

Communications.

Hampton Division.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

Bro. Chas. M. Frost, Deputy of Hampton Division writes us that this Division was organized in Dec. 1885 with 16 charter members. The membership has increased to 59. They meet on Tuesday of each week. Have missed but two sessions during the last two quarters. They have made one fraternal visit this year and held several public meetings. Were visited last winter by the G. W. P. and G. W. S., Bro. Frost thinks the prospects for the winter are not as good as for previous winters. He assisted by Bros. Geo. Barnes and Guilford Flewelling has organized "Spring" and "Hampton" Divisions. There are 14 Divisions within a distance of ten miles from "Hampton". The Deputy says they have not been in the habit of suspending for non-payment of dues, but thinks they will have to begin to do so. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$37.96.

Mariners' Guide Division.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. S.

Bro. Nathan Goodwin has sent us the following news respecting Mariners' Guide Division. It was organized in November, 1863, with 20 charter members. The number now enrolled is 126; 70 of whom are females. The Division is in quite a prosperous condition and the prospects for the approaching winter are good. They have not been visited by a Grand Officer in four years. They are not troubled with liquor-selling in that vicinity. There are five Divisions within a distance of ten miles. Bro. Nathan Goodwin and Daniel Gayton have assisted in organizing other Divisions. None have been suspended this year for non-payment of dues. They celebrated their 25th annual session last Nov. The property owned by the Division is valued at \$1,000. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$6.50.

Coverdale Division.

GRAND DIVISION OF N. B.

Bro. F. A. Steeves, Deputy of Coverdale Division, Moncton, informs us that that Division was organized with 16 charter members. The number of names now enrolled is 35. The Division is decreasing in numbers owing to several of the members leaving the place. Bro. Steeves says he thinks they may survive the winter, but it will be all they can do. They will do the best they can under the trying circumstances. The funds are so low that they will not send a representative to the Annual Session at Woodstock. There are five Divisions within a distance of ten miles, viz., Moncton, Intercolonial, Lewisville, Bulmer and Albert. Bro. Steeves has missed but three sessions since Coverdale was organized. They own no property except the books and regalia.

Lorne Division.

GRAND DIVISION OF P. E. I.

The following are some items respecting Lorne Division, given by the Deputy, Bro. R. Cairns. It was organized in Dec. 1878, with 36 charter members. The number now enrolled is 65; 42 of whom are males. They meet on Monday of each week. Are in a fairly prosperous condition at present with very good prospects for the winter. They were lately visited by the G. S. and G. Con. Several fraternal visits have been made this year, but no public meetings held. The Scott Act has been adopted by the County, and the Division has assisted financially in enforcing the law. They are not troubled now with liquor selling. Five were suspended from the Division this year for non-payment of dues. The amount of funds on hand the last quarter was \$10.94. They partly own the Hall in which the sessions are held. There are eight Divisions within a distance of ten miles. G. Scribe Burns, and P. G. W. P. Rogers have organized "Rising Sun" "Harmony" and others. Both annual and semi-annual sessions have been held by Lorne Division.

Collina Division.

Our officers for the present quarter are as follows:

- Newton Sharp, W P; Thomas Gibbon, W A; W G Chamberlain, R S; Newton Coy, F S; Iola Northrup, Trea; William Wetmore, Chap; Herbert Coy, Con; Letty Kelly, A Con; Oscar Northrup, I S; Allan Northrup, O S; Harvey Keirstead, P W P.

At our last meeting, our deputy, Bro. Jacob Keirstead, was elected as our representative to the Grand Division of New Brunswick, to be held at Woodstock, Oct. 17th 1888.

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Collina, King's Co., Oct. 1888.

Guiding Star Division, P. E. I.

The People here take quite a lively interest in Temperance. Our Division has been working about two years and we meet Saturday nights regularly. We had thirty members at our last meeting. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing quarter.

- Jas Stewart, W P; Minnie Stewart, W A; John R Stewart, R S; Lizzie Crawford, A R S; Donald Currie, F S; Neil McPhee, Treas; Mary A Ladner, Chap; Mary Stewart, Con; Millie Ladner, Asst Con; David McWilliams, I S; Ulric Crawford, O S; Wallace McNeill, P W P.

St. Martin's Division.

DEAR SIR,—St. Martin's Division held a regular meeting on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when the following officers were installed for the quarter ending with December:

- Mrs. W Kilburn, W P; Miss F Palmer, W A; A E Pearson, R S; Miss E Dimock, A R S; F Foster, F S; Miss E Skillen, Trea; T Cassidy, Chap; J Dimock, Con; Miss E Bradshaw, A Con; Geo. Carlton, I S; J B Hodsmyth, O S; Miss Skillen, P W P.

St. Martin's Division still retains its position as one of the foremost in the organization. After the installation of officers each one addressed the Division. The opinion gains ground that this is of great benefit to the Division, as it calls forth opinions of the different members, and thereby creates an interest in the work. The spirited address of the W P and Chap, and the very numerous remarks of the R S called forth most hearty and well merited applause. Altogether we consider that this Division is going forward rapidly, both in point of members and in the work.

Hoping that we may soon hear from the pen of the genial E. M. and that you will pardon such a trespass upon your valuable space,

I remain, Yours Fraternal, O. C.

St. Martin's, N. B., Oct. 6th, 1888.

Golden Rule Division.

The officers of Golden Rule Division, No. 51, S of T, were installed on Tuesday evening the 2nd inst., and are as follows:

- Jessie Bishop, W P; Gilbert M Peck, W A; Achsah G Gallacher, R S; Fred Rogers, A R S; Albert Peck, F S; W T Wright, Trea; James G Stuart, Chap; Edna Stiles, Con; Silas Stiles, A Con; Jennie E Moore, I S; John Pye, O S; John M Tingley, P W P.

The Division is in a good healthy condition and numbers 76 members O C.

Coverdale Division.

At the last regular meeting of Coverdale Division, No. 295, the following officers were elected for next quarter;

- Martha Steeves, W P; F A Steeves, W A; Israel Steeves, R S; Maud Wilnot, A R S; Wallace Steeves, F S; Mary Steeves, Trea; Alice Smith, Chap; Gamo Jonah, Con; Albert Lutez, A Con; John Steeves, I S; George, Wilmot, O S; Henry Smith, P W P;

Howard Division.

MR. EDITOR,—At the last regular meeting of Howard Division the following officers were installed for the current quarter:

- H B Hetherington, W P; Mrs. Sedg Webber, W A; Kate Halliday, R S; F A Sullivan, A R S; Henry Webber, Trea; W H Stevens, F S; Geo Smith, Chap; Bert Polley, Con; Alice Gregory, A Con; J Deacon, I S; H Stevens, O S; W E Smith, P W P.

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

St. Stephen, N B, Oct. 8th, 1888.

Centenary Division.

The following officers were elected and installed:

- C W Manzer, W P; Eva J Kezer, W A; J R D Kirkpatrick, R S; Maud Harron, A R S; Effie Kirkpatrick, F S; Willie R King, Trea; H H Kirpatrick, Chap; Heber R Benn, Con; Nellie Rhoda, A Con; Nellie King I S; Willie J Craig, O S; N S Benn, P W P.

Yours in L, P and F, O C.

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DEAR SIR,—The "Rescue Duet" of Hamilton, Ontario, visited our village, Sept. 24th, through the influence of the Rev. A. C. Thompson, and gave one of their interesting entertainments to a large audience in the F. C. Baptist Church. Since that time six persons have joined our Division and we hope to see our ranks increased by many more before long.

The following officers have been elected for the present quarter:

- David Herrett, W P; Andrew Moore, W A; Annie J Moore, R S; Geo. Blakeney, A R S; J C Smith, F S; Wesley Lowery, Treas; Rev. Chas Comben, Chap; Elias Gifford, Con; Alexandra Comben, A Con; Nathan McRae, I S; T F Bustard, I S; D A Jonah, P W P.

Yours in L, P and F, O C.

Campbellton Division.

DEAR SIR,—As yet, "Campbellton Division," No. 300, has been unheard from, through the columns of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, but from henceforth we trust its silence will be a thing of the past. Our efforts to uphold and advance so great and so good a cause, as that which must needs make the JOURNAL a power for good in our Province, have not yet resulted in suppressing to any extent the liquor traffic in our town; but though oft cast down at the seeming fruitlessness of our labours, we never lose sight of the truth, that we are on the side of right; and that right will in the end triumph! Our Division boasts of 82 members in good standing, who though prone to absent themselves during the pleasant balmy summer evenings will, we feel assured, again seek our lodge room and its temperance atmosphere on approach of the cold and dreary winter. At our last regular meeting the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter:

- Mr. J Crawford, W P; Miss Nan Robinson, W A; " M Gerrard, F S; " J Andrew, Trea; Mr. H Patterson, R S; Miss M McAlister, A R S; Mr. J Ferguson, Chap; Miss A Cole, Con; Mr. O Asker, A C; Mr. J Jackson, I S; Mr. Jardine, O S.

Our W P (Bro. Crawford) will be in attendance at the meeting of the Grand Division in Woodstock, in October.

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Louison Division.

This Division is still progressing rapidly. The most noticeable improvement being in the membership, which has increased since Jan. from 68 to 87. We have had many more Initiations than that as there have been a number of resignations, most of them from young men who have gone West. No one resigns here unless he is leaving the place. There are only two who have left us living at present within two miles of the hall.

We are also becoming more sociable. When we organized two and one half years ago, we were comparative strangers, but now we are getting acquainted and every succeeding week finds us becoming more and more as if we were in reality what we are in name—Brothers and Sisters.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected for the current quarter:

- John Archibald, W P; Martha C McNair, W A; Maggie Carmichael, R S; Wm McIntosh, A R S;

- Alex Winton, F S; Archie McMillan, Trea; Jennie Millar, Chap; Wm Barclay, Con; Mary Millar, A Con; Peter Barclay, I S; Agnes McMillan, O S; Annie Beattie, P W P;

As it was very dark and stormy the night the officers were elected, there were very few present, and two or three who were absent were chosen for office and may not act.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Grand Division of Vermont,

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE

WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE,—The Grand Division of Vermont will hold its annual session for 1888, in G. A. R. Hall in the city of Bellows Falls, on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22d and 23rd. The session will be opened at 3 o'clock P. M., Monday, Oct. 22d, when all Representatives who have not previously attended a session will be initiated into the G. D., then will follow the reports of committees, reading and reference of resolutions, bills, etc., and reports of G. D. officers for past year. The evening session will be devoted to general business and good of the Order. The Most Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Alder Temple of Halifax, N. S., will be present and address the meeting. During the evening session, matters of vital importance pertaining to the welfare and success of the Order will be discussed, and some conclusion reached by which propagation work will be resumed throughout the state; thus you see the actual necessity of your presence at this session, as the directions for successful work are to come from the Representatives. Do not be conspicuous with your absence. Bellows Falls Division will furnish entertainment for all who attend free of cost. The morning session of Tuesday, the 23d, will be devoted to such work as may be left over from the evening session, and the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year.

Trains arrive from the north and west at 1:25, 2:30 and 4:12 P. M.; from the south at 11:25 A. M. and 3:35 P. M. Members who pay full fare over the Conn. R. R. will obtain free return checks of conductors on the train. The C. V. R. R. will issue return tickets at their stations for fare one way. The Passumpic R. R. will issue return tickets from St. Johnsbury and Bradford, at fare one way. The Brattleboro & Whitehall R. R. the same as the C. V. R. R., thus you see the necessity of procuring your tickets over each railroad separately and not purchase a through ticket over two roads at once. Return tickets will also be issued over Rutland Division of C. V. R. R., between Rutland and Bellows Falls, from the 22d to 24th.

WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE,—The ground has been very thoroughly canvassed during the past year, and your Grand Officers are now prepared to present to you some recommendations for work in the state, so too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of your making a special effort to attend this session of the Grand Division, as the M. W. P. of the National Division of North America is to be present and ascertain our wants and needs with a view of that body rendering us some valuable assistance. All meetings of the session will be open to subordinate members after the opening ceremony and initiation.

You will confer a favor by notifying me of your intention to be present at this session.

Hoping to meet you at the session.

I am fraternally yours,

H. C. H. LEWIS, GRAND SCRIBE.

Bellows Falls, Vermont, Oct. 8th, '88.

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.

Sons of Temperance in America.

The total number of Divisions in operation at the close of last year was 1604, an increase of 39; total membership, 79,158, an increase of 245. The report states that "the number of admissions to membership is considerably less than that of the previous year, and the percentage of aggregate losses very much larger." There are sixteen Grand Divisions, of which six are in Canada and Newfoundland. Of the total membership of 79,158, nearly one-half is in Canada as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Membership Count. Nova Scotia: 16,067; New Brunswick: 6,477; Ontario: 5,388; P. E. Island: 1,900; Quebec: 871; Manitoba, etc.: 1,400; Newfoundland: 584.

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For a long time the Grand Division of Nova Scotia had the largest membership, but last year Nova Scotia made a decrease of 587, and Pennsylvania the largest increase reported, 2864, giving the big iron and coal state a total of 16,507, or nearly 200 more than Nova Scotia.

Outside of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, the Order has not a large membership in the States. In Maine the membership is only 911, in New Hampshire, 1,753, in Vermont 597, in Rhode Island 800, Virginia about 700, Delaware 83, Tennessee 680, California 604, Missouri 123.

Advertisement for Fred. B. Edgecombe's Dress Goods. Text includes: 'New Goods, New Goods. Just Opened at FRED. B. EDGECOMBE'S. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LOT OF DRESS GOODS ever shown in Fredericton, in Combinations, Double and Single Widths, with handsome Trimmings to match. New Novelties in Jacket and Ulster Cloths, Childrens Cloakings. A special lot of Boys Suits and Overcoats. The variety of New Goods shown are unequalled. Call and be your own judge. See our opening on Saturday. Fred. B. Edgecombe'.

Sault Ste. Marie Canal Notice o 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:—

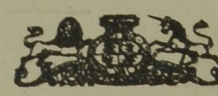
Tenders will be received until Wednesday, the 7th day of Nov. next.

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 Pogoick and Prince William Station and at this office.

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