

SEBA RAMBLINGS

ST. JOHN NEWS.

Victory has again crowned the progressive army of temperance, and the enemy have again been defeated! They have been completely routed. The anti-Scott scouters, agents, and friends of the rum party have been vanquished. Why shouldn't they? We had the hosts of praying mothers praying fathers and sisters—and, best of all, we had the hosts of Heaven marshalling our forces on to victory by their hallelujah choruses. Thank God for the victory, to him be all the praise.

'Thirteen,' who says it is an unlucky number? Why by the enemy's count, on the eve before the battle—I am reliably informed—they had a majority of 43 in the contest in your city on 'Thanksgiving Day.' In St. John, the enemy of the Canada Temperance Act, were not idle; they offered odds on the election that their majority would be in the vicinity of 50, they offered money (from \$5.00 to 10.00) for every non-resident voter here, and, in some cases, the bait took. The interest and anxiety felt by the advocates of the Scott Act here was very noticeable, but we were sanguine of success. We watched the rum-sellers going from place to place offering money (the hard earnings of the poor working man) to the non-residents who would go to Fredericton and cast their vote for the repeal of the Scott Act. Do those enemies of all that is good and great in humanity think that the people are not awake to their best interests. If they think that the bribery and corruption practised by them in their allurement would have the effect of repealing a law which has been in force in the Capital of the province they do not know the Party of Reform. Do the Anti's of Fredericton think the people are not aware of the misery caused by the obnoxious sale by law of that

"Which changes men to brutes,
Make women bow their heads,
Fills homes with anguish, want, dispute,
And take from children bread."

If they think they can accomplish any good results by repealing the Scott Act, they are mistaken. Fredericton has done nobly. You have shown your sister city by the sea that though the majority gained in the contest on Thanksgiving Day has been small, St. John will take warning and, in January next make their majority 'Thirteen Hundred!'

The interest taken here by the friends of the Scott Act on the 12th was very marked. Groups of good temperance men could be seen, when the news of the result of the contest had arrived, congratulating each other on the victory achieved. Although powerless to do anything practically to assist the friends at the Celestial City, still our prayers went up to the Great White Throne for your success in the election, and the prayers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, alike were heard. The victory achieved is one of many that is sure to follow.

The temperance work is growing and gaining strength; the number of new Division, S. of T., and the unprecedentedly large number of lodges of the I. O. G. Templars that are springing into existence, are indications of remarkable progress towards Prohibition. We hope the time is not far distant when we will be able to unfurl the banner of Prohibition to the people of the Dominion, and place our Prohibitory candidates in the legislative councils of the country. Let us be alive to this important undertaking.

The fraternal visit of Gordon Division, S. of T., to Victoria Temple of Honor, on the 10th was a grand affair. This was the first visit that Gordon has made and the members received a right royal welcome from the members of Victoria Temple. The programme was as follows: Speeches by Messrs. W. C. Smith, J. W. Smith, G. T. Whiteneck, John Beamish, John Hammond, W. M. McLean; readings by Miss Annie Miller, Mr. W. C. Simpson, J. J. Gillis, Duncan Smith, Geo. Foster, G. D. Martin, Miss N. Dyer; songs by Walter Brown, John Law, E. T. Dyer; recitation by Mrs. Geo. D. Martin. Retiring speeches were made by the presiding officers of each

order, and the meeting closed with cheers and counter cheers for each.

Mariners and Mechanics Division, No. 38 S. of T., was reorganized on the 12th in the Carmarthen street Methodist school room. A very large number of persons were present. Mariners and Mechanics Division has not been in working order for the past five years, and previous to that time they performed much good work for the temperance cause. The following officers of the grand division took part in the ceremony: C. A. Everett, M. P., M. W. A.; D. Thompson, G. Scribe; W. H. Price, G. Sentinel, assisted by Rev. A. D. McCully, J. D. Turner, A. W. Patterson, Thos. E. Dyer, E. T. Nichol, L. P. Crear, A. Wills, and Jno. Law, Sr. A large number of persons became members during the evening. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing quarter:—

J. W. Harrington, W. P.;
E. N. S. Stewart, W. A.;
R. Wills, R. S.;
R. Taylor, A. R. S.;
John Littler, F. S.;
Percy Evans, Treas.;
John McCabe, Chap.;
John Duff, Con.;
Richard Evans, A. C.;
Geo. Kearns, I. S.;
D. Rollston, O. S.;
Robt. Wills, D. G. W. P.;
Samuel Wills presided at the organ. The night of the meeting will be, until further notice, Thursdays at 7.30.

Victoria Temple of H. and T., were in session Thanksgiving Day in their rooms, Market Building, conferring degrees on visiting members from Moncton, etc.,

Valley Division, Temperance hall has been of late undergoing extensive repairs. The walls and woodwork have been painted and a new stage and curtain put up. A large portion of the work was the gift of friends of the division.

Morning Star Lodge, I. O. G. T., at Upham, installed officers as follows at its last meeting:

Francis Tabor, W. C.;
Miss Mary Fowler, W. V.;
Geo. Tabor, C.;
A. H. Upham, R. S.;
Miss Vail, A. R. S.;
Henry Upham, F. S.;
Mrs. C. N. Gay, T.;
Allen Green, M.;
Miss Etta Titus, D. M.;
Mrs. F. Tabor, R. H. S.;
Miss Phebe Fowler, L. H. S.;
Richard Sherwood, I. G.;
C. N. Fowler, O. G.;
Allen Tabor, P. W. C.;
H. G. Fowler, lodge deputy.

On Wednesday evening, 11th inst. John Mehan, P. G. W. C. T., assisted by Calvin Powers, John Beamish and John Bond, installed the following officers for Golden Grove Lodge, No. 135:

John Churchill, W. C. T.;
Addie Churchill, W. V. T.;
John Young, W. Sec.;
Katie Irvine, W. A. S.;
Alex. Willis, F. Sec.;
John Irvin, Treas.;
Wm. Adams, W. M.;
Annie Scott, D. M.;
Lizzie Adams, I. G.;
Albert Adams, O. G.;
Nellie Adams, R. H. S.;
Emily Adams, L. H. S.;
Jessie Adams, P. W. C. T.;

Although organized within the past few months, this lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

On Sunday afternoon last, Dr. Silas Alward delivered an excellent address on temperance, in the W. C. T. U., Hall, Portland, under the auspices of the I. O. G. Templars. Mr. John Mehan occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Stewart, of the Baptist church, offered up a very powerful prayer coupling with it the grand victory won by the people of Fredericton. An efficient choir rendered music appropriate to the occasion.

These Gospel temperance meetings are productive of much good, and the W. C. T. Union of Portland, are always to the front in placing their beautiful hall at the disposal of any and all good temperance work. The members of the Union are of the first families of the 'new city,' and a more ardent, devout, praying, enthusiastic society of Christian ladies is not to be found in the Dominion of Canada. The citizens of Portland are not unmindful of this fact, for they are constantly relieving the wants and sufferings of the poor.

We say in our hearts, God speed the W. C. T. Union all over the land. More anon on this subject.

TEMPERANCE FROM A MEDICAL POINT OF VIEW.

BY J. G. ATKINSON, M. D.

In our last we pointed out the way in which the immoderate use of alcoholic drink produces incurable disease of the liver; we shall now show, that its effects are as equally destructive upon other organs.

Affections of the kidney.—The kidney is a small organ having an irregular cavity in its centre, which is lined with a delicate mucous membrane. It is composed of numerous little bodies, crooked and straight tubes, fine connective tissue, blood-vessels and nerves. The small bodies consist of a complex arrangement of minute blood-vessels, surrounded by a thin membrane, the inner surface of which is lined with organic cells. The function of these bodies is to separate the water from the blood passing through them. The crooked tubes arise from the bodies, and, in their course, unite to form the larger straight ones, which continue their course through the organ to open into the central cavity, or outlet; the tubes are, also, lined with cells. The office of these tube cells is to secrete and separate the effete matter from the blood passing through the kidney, and convey it out of the body. The connective tissue holds together and separates from each other the structures above described. The organ is plentifully supplied with blood from a branch of the great artery. After the blood is cleansed of its effete matter, it is taken up by the veins and carried to the heart. From the above, we understand that the kidney is a busy little organ, which is constantly purifying our blood; therefore, we ought to be careful what we eat and drink, lest we impose too much work upon it, and thereby destroy its functional powers.

The affections of the kidney caused by the intemperate use of ardent spirits are diabetes, inflammation, and the different forms of Bright's disease.

Diabetes is a disease characterized by an unnatural secretion and excretion of sugar. It has been found by experiment, that when alcohol is introduced into the portal vein, symptoms of diabetes at once appear. Here, is a key which unlocks a mystery: Alcohol enters the stomach is taken up by the veins of the digestive organs which unite to form the portal vein, and is distributed through the liver; its presence stimulates the organ to the over production of sugar. The alcohol and sugar are then taken up by the liver veins and conveyed into the great vein which carries them into the right side of the heart; this organ propels them through the lungs, where portions of them are given off in respiration, known by the fetor of the drunkard's breath; the remainder of the alcohol and sugar is carried into the left side of the heart, which propels them throughout the body. The kidneys apprehend these evil intruders in the blood, and, by much overwork, expel them from the body. Being ignorant of the disastrous effect of alcohol on his system, the victim of intemperance continues to imbibe the poison until the disease is permanently established.

The enormous discharge of fluid and solid matter from the kidneys provoke intense thirst and hunger, which must be appeased by water, alcohol and food; these distend the stomach producing indigestion; the functions of assimilation and secretion become enfeebled, and all the functions of the economy are drawn into a fatal vortex. Dryness of the skin caused by excessive action of the kidneys, and emaciation and debility from the constant drain upon the system take place. The deprivation of the blood leads to consumption and Bright's disease in all their ghastly forms. At length the overhardened kidneys lose their powers of secretion effete matters accumulate in the blood; and, if death has not occurred from a former complication, the brain eventually becomes paralyzed or oppressed by the poisoned blood, and death ends the scene.

The abuse of ardent spirits produces both acute and chronic inflammation of the kidneys. The acute form is caused by the irritative action of the alcohol upon the kidney structure; an increased amount of blood collects in the organ resulting in congestion, which is soon followed

by inflammation. The disease may be so severe, that a rapid and total suppression of the functions of the kidneys occurs resulting in delirium, coma, convulsions and death. For instance, we once knew a famous surgeon whose cunning hand had often guided the swift scalpel through living structures saving many valuable lives, but he was addicted to the monster, drink; and, while returning from a medical congress, he was seized with this disease, of which he died, and was buried in mid-Atlantic. Here, the student lost a great teacher; the profession, a bold and successful operator; and, suffering humanity, a skilful physician—a victim slain by intemperance in the prime of middle life.

The disease may go on to abscess and terminate life by either poisoning the blood or exhausting the vital powers; or it may lapse into the chronic form which often leads to Bright's disease.

The chronic form is caused by the moderate use of alcohol, when it arises as an original disease. It begins as a catarrh of the crooked and straight tubes, and ends in one of the forms of Bright's disease to be described.

Bright's disease, both in the acute and chronic forms, is very frequently the result of intemperance.

The acute form is caused by the irritative action of the alcohol on the organic cells lining the crooked and straight tubes. This produces a rapid production and separation of the cells, and also an exudation of fibrin, which forms a false lining to the tubes. The collection of cells and fibrin distends the tubes causing them to compress the minute blood-vessels around them; this results in congestion of the little bodies, which now throw out serum and blood, but less water than in health. The serum and blood wash down the contents of the tubes, and together with these pass out of the body. The functions of the bodies are now partly destroyed; therefore, secretion is diminished, effete matter, are retained in the blood; and an avenue is opened up for the escape of albumen and blood, which should be retained for the nourishment of the body. The acute form may lapse into the chronic.

Chronic Bright's disease is caused by the abuse of alcohol in a variety of ways according to the form of the disease present. The varieties of the disease here noted are desquamative, fatty, waxy, and fibroid kidney.

The desquamative disease is caused by the abuse of alcohol, which gives rise to a diseased process resulting in a gradual destruction of the cells and lining of the kidney tubes. The organ shrinks from the loss of the proper secreting tissue, as well as all the adjacent tissues. Blood and exudates escape through the denuded walls of the tubes until the victims life is drained from him.

At the close of life, the kidney is often diminished to one-sixth of its natural size. This disease is a frequent "result of intemperance."

Fatty kidney is also produced by the abuse of ardent spirits, which cause a deposit of effete matter to close up minute blood-vessels, cutting off the supply of blood from the cells, which consequently undergo fatty degeneration. Old globules form in the cells distending and detaching them from the walls of the tubes, which become so dilated as to burst and allow the fatty cells to escape into the neighboring tissues. A length proper secretion is diminished; pressure on the blood-vessels cause the little bodies to wither; the tubes are deprived of their cells, and the process continues until the kidney is completely wasted in fatty degeneration.

Waxy degeneration results from a chemical action upon normal tissue, which has been deprived of vital nutrition. Then, after the alcohol has caused a deposit of effete matter in the small blood-vessels cutting off the supply of blood from the structures, these may undergo waxy, instead of fatty degeneration.

Fibroid degeneration is only another result of preceding Bright's disease, in which the natural tissues of the organ are transformed into a solid, white, tough substance.

Bright's disease has always a tendency toward a fatal result in all its forms. It gives rise to many associate disorders, such as heart disease, dropsy, dyspepsia, liver disease, brain disease, and inflammation of

various parts of the body. The disease is twice more common in males than in females, which, considering the drinking customs of society, is not much of a compliment to manhood.

Intemperance is the curse of our race; it is draining the life blood of the nations, secretly planting seeds of disease in the present generation, and transmitting the same to posterity.

NEW YORK TO THE FRONT.—Mrs. Wm. Wise, of New York city writes: "I used Minard's Liniment for malarial fever and chronic rheumatism and was cured. Send me 2 doz. bottles by express at once as my friends suffering from same trouble want it."

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Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers, Night of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

St. Stephen; Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber; Milltown; St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday; H. McAllister.
Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; R. Wills.
Orange Hall, Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. W. Paterson.
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; D. Thompson.
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stothart.
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Thursday; Robt. Wills.
Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; J. J. Steeves.
Sackville, West Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haine.
Kingston, Kent Co.; Kingston, 44; Tuesday; B. S. Bailey.
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; D. McGruar.
Point de Bute, West Co.; Westmorland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman.
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.
Pennfield, Charlotte Co.; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; W. N. Bucknam.
Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.
Dover, West Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; W. Steeves.
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; Henry Finch.
Derby, North Co.; Nelson, 99; Monday; J. Betts.
Douglas-town, North Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.
Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead.
Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; James E. Coy.
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. Teed.
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; J. B. Hodsmayth.
Moncton; Moncton, 183; Monday; E. McCarthy.
Salisbury, West Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Saturday; Wm. McNaughton.
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough.
Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday; John Waring.
Moncton; Intercolonial, 243; Friday; Albert McWilliams.
Victoria Mills, West Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; J. Main.
Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; J. W. Mann.
Weldford, Kent Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wather.
Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.
Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith.
Petitcodiac, West Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. Jonah.
Lewis Mountain, West Co.; Sunnyside, 253; Saturday; R. Lewis.
Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose, 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd.
Millstream, Kings Co.; Britannia, 255; Friday; C. W. Weyman.
Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson.
Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Fitts.
Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.; Union, 258; D. W. Grierson.
River Charlo, Rest. Co.; Charlo, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith.
Steeves' Mountain, West Co.; Mountain Rose, 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr.
Lawrence Station, Char. Co.; Lawrenceville, 261; Saturday; F. S. Richardson.
Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes.
Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton.
Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; A. S. McKenzie.
Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Friday; Dr. J. G. Atkinson.
Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith.
Graves' Settlement, West Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston.
McAdam Junction, York Co.; Star Branch, 268; E. W. Brownell.
2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. Sherwood.
St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan.
Penobscus, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Thursday; J. W. Floyd.
St. Nicholas River, Kent Co.; Milltown, 272; Friday; J. Murray.
Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; G. Flewelling.
Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore.
Good-Templer Hall, St. John; Gordon, 275; Friday; H. P. Sandall.
Eagle Settlement West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Wednesday; G. A. Taylor.
Salisbury, Westmoreland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; J. B. Henry.
Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; L. Hall.
Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Thursday; D. W. Goodall.
St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent.
Elgin, Albert Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; G. Smith, A. B.
Springfield, King's Co.; Springfield, 282; Friday; G. M. Wetmore.
Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake, 283; H. E. White.
Clifton, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division, 284; Wednesday; N. R. Ritchie.
Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; Chas. J. Harris.
Port Elgin, West Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Friday; W. M. Spence.
Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 278; Saturday; H. W. Falkins.