

It is hoped that the Representatives from Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, will join with Massachusetts in making the lowest offer of the road available.

Fraternal yours,
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Room 3, 36 Bromfield Street,
Boston, Mass.

Communications.

Lewisville Division.

At a regular meeting of Lewisville Division, S of T, on the evening of the 26th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:
John Cummings, W P; M Buskirk, W A; Lettie Snellgrove, R S; Annie Lutes, A R S; A Russell, F S; Chas Lockhart, Trea; Florence Killam, Chap; Mary Lutes, Con; John Buskirk, A C; B Teakles, I S; A Cummings, O S; J Snellgrove, P W P.

Moncton Division No 183.

At a regular meeting of Moncton Division, S of T, No. 183, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:
Alex. McLean, W P.
Jennie Styles, W A.
R S.
Mrs. J D McNaughton, A R J.
H C Davidson, F S.
E Hicks, Treas.
H J Macgowan, Chap.
Maud Duffy, Con.
Tillie Smith, A C.
Ada Kay, I S.
F C Miles, O S.
Mrs. F C Miles, Organist.

Granite Rock Division.

At the meeting of Granite Rock Division, S of T, Monday evening, the following officers were duly elected.
J Lee, W P;
Miss S Larkin, W A;
Miss Ella Wood, R S;
J V Ellis, jr., A R S;
J A Wood, F S;
John C Thomas, Trea;
Mrs. J Larkin, Chap;
A Clark, Con;
Mrs. A Clark, A Con;
R Cameron, I S;
J W Rowley, P W P;
T Larkin, Organist.

Spring Division No. 262.

At the regular meeting of the above division held last evening the following officers were elected for next quarter:
F M Sproul, W P.
J W Smith, W A.
Thos. Stratton, R S.
Miss Maggie J Barnes, A R S.
Geo. Barnes, F S.
D J Bruce, Treas.
Archie Brittain, Chaplain.
Geo. M Wilson, Con.
Howard Barnes, A Con.
Gilbert DeMill, I S.
J Wesley Fowler O S.
J Ernest Whittaker, P W P.
Mrs. Smith Sproul, Organist.
Grand Worthy Patriarch Campbell was present and addressed the Division. His words were encouraging, and we were pleased to have a visit from our G W P and trust he will make a point to visit us oftener.
O. C.

Gordon Division, No. 275.

A friend writes us of Gordon Division of St. John, giving us particulars of how they are progressing in that division and the good work they are doing. The letter was not intended for publication, but we take the liberty of culling some extracts.
He says: I am glad to be able to report that Gordon is still in the Van and doing good work. Two or three candidates initiated every evening. We had quite an exciting election of officers last Monday, resulting as follows:
Rev. W O Raymond, W P;
Bro Frost, W A;
Bro Trueman, R S;
Bro Black A R S;
Bro C Ledford, F S;
Bro Kenny, Trea;
Bro Stevenson, Chap;
Bro Wills, Con;
Bro Huestis, A Con;
Bro ———, I S;
Bro Clarence E Ferguson, O S.
On Thursday evening, July 5th, we will have a public installation. The Grand Chaplain will be the Installing Officer. The Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer will also be present, and assist in the meeting.

R. I. O. T. S.

The following officers were installed in Rossmore Loyal Orange Temperance Society, on Monday evening last:

- Wm. Rossmore, President.
- Alice Pond, Vice
- Ella Rossmore, Rec. Sec.
- Mary Bridges, A R S.
- H Hamilton, Fin. Sec.
- J Boone, Trea.
- Minnie Massie, Chap.
- Geo. Haviland, Marshal.
- Lily Fought, A M.
- Ed. Staples, I G.
- R Rossmore, O G.
- Mrs. Boone, R H S.
- Jennie Ward, L H S.

O. C.

Valley Division, No. 250.

At the regular meeting of Valley Division, No. 250, S of T, held on Tuesday evening, 26th inst, the following officers were elected:
J Cameron, W P;
E J Gibbons, W A;
R T Jackson, R S;
Miss M Cameron, A R S;
J Cameron, jr., F S;
E L Foss, T;
J Gowland, Trea;
Miss Nettie Bennick, Con;
Mrs. R T Jackson, A Con;
Miss M. Wetmore, I S;
J Fowler, O S;
T Miller, P W P.

The Public Safety is Supreme Law.

BY J. M. FOSTER.

The old Roman proverb was, 'The public safety is supreme law'. The government prohibits the carrying of concealed weapons on the ground that the public safety is endangered thereby. The erection of noisome vitriol works and powder magazines is forbidden within the city limits for the same reason. On the same principle the liquor traffic should be prohibited. Rulers are not terrors to good works but to the evil. He is the minister of God to thee for good, and a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. As the guardian of the nation's resources the state should prohibit. The liquor traffic destroys annually 40,000,000 bushels of nutritious grain, enough to make 600,000,000 four-pound loaves, 79 for every family in the United States. It costs our nation directly \$900,000,000 a year. It employs 500,000 in manufacturing and selling intoxicants, and they are withdrawn from useful occupations. It creates 600,000 drunkards, and they are withdrawn from useful occupations. These 1,100,000 men, employed at \$1.50 per day, would earn \$45,000,000 a year. This is an addition to our drink bill. Then the maintenance of the paupers and criminals created by it costs \$200,000,000. Our nation's drink bill is \$1,550,000,000 annually. The war of the Rebellion cost the North and South \$9,000,000,000. Every six years the liquor traffic costs as much. Nero fired the city of Rome and played the fiddle while the destruction went on. Our government has turned loose the liquor traffic upon this nation and then played the fiddle to the tune of \$95,000,000 revenue a year. This is betraying a public trust. God will surely visit the iniquity.

As the guardian of the lives of the people the state should prohibit. The city quarantines against contagious diseases. Drunkenness is the worst kind of a disease. The liquor traffic creates it. Quarantine against it. The state prohibits murder. The drink system murders over 60,000 of our citizens every year. Kill a man with gunpowder and you hang. Kill 60,000 with alcohol and it is a business to be licensed or taxed. This wholesale murder should be prohibited. The sea-devil is the terror of fishermen. It comes up under their boat and throws its arms over the sides and carries all down. The only remedy is to take the hatchet and chop off the arms, and this must be done instantly. The liquor traffic is the sea-devil in the waters of human society. The saloons are the arms. They are upon the ship of the state. The only remedy is to take the hatchet of the law and chop them off. As the divinely appointed agent for punishing crime the state should prohibit. The testimony of judges, from Sir Mathew Hale down, is to the effect that the liquor traffic causes from four-fifths to nine-tenths of all criminal and other offenses. The report of the Temperance Union for

1838 says; 'Intemperance cuts down youth in its strength and old age in its weakness. It break the father's heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes the natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment and blights parental hopes. It creates weakness, not strength; disease not health; death not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all paupers. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemic, invites cholera, imports pestilence and embraces consumption. It covers the land with ignorance, idleness and crimes. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels, nourishes riots. It is the blood of the gambler, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and the support of the midnight incendiary. It fills our penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the gallows. It countenances the liar, respects the thief and esteems blasphemers. It violates obligations, reverences fraud and honors infamy. It is the sum of all villainies. It is a crime to manufacture and sell intoxicants as a beverage. Lord Chesterfield, that cool-headed statesman, calls them artists in human slaughter. As the guardian of the family the state should prohibit. The Greeks fought twenty years before Troy in the interests of the family. Rome fell because she did not guard the home. The liquor traffic is coiling around the home, like the serpents of Laocoon, and crushing out the life. It must be destroyed. Mohammed returned to Mecca six years after the hegira, when he saw 360 idols posted up in the streets. Pointing to them he said; 'Truth has come, let iniquity go down.' The government should point to the 248,992 saloons in our land and say, 'Truth has come, let these abominations be put down.' The state should crush out the liquor traffic.—*The Christian Statesman.*

THE MONTREAL CONVENTION.

The Dominion Prohibition Convention, to be held at Montreal on July 3rd, 4th, and 5th, will be a gathering of remarkable interest. It will be the first national Canadian conference of delegated Prohibitionists. The great meeting at Montreal in 1875, out of which came the Dominion Alliance and Scott Act, was simply a mass convention of active Temperance workers. In the coming meeting every delegate will represent a constituency of Prohibitionists anxiously waiting the decision of their leaders and the call to arms for further conflict.

The convention has been called by the Dominion Alliance, but it will be thoroughly independent when it meets, and will organize and control itself. Every Local Temperance organization, every Lodge, Division, Council, Union, Club, Church, Society, or any such institution is invited to send a delegate for each fifty of its membership, any number not being a complete fifty to count as fifty for the purpose of representation. Every Provincial Temperance organization is invited to send its Executive Committee or an equal number of representatives. Every Provincial Branch of the Alliance is to send ten, and every County Alliance or Scott Act Association is entitled to five.

The principal Railway and Steamboat lines are acting very liberally towards the Convention. The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways and Richelieu Steamboat Company will issue return tickets to Montreal, for a single fare, to all persons applying. Tickets will be issued on this plan from Saturday, June 30th, up to Tuesday, July 3rd, and will be good for return passage up to Saturday, July 7th. The Intercolonial Railway will sell single fare tickets to Montreal, return tickets free, on presentation of a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Convention. It will be seen that all who attend the Convention (which will be open to the public), whether delegates or not, may avail themselves of these reduced fares.

The meetings of the Convention proper will be held in the Victoria Rifles Armory on Cathcart Street. On Sunday evening, July 1st, there will be held a great Gospel temperance meeting at some central point, on Monday, 2nd, there will be an excursion to Mystic, and a Prohibition picnic there; on Tuesday evening, 3rd, a monster Prohibition mass meeting will be held. All these gatherings will be addressed by the foremost moral reform workers of Canada.

Already there is being manifested everywhere a deep interest in this Convention. Its doings and sayings will be carefully studied by the Temperance party, the liquor party and the politicians. It will make history. The prohibitionists are in earnest. The policy they are advocating must speedily receive the careful attention of states-men and voters. It is being pressed into active politics with a persistence that will not be daunted. It has behind it some of the best brain-power in the land, it has been warmly endorsed by different branches of the Christian Church, and it influences the vote of an important and growing section of the electorate. The Montreal meeting will be a gathering of men conscientiously and determinedly in earnest. We trust that in its deliberations wise counsels will prevail, and that its results will be for the welfare of our country and the advancement of temperance, which every friend of humanity desires to promote.

ALCOHOL AND HUMANITY.

BY H. W. BLAIR.

The alcoholic evil of the world is a unit, and no general plan of action which does not contemplate its complete expiration is worth consideration. As each individual's first duty is to rid himself of it, and his second to aid others, so each nation should destroy the evil first in its own special jurisdiction. But alcoholism is international in its extent, and our influence and responsibility are co-existent with our race relations, and the work should go on contemporaneously everywhere. Alcohol has a special affinity for the brain, and its ravages upon the mental and moral powers are in proportion to their development.

Thus in the very nature of things alcohol is the great foe of civilized men. Europeans and Americans are its victims more than other people, because these advanced nations have more brain and nerve upon which the poison works. If savage and barbarous people possessed the power of self-control which belong to civilized men, they would reject the drink evil with comparative ease when they discovered its destructive influence. But the savage is weak to resist his appetite and passions; he yields to a temptation of far less actual power than is required to overcome the self-control resulting from that increase of moral and intellectual force which constitutes the very process of civilization. Whether the brain be the mind or only its organ—whether the material or spiritual theory of our highest nature be the correct one—all concede that the brain is the point in our organization where the connection is made between soul and body; and that, so far as our earthly existence is concerned, whatever seizes upon the brain and the nervous forces controls the human being.

Hence the civilized man, if he be addicted to the use of liquor, and makes no effort to escape from its influence, is naturally the worst drunkard of the race. I do not know that the theory is correct. It is at all events the most consoling explanation which occurs to me of the apparent fact that civilized nations are the drunken nations, and that they universally spread the evil to others.

When these stronger peoples set about their own reformation they have the inherent power to accomplish it. What they often do as individuals they can do, if they please, as nations; but the savage has no such innate reformatory forces, and so long as it is possible he gratifies his appetite until he disappears.

Thus of the three hundred thousand and natives who inhabited the Sandwich Islands when they were discovered, civilization has destroyed all but forty thousand, a deteriorated remnant which even the redemptory influence of Christianity have hardly saved. British rum has not reduced, but has actually obliterated, the Hotentot, and there is nothing left of him but his picture in the primary geography, which people now elderly studied when at school.

The relation of the more civilized races to weaker nations in the spread of the alcoholic evil is the most important aspect of the whole problem. There has never been a race of men which has not demonstrated its power to rise to a higher and happier level if it had the opportunity. The principles of the Christian religion never yet failed to convert an or-

inary man into a better one when they have had a fair chance to produce their natural effect. In thousands and millions of instances the weak have been developed into giants of moral power; the most vicious and criminal into models of loveliness and holy life. This force which we call the Christian religion has, unquestionably, power to redeem and save to the uttermost—if it be given the opportunity. Its apostles and witnesses have ennobled human nature in every kindred and tongue under the whole heaven, and the blood of martyrs has everywhere attested the sincerity of their professions, and their sublime devotion to the heavenly truth by which they were inspired. There is a force in the world which would save the world.

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