

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

When spades grow bright,
And idle swords grow dull;
Where jails are empty,
And when barns are full;
Where field-paths are
With frequent feet out-worn;
Law court-yards weedy,
Silent and forlorn;
Where doctors foot it,
And where farmers ride;
Where age abounds,
And youth is multiplied;
Where poisonous drinks
Are chased from every place;
Where tobacco's curse
No longer leaves a trace;
Where these signs are,
They clearly indicate
A happy people,
And a well-governed state.

DON'T DRINK.

Don't drink, boys, don't!
There is nothing of happiness, pleasure, or cheer
In brandy, in whiskey, in rum, ale, or beer;
If they cheer you when drunk, you are certain
To pay,
In headaches and crossness, the following day,
Don't drink, boys, don't!

Boys, let it alone!
Turn your backs on your deadliest enemy,
Drink!
An assassin disguised; not for one moment
think,
As some rashly say, that true women admire
The man who can boast that he's playing with
fire,
Boys, let it alone!

No, boys, don't drink!
If the habit's begun, stop now! stop to-day!
Ere the spirit of thirst leads you on and away
Into vice, shame, and drunkenness.
This is the goal
Where the spirit of thirst leads the slave of the
bowl.
No, boys, don't drink.

(For the JOURNAL.)

GORDON DIVISION.

The signs of the times are very encouraging towards the spread and advancement of the time-honored order of the Sons of Temperance in and around the cities of St. John and Portland. "Gordon" Division No. 175, is doing a vast amount of good since its inauguration. This Division is composed of the right kind of material—men and women who have the cause of reformation and humanity deeply at heart; many of the male members, tried and true, having been through the ordeal of the rum traffic. This division has set out with the determination to succeed in their good work. They are but three months old, and are accomplishing wonders. Three weeks ago they were the recipient of a handsome set of regalia staffs, and a large and costly bible, presented by His Worship the Mayor, P. W. P. of Albion Division of St. John, the gift of friends of the Division. The hall on that occasion was filled, and the speakers were Rev. O. G. Troop, Ezekiel McLeod, M. P. P., Robt. Wills, P. & W. P., and H. A. McKeon, W. P. of Gordon. The latter gentleman, in an elaborate address, responded to the presentation speech of His Worship, thanking him for the good words of encouragement towards the new division. Mr. McKeon gave the history, cause and formation of Gordon Division, and closed amid tremendous applause. The regalia and paraphernalia are of the best description, and votes of thanks have been tendered to the many friends for their interest in the new Division. The membership is rapidly increasing, and many visitors were present at their last Friday night meeting, and complimented them highly on the initiatory ceremony. Fraternal visits will now be the order to this new and prosperous adjunct to the Sons of Temperance. A hearty welcome will be extended to all who favor them with a visit.

There is to be another Division of the order shortly started at Indian-town, City of Portland, where there is a splendid opportunity to revive the cause in that community. Petitions for a charter are soon to be presented, and the young men and ladies of Indian town will have the pleasure of spending their evenings in good, useful, and profitable enjoyment, besides making many friends and bringing joy and happiness to many households.

Fraternal visits seem now to be appreciated among the various branches of temperance societies. The members of Sician Lodge of Good Templars paid a visit to Valley Division S. of T. a short time ago, and the latter reciprocated a few weeks since. Then Victoria Temple of Honor paid Albion Division S. of T., and Gurney Division S. of T., visits during last month. The cementing of the ties of brotherly love between the various temperance bodies is productive of much good. The Temple visits old Portland on the evening of the 17th.

Brother Pitts, your JOURNAL has met with good success here in St. John, and we trust the various branches of the order will roll up the subscription lists throughout the Dominion to thousands.

Yours, in L. P. & F.,

SEBA.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 10, 1885.

NEW DIVISIONS. OPT.

Messrs. W. J. Robinson, G. A. McWilliams, J. Clark, and W. H. Price, Representatives of the Grand Division and members of Inter-colonial Division, went to Elgin yesterday for the purpose of organizing a Division. The representatives arrived in good time. A public meeting had been arranged which was addressed by W. B. Jonah, A. B., Rev. A. E. LePage and the Moncton delegates. The meeting was largely attended and at the close the chairman, Geo. Smith, A. B., Inspector of Schools, gave a pressing invitation to all present to remain and identify themselves with the Division.

The Division was duly organized with sixty-seven (67) charter members. The following officers were elected and installed:—

W. B. Jonah, W. P.
Miss Mary Steeves, W. A.
LeBaro, Goddard, R. S.
Miss Dumble, A. R. S.
D. M. Steeves, F. S.
D. M. Kilham, Treas.
Rev. A. E. LePage, Chap.
W. J. McKenzie, Con.
James Beck, A. Con.
L. J. Beck, I. S.
J. Leeman, O. S.
W. P. Robinson, P. W. P.
Geo. Smith, D. G. W. P.

Elgin Division starts under very favorable auspices, having in its membership some of the best material of the place. Heads of families and business men have united in this temperance organization to urge war upon the liquor traffic and there is no doubt that they will succeed in driving it entirely out of the place. The delegation speaks in the highest terms of their reception.—*Transcript.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the last meeting of Fair View Lodge, No. 95, I. O. G. T., of St. Martins on August 6, the following officers were elected for the present quarter:—

Alex. Ellis, W. C. T.
Mrs. John Gambell, W. V.
M. R. Daly, W. S.
Christa Black, W. A. S.
Allan Brown, W. M.
J. Greer, W. T.
Herbert Brown, W. C.
George Brown, W. M.
Jane Black, W. D. M.
Geo. Bailey, W. I. G.
Robert Dunlap, W. O. G.
Cecilia R. Brown, W. R. H. S.
Amelia H. Daly, W. L. H. S.
John Gambell, P. W. C. T.
M. R. Daly, D.

MODERATE DRINKING.

You are quite willing to admit that intemperance is a great evil, that drunkenness is a great disgrace and that multiplied and intolerable burdens are put upon society through the medium of the liquor traffic, but you say: All this comes from excess; if people would only restrain themselves, there would be no great harm done. Why may I not drink moderately?

1. Because moderate drinking is prejudicial to health.

The old-time idea was that alcoholic liquors were necessary as well to prevent disease as to cure it. But that was before the period of investigation. Now better opinions prevail. There is no appreciable food value in drink. It does not increase, but rather diminishes, the natural temperature of the body. It hinders rather than helps digestion. It is the fruitful parent of very many of the diseases which afflict humanity, and has the effect of predisposing toward them.

The following are sample testimonies of some of the most celebrated medical men of Great Britain:

It is perfectly certain there are multitudes at this moment who are injuring their constitutions and shortening their lives by taking alcohol daily in an amount which they consider strictly moderate.—Dr. Ridge, R. C. S. B. A. B. Se London.

I should like to say that a very large number of people in society are dying day by day, poisoned by alcohol, but not supposed to be poisoned by it. It is one of the commonest things in English society that people are injured by drink, without being drunkards. There is a great deal of injury done to health by the habitual use of wines and alcohol in various shapes, even in so-called moderate quantities.—Sir William Gull, M. D., F. R. S.

In the average man the habitual use of alcoholic liquors in moderate or even small quantities is not merely unnecessary for the maintenance of bodily and mental vigor, but is unfavorable to the permanent enjoyment of health.—Dr. W. B. Carpenter, F. R. S., F. S. S.

As far as my experience goes alcohol is in no sense necessary to health. I will say more. Alcohol is in no sense necessary to work. Not only is alcohol not necessary to health, but no man or woman can ever realize that full sense of the joy of health until they live without alcohol.—Sir Andrew Clarke.

2. Because there is danger that you will soon drink immoderately.

There never was a drunkard in the world but began as you say in moderation. Each one repeated over and over the very words which you have uttered: "Why may I not drink moderately?" and yet each one found himself at last bound as a slave and driven to utter destruction.—Are you stronger than these?

Alcohol tends towards producing a physical craving in the body for itself. In this it is different from all foods. The effect produced by a certain quantity to-day can only be produced by a greater quantity to-morrow. The dose must be enlarged, and so on and on until the awful craving maddens and brutalizes. Is it well for you to tamper with so strange and fatal a poison? Is it not the wiser course to give it a wide berth? Drink weakens the will power, tends to destroy self-respect, weaves a strong subtle chain of appetite about you, and brings with it a thousand associations, which tend neither to purify nor strengthen. It is far braver as well as safer to make no alliance with the deceitful thing.

ALCOHOL, MUSCLE AND BRAIN.

We put a drop of alcohol into a man's eye. It poisons it. We try it upon the lining of a living stomach. Again it poisons it. We study, after death, the stomachs of drinking men, and find alcohol produces in regular stages redness, intense congestion, morbid secretions, deeper hurt, destruction of parts, utter ruin. We study its influence upon the health and strength of sailors and soldiers, and find it helps to freeze them in the Arctic regions and exhaust them in the tropics. We watch two regiments on a long march in India, one with and the other without grog, and are driven to the conclusion that even moderate quantities of alcohol weaken the muscles and break the endurance. We visit the training grounds of oarsmen, pedestrians and prize fighters, and learn everywhere the same lesson—alcohol is a poison to muscle and brain.—*Dio Lewis.*

THE MAN OF THE HOUSE.

The boy marched straight up to the counter.

"Well, my little man," said the merchant complacently—he had just risen from such a good dinner, "what will you have to-day?"

"Oh, please, sir, mayn't I do some work for you?"

It might have been the pleasant blue eyes that did it; for the man was not accustomed to parley with such small gentlemen, and Tommy wasn't seven yet, and was small of his age at that. There were a few wisps of hair along the edges of the merchant's temples; and looking down on the appealing face, the man pulled at them. When he had done this he gave the end of his cravat a brush, and then his hands travelled down to his vest-pocket.

"Do some work for me, eh? Well, now, about what sort of work might you be able to perform? Why, you can't look over the counter?"

"Oh, yes, I can; and I'm growing, please, growing fast—there, see if I can't look over the counter?"

"Yes, by standing on your toes: are they copped?"

"What, sir?"

"Why, your toes. Your mother could not keep you in shoes, if they were not."

"She can't keep me in shoes anyhow, sir." And the voice hesitated.

The man took pains to look over the counter. It was too much for him; he couldn't see the little toes. Then he went all the way around.

"I thought I should need a microscope," he said, very gravely; "but I reckon, if I get close enough, I can see what you look like."

"I'm older than I'm big, sir," was the next rejoinder. "Folks say I am very small of my age."

"What might your age be, sir?" responded the man, with emphasis.

"I am almost seven," said Tommy, with a look calculated to impress even six feet nine.

"You see, my mother hasn't anyone but me; and this morning I saw her crying because she couldn't find five cents in her pocket-book, and she thinks the boy who took the ashes stole it and—we—have—not—had—any—breakfast, sir." The voice again hesitated, and tears came to the blue eyes.

"I reckon I can help you to a breakfast, my little fellow," said the man, feeling in his vest-pocket. "There, will that quarter do?"

The boy shook his head.

"Mother wouldn't let me beg, sir," was the simple answer.

"Humph! Where is your father?"

"We never heard of him, sir, after he went away. He was lost, sir, in the steamer 'City of Boston.'"

"Ah! that's bad. But you are a plucky little fellow, anyhow. Let me see." And he peckered up his mouth and looked straight down into the boy's eyes, which were looking straight into his. "Saunders," addressing a clerk, who was rolling up and writing on parcels, "is Cash No. 4 still sick?"

"Dead, sir; died last night," was the low reply.

"Ah, I am sorry to hear that. Well, here's a youngster that can take his place."

Mr. Saunders looked up slowly, then he put his pen behind his ear, then his glance travelled curiously from Tommy to Mr. Towlers.

"Oh, I understand," said the latter. "Yes, he is small, very small indeed; but I like his pluck. What did No. 4 get?"

"Three dollars, sir," said the still astonished clerk.

"Put this boy down four. There, youngster give him your name, and run home and tell your mother you have got a place at four dollars a week. Come back on Monday and I'll tell you what to do. Here's a dollar in advance; I'll take it out of your first week. Can you remember?"

"Work, sir—work all the time?"

"As long as you deserve it, my man."

Tommy shot out of that shop. If ever broken stairs that had a twist through the whole flight creaked and trembled under the weight of a small boy, or perhaps, as might be better stated, laughed and chuckled on account of a small boy's good luck, those in that tenement-house enjoyed themselves thoroughly that morning.

"I've got it, mother! I'm took. I'm a cash boy! Don't you know when they take parcels, the clerks call? 'Cash?' Well, I'm that. Four dollars a week! And the man said I had real pluck—courage, you know. And here's a dollar for breakfast; and don't ever cry again, for I'm the man of the house now."

The house was only a little ten-by-fifteen room, but how those blue eyes did magnify it! At first the mother looked confounded. Then she looked—well, it passes my power to tell how she did look, as she took him in her arms and hugged him, and kissed him, the tears streaming down her cheeks. But they were tears of thankfulness.—*English Journal.*

Rules of Life for Boys and Girls, Young and Old.

1. Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day. This will give you time for everything.
 2. Never trouble others for what you can do yourself. A good way to promote independence.
 3. Never spend your money before you have it. This will keep you from many troubles and inconveniences.
 4. Never buy what you do not really need, simply because it is cheap. Many have been ruined by this. Nothing is cheap if you do not need it.
 5. Never be tempted to eat too much. Temperance in all things is health.
 6. Nothing is irksome that we do of our free will. If you will make labor easy, love it.
 7. How much pain have those evils cost you which never happen? Wait until they come. Do not try to cross the bridge before you come to it.
 8. Take things always by their smooth handle. Make the most of merits and do not magnify troubles.
 9. When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred before you speak. He that will always do this will spare himself many sorrows.
- If we could induce all our young readers to follow the rules laid down above, how happy and useful they would be! May we not succeed in getting some to try it? It is worth an experiment.

TEMPERANCE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.—We do not deem mere knowledge an absolute corrective of vicious propensities, but it certainly tends to modify them. There is great ignorance and much erroneous and harmful opinion, regarding the value of alcohol in its many forms as a beverage, and a course of public instruction, clearly and emphatically setting forth the facts in the case, ought to exert a good influence. An intelligent public opinion is the best safeguard against excess of any kind.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

W. C. T. U.

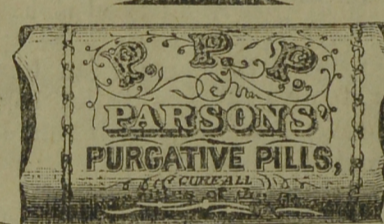
A Convention of the Maritime Union will be held at Sackville, commencing Wednesday, September 2nd. The delegates elected from Fredericton Union are, Mrs. R. H. Phillips, Miss Ella Thorne, Mrs. L. W. Johnston, Mrs. J. J. Sampson.

Name, Location, Night of Meeting, and Name of Deputy of the Subordinate Divisions of New Brunswick.

DIVISION.	No.	LOCATION	MEETING.	DEPUTY.
Howard	1	St. Stephen	Friday	Sedgefield Webber
Wilberforce	3	Milltown, St. Stephen	Monday	Harrison McAllister
Gurney	5	Market Building, St. John	Thursday	Robert Wills
Portland	7	Orange Hall, Portland	Monday	A. Y. Paterson
Albion	14	Market Building, St. John	Wednesday	David Thompson
Queens	21	Gagetown	Saturday	Henry J. DeVeber
Northumberland	37	Chatham	Friday	George Stohart
Albert	39	Hillsboro, Albert Co.	Wednesday	John J. Steeves
Sackville	40	Sackville, West. Co.	Tuesday	J. C. Harper
Richibucto	42	Richibucto, Kent Co.	Friday	Allen Haines
Kingston	44	Kingston, Kent Co.	Tuesday	B. S. Bailey
Newcastle	45	Newcastle	Thursday	Daniel McGuarr
Westmorland	50	Point de Bute, West. Co.	Thursday	J. Amos Trueman
Goldon Rule	51	Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.	Tuesday	L. R. Moore
Safeguard	58	Pennfield, Charlotte Co.	Saturday	W. N. Bucknam
Johnston	62	Cambridge, Queen's Co.	Saturday	George S. Wilson
Dalhousie	64	Dalhousie	Wednesday	George Haddow
Baie Verte	65	Baie Verte	Wednesday	Robert Goewin
Dover	70	Dover, Westmorland Co.		Wm Steeves
Granite Rock	77	Carleton, St. John	Tuesday	Henry Finch
Nelson	99	Derby, North. Co.	Monday	John Betts
Caledonia	126	Douglstown, North. Co.	Wednesday	James Henderson
Collina	129	Collina Corner, Kings Co.	Tuesday	Jacob J. Keirstead
Oxford	134	Upper Gagetown, Q. Co.	Tuesday	James E. Coy
St. Martins	164	St. Martins, St. John Co.	Tuesday	Jas. B. Hodsmyth
Moncton	183	Moncton	Monday	Edward McCarthy
Crystal Stream	191	Salisbury, West. Co.	Saturday	Wm McNaughton
Lime Rock	207	South Bay, St. John Co.	Monday	Wm. Roxborough
Everett	238	Milford, St. John Co.	Wednesday	John Waring
Intercolonial	243	Moncton	Thursday	Albert McWilliams
Victoria	245	Victoria Mills, West. Co.		James Main
Baillie	248	Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.		John W. Mann
Harcourt	249	Weldford, Kent Co.		Henry Water
Valley	250	Portland	Tuesday	Josiah Fowler
Havelock	251	Butternut Ridge, King's Co.		Ezra Keith
Petitcodiac	252	Petitcodiac, West. Co.		David Jonah
Sunnyside	253	Lewis Mountain, West. Co.		Robt Lewis
Mose Rose	254	Deer Island, Char. Co.		A. T. Lloyd
Britannia	255	Millstream, Kings Co.		C W Weyman
Spreading Oak	256	Little Ridge, Char. Co.		Alex. F. Matheson
Lansdowne	257	Fredericton	Thursday	Herman H. Pitts
Union	258	Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.		D. W. Grierson
Charlo	259	River Charlo, Rest Co.		John H Galbraith
Mountain Rose	260	Steeves' Mountain, West. Co.		Richard Lutz, Sr.
Lawrenceville	261	Lawrence Station, Char. Co.		F. S. Richardson
Spring	262	Hampton, King's Co.		George Barnes
Mayflower	263	Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.		Wesley Moulton
Iona	264	Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.		A. S. McKenzie
Oak	265	Oak Hill, Char. Co.		Dr J G Atkinson
Wills	266	Tower Hill, Char. Co.		Stephen S. Smith
Rockland	267	Graves' Settlement, West Co.		George Johnston
Star Branch	268	McAdam Junction, York Co.		E. W. Shnerell
Stewart	269	2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.		Ammon Brownwood
Red Granite	270	St. George, Char. Co.		Thomas McGowan
Cardwell	271	Penobscuis, King's Co.		James W. Floyd
Milltown	272	St Nicholas River, Kent Co.		James Murray
Hampton	273	Hampton Village, Kings Co.		Guilford Flewelling
Leading Star	274	Bloomfield, Kings Co.		O A Wetmore
Gordon	275	St John		H P Sandall
Twilight	276	Eagle Settlement West'd Co.		G A Taylor
Middleton	277	Salisbury, Westmorland Co.		Jas B Henry
Rising Sun	278	Heathland, Charlotte Co.		Levi Hall
Star of Hope	279	Goshen Corner, Albert Co.		David W Goodall
Rosefield	280	St Mary's, Kent Co.		Warren Vincent

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Briggs: "You just go to the saloon around the corner and ask for whiskey."—Puck.

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