

DIVISION AND LODGE MEETINGS.

A SHORT TALK WITH OUR LODGE MEMBERS.

Do not neglect your Division or Lodge meetings if you are a member of a temperance Order. You have a duty in this connection which is imperative upon you. The temperance cause wants men, wants women who will do their whole duty. The member who is assiduous in his attendance at the meetings, who is prompt and attentive to the business on hand, who will not shirk taking an office if required, and who will look after the "little things" of the Lodge, is the one who is doing his whole duty. There are often many things which come up to keep members from attending their temperance lodges, but all other engagements should be made subservient to this, and one or two nights out of the week at least, should be given to the Heaven-inspired cause of temperance. Different localities have their different troubles to contend with. Here we have a Division where the young people take the initiative in all the resolutions, etc., and where the old people are inclined to feel "huffed" because they are not receiving the amount of deference their age should demand. Again, we have Divisions where the young people take back seats, chat with the lady members, and the older members have to attend to all the routine business. In the first case the older members insinuate that the young folks are trying to "run" things, etc., and they make this an excuse to remain away. In the other case the young members say the "old foggies" are running the division into a "Gospel mill," or make remarks quite as irreverent, and conduct themselves in not any too brotherly a way in many instances. Now it is utterly impossible for any Lodge or Division to be a benefit to any community—to do the good it should—unless there be a number of "old heads" in connection with it. And yet while there may be a tendency on the part of the young members often to usurp the functions of the older members, there should always be a forbearance on the part of the latter. They should remember that youth is enthusiastic, and that while their age brings experience necessary to the successful carrying on of the institution, yet they can often use the enthusiasm of the younger members to great advantage. Old members give tone, standing, prestige. Youth gives life, vigor, action and progression. In our grand work for prohibition we must all "give and take," so to speak. This is a work which only can be successfully attained by increasing, untiring, prayerful, self-sacrificing, personal labor. As a member of a division or lodge, has your absence from its meetings been conspicuous, constant? Do you excuse yourself by saying that you "do not have time to attend," or that "you are so rushed just now," but that you sympathize with the temperance movement? etc. Now, candidly, are you doing your whole duty? Do you pay up your annual dues, so that the organization may have funds to carry on its work? Think the matter over. Arouse yourself from your present apathy, and take hold of the temperance organization you are a member of, and work. At no time in the history of the movement were workers more needed. Come forward and work with us in wiping out the fell destroyer—the demon "Alcohol."

Have the Lodge clean and tidy, with everything in its place. Keep the regalia clean and have a good stock of degree regalia, so that the members may always be properly clothed. Let the W C T be an energetic young man, who can spare the time, and has the interest of the Order at heart.

Do not be ten minutes late in opening. It will hurt the attendance. In this age people don't like to wait.

Do not waste precious and valuable time over discussions on unimportant subjects. It is very tiresome to some brothers, and more especially to the sisters, to listen to a man talk just to hear himself, with nothing to say.

The ancients used to think the owl was the wisest of birds, until it opened its mouth, when their opinion was changed. This is true with some of the members. It would be very much to their credit if they were born dumb, or else kept quiet. The mouth will betray you, therefore guard it well.

The way some of our officers stumble through the impressive and beautiful parts of our ritual is a shame upon them, and a disgrace for our noble Order. The inspiring sentiments contained in our books are worthy of some attention and study. The offices of W C T., and W C should be filled only by those who are thoroughly qualified both as regards degrees and education. The initiation ceremony, so rich in language and true wisdom, should be well committed to memory by the officers for each term, and not hurried over in a slipshod manner. The words and sentiments are meant to be impressive, and the candidate is entering upon a life-long pledge, therefore, it is necessary to impress upon their mind, the important step they are taking.

The W V T office should be filled by a sister who has proven herself capable of keeping the Lodge in order. The gavel should be respected, and the Worthy Vice has a right to assist in the governing of the Lodge. Don't neglect this important office, as it gives our sisters a splendid opportunity of showing their real worth, and interest for our cause.

Members in entering the Lodge should take care not to disturb anyone who has the floor. Sit quietly by the door until the brother or sister resumes their seat, and then come forward and salute.

Not half the members of the Lodge sing the odes they are holding before their faces. They are either giggling, talking or looking about. This should not be. Let the W. C. T. call the attention of the members to the matter of singing. Music has won many victories.

After the initiation of a candidate, be sure you greet them with kindness and cordiality, welcoming them in a hearty manner. Many a new member has been lost by too much reserve in this matter.

Do not forget that the Lodge is a home, a family circle. Within its doors are gathered brothers and sisters. Show by your actions that this is a reality, and let the fraternal bonds that unite us, be strengthened by the golden cords of love.

Class, creed or color distinctions, find no place amongst us; all on one broad platform of equality, let us make the memory of the Lodge room hallowed, and sanctify with a blessed influence the remainder of the week, and every member will look forward to the anticipated pleasure of our next meeting.

Do not let your acquaintance with your members cease immediately the Lodge is adjourned. Recognize them wherever or whenever you meet, and be ever ready and willing to give such aid or counsel as you may feel they need. Our field is the world, and we must be true Good Templars out of the Lodge room as well as in it.

Attend your own Lodge regularly, and if you can play, sing, recite or give a reading, do not leave it to somebody else. Remember, however, that the influence of the Lodge room should be sacred, and what you would not sing in your own house, think twice before you introduce it to the Lodge members. Music has won victories, but many comic songs sung in our Lodges, are calculated to bring us sure defeat; such songs are only heard sung in pot-houses.

Spelling Bees, Medley Pies, Pound Nights, Question Box, Coffee Sup-

pers, Fruit Banquets, Surprise Nights, Original and Selected Readings, etc., all have their mission, and a power of good can be accomplished by these ends. Do not fail, however, to recognize our chief aim, and while we amuse, entertain and instruct each other, let us do all that lies within our scope to lift the fallen, help the falling, cheer the faint-hearted, and rescue from further degradation and sin, the many young lives that may come under our influence.

Our field is the world, and our work lies before us. To each is appointed a message to bear; At home or abroad, in the Lodge room or palace, Wherever directed, our mission is there.

Our fair land is cursed by the results of the liquor traffic. We are banded together to drive Intemperance from the land, let us, therefore, not be weary in well doing, but with energy and enthusiasm labor on, and proclaim abroad the blessings of total abstinence. In the suggestive lines of our ritual: 'We are here to work let us do so, and thus advance our common cause and honor God.'—Geo. Edgar Frye, in Good Templar.

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John P. St. John:—Under the regime of old parties the liquor traffic has been "fostered and protected" until it has become a mighty power as to rule them both.

The saloons nearly equal in number the churches and school houses, while the bar-tenders probably outnumber the preachers and teachers. And so far as the matter of protection is concerned the school house, church and saloon are all upon an equality before the law. The traffic costs the people enough every year to pay off the national debt. It robs the school house, the church and the home. It sends nearly one hundred thousand souls to perdition annually. It corrupts the politics of the country and makes moral cowards out of otherwise good men. When we sent our prayers to the old party conventions asking for protection to humanity, we were answered by a bid for the liquor vote and a promise for protection to wool.

When we availed ourselves of that right of independent political action guaranteed to every citizen by the constitution and laws of our country we were branded as corruptionists, traitorous cranks and fanatics. Our lives were threatened. Ministers of the gospel of Christ were boycotted. Christian women egged, and citizens lung in effigy, all for opinions sake. It is no excuse to say that these outrages were the work of the rabble, for they have not yet been condemned by the representative men and press of the political party that encouraged them.

We live in a free country, and thank God we are free men, and every attempt to interfere in any manner or by any means, with the right of any qualified voter to cast his ballot according to the dictates of his own conscience, come from whatsoever quarter it may, should send the guilty man to prison and forever defeat the guilty party that tolerates it.

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By order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 9th December, 1885: } 12 19 5w

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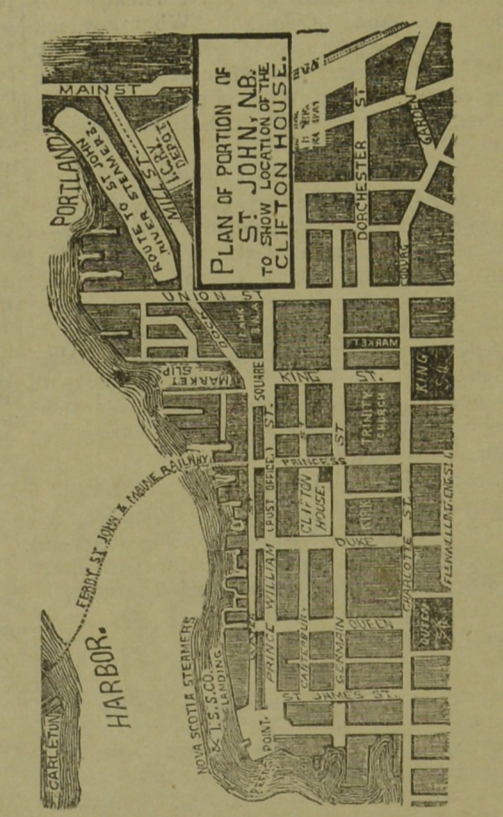
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