring? Who shall take upon himself the responsibility of declaring where the people shall be cursed with the presence of the grog-shops and where they shall not be cursed? These, it seems to us, are practical questions, and we should like to have them answered. *New York Observer.*

Portland Division Anniversary.

Forty-one years ago last night, (Thursday) Portland Division, S of T, was organized in the old market building, then situated on Paradise row, near the Hersey property. The first officers were: Richard Seely, W P; D V Roberts, W A; James Briggs, R S; John E Sayer, A R S; Geo. W Roberts, F S; J C Edwards, Trea; John Haws, Con; James Almstead, A Con; Wm Rupert, I S; John Taylor, O S; Francis Jordon, P W P.

At the early stages of its existence, the membership ran up to about 600. A few years later meetings were held in the old temperance hall, Simonds street, until it was destroyed by fire in October, 1877, and since then meetings have been held in the Orange hall, Bostwick's hall, L C T Union hall, and the Temperance hall, Simonds street.

During the past year the members have made considerable improvements in the way of fitting up and furnishing their present rooms. The division has gone through many difficulties, but by the exertion and persistent efforts of members on various occasions, the division has always been able to maintain its reputation as one of the leading divisions in the province. Many prominent men have at various times been connected with this division. Since its organization the following branches were started and prospered for a time: Rechab, which met in the old temperance hall; New Brunswick, which met at Indiantown, and Coburg, on Portland Bridge. The present roll of membership of Portland division is large.

The division celebrated its forty-first anniversary last night in a very sociable manner in the rooms, Simonds street, a very large attendance of persons being present. The chair was occupied by A Y Patterson, D G W P, who made a short opening address, after which the following programme was very successfully carried out: Song, R Rawlings; address, J D Robertson; solo, Miss Sinclair; comic reading, John Salmon, solo, Miss Shaw; charade, How to manage, the Misses Irvine, Hill and Mullay, and Messrs. Vincent and Fanjoy, solo, F Bustin; reading, F S Skinner; address, Rev. Mr. Daniels. During an intermission, strawberries and cake were supplied by an efficient committee of young ladies. The entertainment concluded by singing the national anthem.—Sun

ANNIVERSARY.—Star of Hope Division, S. of T, located at Goshen Corner, Albert Co., celebrated its 3rd anniversary on Saturday, the 16th inst., with a picnic in the afternoon which was followed with a lecture in the Baptist church in the evening. The lecturer was the Rev. A. C. Thompson, of Petitecodiac, who for one hour and a half held the undivided attention of the large audience while he read his popular lecture upon Army Life and the Battle of Fredericksburg. The customary vote of thanks, accompanied by a purse of money, was given to the lecturer at the close. This Division continues in a live, healthy condition, and has been productive of much good in that community.—Times.

Valley Division, Portland, have changed their night of meeting to Monday instead of Wednesday. The members of this division are determined to keep well to the front in the temperance cause, and are making preparations for an extension of their work and an increase of membership.

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