

OUR ST. JOHN LETTER.

Kingsclear Division No 315.

St. JOHN, Feb. 2nd.

DEAR SIR,—The friends of Temperance in this city, congratulate you on the enlarged and improved appearance of the JOURNAL, and hope it will be so highly appreciated throughout the Province, that the expense of the enlargement will not fall entirely upon the Proprietor. Every temperance man in this Province should feel a personal interest in the welfare of the JOURNAL, and should use his utmost endeavours to make it a success. This he can do by securing subscribers in his locality and keeping the JOURNAL posted with what is going on in his temperance circle. Although no great wave of temperance sentiment is sweeping over our City, yet the work goes bravely on in a quiet way, and several of the Divisions are having large and continual accessions to their numbers. The principal topic of conversation in temperance circles is the new liquor License Act which goes in force on the first of May next, and for which preparations are now being made by those who desire to continue in the business of rum selling. What the fate of this Act will be, is impossible to say, but all here who have given it a moment's consideration, agree that it is indeed "rude, rough and immature," that it is contradictory in many instances, difficult to be understood, and will require a large amount of amending before it can be made to work with any degree of satisfaction. How a government with so many lawyers in it, could allow this bill to pass in the shape in which we now find it, is more than the average citizen can understand, and is strongly suggestive of the idea that the bill must have gone through the house alone, while they were absent. Some of the rum-sellers in this city are so firmly impressed with the idea that the law cannot stand, that they are taking no steps towards having their petitions signed by the requisite number of ratepayers; nor as they intend to do so. They hang their belief on the idea that the law is bad, and intend to sell in defiance of it. Others are actively at work securing signers to their petitions for license and find it no easy task. Many who were first willing to sign, now refuse to do so, and in some instances have even requested to have their names erased from the petitions. They do not relish the idea of having the petitions open for inspection at the Inspector's office for two weeks or more before the licenses are granted, with the almost certain prospects that the names of the petitioners will be published in the daily papers. The publishing of these names would be an excellent move, as it would show the temperance people and the community generally, exactly who it is that wants rum sold in our midst, and who should be held responsible for the damage which follows. By all means let the names be published. No item of information would be half so interesting or valuable and none is more easily obtained. The man who signs such a petition should have no objection in letting his fellow citizens know it.

All agree that the rum business in this city is doomed. Only a question of time and it will be with us no more. There is very little money in it now compared with a few years ago. These small bar rooms in out of the way places could scoop in from \$15 to \$20 per day. Now, two dollars a day is considered good business for the same places, and the same in degree may be said of the larger and more public places, excepting perhaps the first-class hotels.

Young men, especially, are not drinking so much liquor as young men did ten or fifteen years ago, and this result has been brought about by the persistent efforts of the temperance institutions in educating the boys to total abstinence. By educating the boys of the community in the principles of temperance, we can enact a prohibition law in a few years more easily worked, and more effective, than all legal enactments which may be placed on our statute books. No man will keep his rumshop open many days if he has no customers, and if we educate the boys aright, the rum sellers will soon be more lonesome than they are at present, and the shutters must soon go up.

The Temperance JOURNAL and Sons of Temperance are working with a will to bring about this grand result, and are accomplishing much in that direction.

The rum business is doomed in St. John.

Yours Fraternaly,
YOUNG MAN.

DEAR SIR,—I suppose it is about time you heard from us again although we had not the pleasure of perusing the JOURNAL of the 17th in which our communication should have appeared; as that issue never reached us.

At the first meeting of the present quarter a public installation was held and quite a number of our friends who are not members were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by our Deputy Bro. Isaac Kilburn in a very satisfactory manner.

The following officers were duly installed.

Jonathan Simms, W P;
Mary Patterson, W A;
Ethel Simms, F S;
Mina Patterson, Treas;
Rev Walter A Taylor, Chap;
B W Fox, R S;
Harley Patterson, A R S;
Eliza Kilburn, Con;
Jennie Poore, A Con;
Armantha Kilburn, I S;
G Byron Kilburn, O S;
Isaac Kilburn, P W P;

After the installation a short entertainment was given in which readings, recitations, and speeches formed a prominent part.

The entertainment closed by singing our closing ode and our visitors expressed themselves as well pleased and hoped to enjoy another evening with us in the future.

We were pleased to note the action of the Council in appointing an Inspector under the Scott Act for the County of York and hope they they have secured the proper person in Capt Howe of Stanley. For his information, let me say, we would enjoy a visit from him to our Parish officially, and further would recommend him to call at F Goodine's directly opposite B A Everetts residence also at Peter Goodine's just next door but one below the eleven mile house, and again at Francis Goodine's about a mile above Peter's and see if he don't find something that is warranted to kill at forty yards.

We think the Temperance friends were rather tardy in their securing a candidate for the Mayoralty of the City of Fredericton but hope the gentleman elected will attend to the carrying out of the laws of the city especially the Scott Act without partiality to either party.

Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space I remain,

Yours in L P and F
B W F
O F.

Central Kingsclear,
Jan 28th 1888.

BLACKVILLE DIVISION, NO. 329.

DEAR SIR,—The following is a list of the officers elected and installed in Blackville Division, No. 329, for the present quarter:

Bro. Peter Coughlan, W. P.;
Sister M. J. Fairley, W. A.;
Sister Ida Grady, R. S.;
Bro. Wm. McConnell, A. R. S.;
Sister Lucy McLaggan, F. S.;
Bro. John Browser, T.;
Bro. John Corney, Chap.;
Sister Lizzie Day, Con.;
Sister Lena Mersereau, A. Con.;
Bro. John Underhill, I. S.;
Bro. James Day, O. S.;
Sister Lucy McLaggan, Organist.
Bro. Otto Hilderbrand, P. W. P.

Our Division is prospering. Less than a year ago we organized with 39 Charter members.

The number now on Roll book in good standing is 59.

Steps are now being taken to fittingly celebrate the anniversary of our organization which falls on Feb. 7th. A good musical and literary entertainment is being prepared which will be followed by an Oyster Supper. An efficient committee has been appointed to take charge of proceedings, and an enjoyable evening is expected.

OFFICIAL COR.

GARIBALDI DIVISION NO. 151 S. OF T.

Garibaldi Division, located at Benton, N B., we are pleased to say is in a prosperous condition. Although there is a large number of the members in the woods, and unable to attend regularly, we are having very good attendance.

The membership is steadily increasing. At last meeting there were four initiated which made 42 in attendance that evening, and all passed a very enjoyable and profitable session.

After the initiation and the regular business was over, the Division was interested by a very pleasing dialogue which was fully appreciated.

A recess of eight minutes was then given by the W. P. during which the

ladies of the Division treated the members present to a bountiful supply of apples which was thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by music by Sisters Lizzie Speer and Eliza Reed and a few brief remarks and choice readings.

Yours in L. P. and F.
J. L. SPEER.

TEMPERANCE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

In the recent session of the Municipal Council, held in St. Andrews, it was moved that an Inspector be appointed to enforce the Canada Temperance Act as the law requires. After some brief discussion the motion being put was lost by a vote of twenty to eight; three of the councillors not voting. Those voting against the motion were; H. Graham, J. S. Maxwell, George L. Barter, J. A. Moore, R. Smith, W. Jack, Dr Johnston, S. Stafford, H. Osburn, W. Forsyth, J. H. Dyer, R. McKinney Thos. McCann, A. J. McGee, A. Nixon C. F. Bateon, J. A. Calder, J. L. Ray, and Wilder Babcock. Those voting for the motion were A. M. Mealey, W. E. Tattan, W. A. Fraser, O. Hanson, A. H. Harney, D. F. Lambert, R. Glenn and J. W. Stevenson. Those not voting were Dr. J. G. Atkinson, A. Young, and J. W. Scott.

The majority vote thus given so far as it went was virtually for 'free rum.' It is amazing that some temperance men for fear of a few dollars tax, or influenced by the liquor party, should thus vote in favor of the rum traffic.

Five applications were made for whole sale liquor licenses, from Street & Co., Jas. McCready, Geo. R. Batson, W. J. Best, and L. Parker. It was found, however, that these application were not presented in legal form and therefore could not be entertained by the council board, and hence by unanimous vote no liquor licenses were granted. No doubt the liquor men were greatly chagrined and disappointed, but all temperance and christian people of every name will rejoice and thank God that at least no legal sanction is given to vend the accursed stuff throughout our country during the ensuing year.

Let all temperance societies and right thinking people unite to enforce the law that the nefarious traffic may be entirely suppressed throughout all our borders. Thus will sobriety, peace and comfort, come to many families, homes, and hearts; hitherto blighted and scourged by strong drink. For this let us labor and pray.

L. S. JOHNSON.

General Temperance Notes.

Marblehead, Mass., has increased her valuation \$100,000 under prohibition.

The city of Fargo, Dakota, has raised a sum of \$20,000 to enforce the Prohibition law.

Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, reports that 82 out of the 99 counties in that State have no saloons.

"The Help-Myself Society" is the name of one of the Gospel temperance societies of London.

Dakota Prohibitionists will meet in Huron to organize the party in that territory on July 17.

The Catholic Church of Dubuque, Iowa, has started a movement for total abstinence in that city.

It is said that since prohibition has been enforced in Kansas church membership has increased forty per cent.

A certain area of New York city comprises a population of 360,000 and contains 31 protestant churches and 3,018 saloons.

The city of Boston has nine rum-sellers in its council, and five men engaged in the same business are members of the State Legislature. The police of the State last year made 30,681 arrests, 19,640 of which were for drunkenness and violation of the liquor laws.

Placed side by side the New York city churches would reach seven miles, its gin mills and lager beer saloons fifty-six miles.

In Chicago (which is a high license city), the number of arrests last year was 45,400. In 1882, (Chicago's last year of low license), the number of arrests was 32,800. There is here shown an increase in arrests of thirty-eight per cent. During the same period of time the number of breweries in Chicago has increased from 38, to 41, and the consumption of beer from 872,000 barrels to 1,674,166 barrels. The amount paid for beer in Chicago last year was \$37,000,000, and the same city only spent in the building of homes for her citizens about half that amount.

Good of the Order.

Strength for the Day.

BEFORE.

"The morning breaks in clouds, the rain is falling,
Upon the pillow still I sigh for rest;
But yet I hear so many voices calling
To work by which my burdened soul is pressed.
That I can only pray,
'Strength for the day.'

"'Tis not a prayer of faith, but weak repining,
For with the words, there comes no hope
no light,
In other lives a morning sun is shining,
While mine is but a change from night to night.
So while I weep I pray,
'Strength for the day.'

"For it is hard to work in constant shadow,
Climbing with tired feet an up-hill road;
And so, while my weak heart dreads each to-morrow,
And once again I lift my heavy load,
Depending still I pray,
'Strength for the day.'

AFTER.

"Now, looking back to the long hours ended,
I wonder why I feared them as they came;
Each brought the strength on which its task depended,
And so my prayer was answered just the same.
Now with new faith I pray,
'Strength for the day.'

"For in one just closed, I've learned how truly
God's help is equal to our utmost need,
Sufficient for each hour it cometh newly,
If we but follow where its teachings lead.
Believing, as we pray,
'Strength for the day.'

"He who has felt the load which we are bearing,
Who walked each step along the path we tread,
I- ever for his weary children caring,
And keeps the promise made us when he said
He give us all the way
'Strength for the day.'

Four.

BY MARY KNAPP.

The blue-eyed mother kissed with loving care
The little daughter climbed on her knee,
While the twin blossoms, playing at her feet,
Looked up and laughed with her in baby glee;
Said I, "Dear friend, you have a lovely three!"

"Nay," said she, and within her gentle eyes
I saw a look of grief, unmarked before,
"Nay, not three there is one you do not see,
Although within our home he dwells no more,
They have an elder brother—there are four.

"My first-born is not here; God drew him up
To heaven's high house. Christ keeps my boy for me,
I never feel our darling one is lost,
Then separated from the other three;
He still is ours through all eternity."
—Watchman.

Intemperance.

This vice has very fatal effects on the mind, the body, and fortune of a person who is devoted to it. In regard to the mind, it first of all discovers every flaw in it. The sober man, by the strength of reason, may keep under and subdue every vice or folly to which he is most inclined; but wine makes every latent seed sprout up in the soul and show itself; it gives fury to the passions, and force to those objects which are apt to produce them. When a young fellow complained to an old philosopher that his wife was not handsome, "Put less water in your wine," says the philosopher, "and you will quickly make her so." Wine heightens indifference into love, love into jealousy, and jealousy into madness. It often turns the good-natured man into an idiot, and the choleric into an assassin. It gives bitterness to resentment, it makes vanity insupportable, and displays every little spot of the soul in its utmost deformity. Nor does this vice only betray the hidden faults of a man, and show them in the most odious colours, but often occasions faults to which he is not naturally subject. There is more of turn than of truth in a saying of Seneca, that drunkenness does not produce but discovers faults. Common experience teaches the contrary. Wine throws a man out of himself, and infuses qualities in the mind which she is a stranger to in her sober moments. The person who converse with after the third bottle, is not the same man who at first sat down at table with you. Upon this maxim is founded one of the prettiest sayings I ever met with, which is ascribed to Publius Syrus—"Quiebrum ludificat, laedit absentem." ("He who jests upon a man that is drunk, injures the absent.") Thus does

drunkenness act in a direct contradiction to reason, whose business is to clear the mind of every vice which has crept into it, and to guard it against all the approaches of any that endeavours to make its entrance. But besides these ill effects, which this vice produces in the person who is actually under its dominion, it has also a bad influence on the mind even in its sober moments, as it sensibly weakens the understanding, impairs the memory, and makes those faults habitual which are produced by frequent excesses.

Love has its headquarters in Heaven, but every true home on earth is a branch office. Love takes long journeys. It came all the way from Heaven bringing the world a Saviour. Love is crossing deep waters, climbing big mountains, searching everywhere for human foot-prints. In Africa, India and China it has gone and employed its agents, and sent them still on, searching for human souls. Love makes easy sacrifice, dividing its last dollar with the needy. Love goes down into the deepest pit of sin, and lifts up the fallen victim. Love ventures to go into dark and forsaken streets of the city, and calls at the humblest cot. It passes up broken stairways, nurses the sick, feeds the poor, clothes the naked, carries sunshine everywhere. Love wins victories. Prophecies fail, knowledge passes away, but love never faileth.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a session of Gordon Division of St. John, held on the evening of the 30th ult., the following resolutions of condolence were offered and unanimously carried:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in the dispensation of His Divine Providence, to call Sister Phoebe Bittle, from our midst, and

Whereas, By our Sister's decease, Gordon Division has been deprived of one of its most useful and earnest members.

Therefore Resolved, That we express our deep and heartfelt sympathy with the Parents and family of our lamented Sister, trusting that the all-sustaining hand of God will comfort their sorrowing hearts and sustain them in their deep affliction.

This Blue Grass (Ky.) Clipper says: "Now that the Chicago anarchists are gone, the next thing that ought to be strangled in this country is the rum traffic. And the rope must be twisted of the ballots of the people."

WHAT AM I TO DO?

The symptoms of Biliousness are unhappily but too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A Bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas, he has an excellent appetite for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough, at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and Diarrhoea or Constipation may be a symptom or the two may alternate. There are often Hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence and tenderness in the pit of the stomach. To correct all this if not effect a cure try Green's August Flower, it costs but a rifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

Imprisonment having utterly failed to lessen drunkenness in the British army it is now proposed to punish the offender by stoppage of pay.

The National Temperance Society has taken up the matter of locating post-offices in saloons as is done in Wisconsin, and will have such action prohibited by Congress.

The time is coming when the people will put an end to the arrogant dictation of the saloon in politics. It is absolutely necessary for the safety of the people and the welfare of the Government that this is done.

The United States District Court, at Dupuque, Iowa, has decided that all liquor cases are to be remanded back to the State courts. This will prevent delay in trying violators of the law, and will result in closing every saloon in that State at an early date.

A law has been passed in Waldeck Germany, forbidding the granting of a marriage license to a person addicted to the liquor habit.

The Kingston young men are getting a prohibition club into first-class shape. They propose to follow Toronto's example in making their power felt in municipal matters and no doubt will soon be heard from on the line of practical work accomplished.

A temperance society has been formed in Anglo-Chinese University at Shanghai. One of the lady teachers is President.

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