

Communications.

St. Martin's Division.

MR. EDITOR.—It is some time since I have written you of St. Martin's Division; the lack of subject matters being my only excuse; but, if this Division continues to manifest as much life, and as great a spirit of progress, as was apparent last Tuesday evening; they surely will have no excuse at all in the future. Last session there were four initiated, which, with a well arranged programme consisting of music and speeches, went to make it one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in St. Martin's Division. We now have a lady W. P. and a very efficient corps of officers, who never neglect an opportunity to advance the interests of their Division, in any and every particular.

A grand public temperance meeting is arranged for Sept. 1st. and those who have the management of the affair, shall spare no efforts to make it a thorough success.

I hope Sir, from the foregoing that St. Martin's Division has received a boom, the good effects of which will be felt for a long time to come.

Thanking you for so much space in your valuable JOURNAL,

I remain,

Fraternally Yours,
O. C.

Collina Division.

MR. EDITOR.—Collina Division is still holding its own amid the many changes which time in its speedy flight brings to us. Our meetings, considering the busy season, are well attended while a spirit of unanimity is present with us; and our last three meetings especially have been interesting. At the first of these meetings Bro. William Sharp, one of the pillars of Temperance in this community, was with us. We are always glad to see him enter our hall, as his counsel is always beneficial and interesting to old and young. We hope his visits will be quite frequent in the future.

Next it is only justice to the cause, that special mention be made of our Worthy Patriarch, Br. Harvey Keirstead. Through his wise generalship and punctuality we are opening on time, a new but important movement for this season of the year, and maintaining good order, which last may be counted as an indispensable principle to the prosperity of society. Br. Keirstead is the right man in the right place; without a doubt; and how important it is that each of us should strive to fill our place in life well, whatever that place may be. In so doing we too will be the right person in the right place. For there is in the wide world into which we are brought a place for every one, and our duty, as citizens, does not rest in what we think we would do if placed in some other position; but simply in filling well the position which we now occupy.

At our last meeting we had a more than average attendance, and a real sociable time. Among those of our Division who contributed to our entertainment were Sister Jane Beals, whose untiring zeal has been noticeable for some time past, Sister Mary Ward, a prominent young lady, and Br. Newton Coy, a young man of good ability. Br. Coy was one of our captains who served in our great campaign last Fall. He still deserves the van in any good enterprise. Though many of our members are young, we possess much talent which we hope to see fully developed.

We also at our last meeting initiated one candidate, and that good old ceremony was administered with that solemnity which it deserves. It brought to our minds forcibly the time when we too, were brought into the circle of this Great Brotherhood, and felt that tie which binds heart to heart in this great and good work.

We must not be forgetful of our visitor, Bro. Addison, from Gordon Division, St. John, who has been with us for quite a number of meetings lately, and contributed much to our entertainments, especially at our last session.

And now, in conclusion, I am glad to be able to state that Bro. and Sister Northrup have returned from the United States and will be, we trust, soon deeply engaged in the work of our Division, equally bearing their share of duty. They were faithful members when they were with us before, and we have every reason to believe they still maintain

the same principle. How gratifying it is to know that we possess members whose separation from us for a time, on account of the active duties of life, does not quench their zeal for the advancement of the principles of our Order.

Fraternally Yours,

O. C.
Collina, Kings Co., Aug. 25th, '88.

Farmer's Division, No. 190.

DEAR JOURNAL.—On Saturday evening last, the Secretary of York District Division, accompanied by one of Gibson Division's energetic workers, paid a visit to Farmer's Division, on business connected with the District Division. No. 190 is in very favourable circumstances, having a good membership, and owning the hall in which they meet, which is nicely adapted to Division purposes. Their meetings are interesting and well attended and their earnest temperance workers are doing what they can, through our "Grand old order," to advance the cause so dear to us all. Several of the members spoke with regard to the District Division, and all were in hearty sympathy with this new feature in Division work. The standard bearers for the present quarter are:

Geo. Carlisle, W. P.;
Alex. McGibbon, W. A.;
Chas. McAdam, R. S.;
Grace McGibbon, A. R. S.;
Ludlow McGibbon, F. S.;
Samuel Hallett, T.;
Wm. McGibbon, Chap.;
Ernest Carlisle, Con.;
Hattie Carlisle, A. C.;
Havelock Ross, I. S.;
Arthur Ross, O. S.;
John C. McGibbon, P. W. P.

Judging by the meeting which we attended we can safely say that above officers will satisfactorily do the work entrusted to them. We enjoyed the trip very much notwithstanding the fact that the drive home was through one of the most severe rain storms we ever saw. We will take the ducking every time for the chance of another such visit.

Fraternally Yours

York District Scribe

The Lewiston (Me.) Journal commenting on high license, says: "The trouble with high license is that it consolidates the rum traffic without diminishing the consumption of grog in any such degree as it diminishes the number of rum-shops. If one big rum-shop does the business formerly done by a dozen gin-mills on that street, the one is as big a nuisance as the dozen. Prohibition compromises with none. The fact that rum-shops are swept away from almost the entire State of Maine is the unanswerable argument for no compromise. After a few of our larger places are redeemed, the license interest will be hard up even for material for a sneer."

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

Eternal temperance is the price of good health.

Of 3000 convicted criminals examined by a French medical man, M. Marambet, more than half were drunkards.

The Topeka Capital says: "Kansas has saved nearly \$12,000,000 since she turned her back on the whisky traffic."

Last year 969 distilleries of this country produced 75,974,376 gallons of whisky, with an average net profit of \$78,404.

Dr. Norman Kerr says one of the effects of inebriety is "unblushing lying," and that in police courts it is carried to an alarming extent.

There are now eight mission vessels cruising in the North Sea, each a combination of church, chapel, temperance hall and dispensary.

That was a wise reflection of the philosopher who said: "He who spends too much time before the bar is apt to bring up behind the bars."

The population of the Kansas penitentiary has decreased sixty during the past year, and several poorhouses have closed for lack of patronage.

The St. Petersburg (Russia) Zeitung says: "The race which proves unwilling to be free from alcohol will be mercilessly trodden under foot."

Luther Benson, the Indiana temperance orator, is described as a second Gough. He was once a forsaken drunkard, but reformed and is now a consistent church member. He is a heavy set man, with a deep bass voice and raven black hair.

For Freckles and Sunburn.

Washing the face with acid buttermilk is a country cosmetic, still in favor for sunburn, freckles and sady skin. The juice pressed from cucumbers is altogether preferable, and, though of old repute, is a fashionable London preparation. The juice of milkweed also is a proprietary lotion for the face, sold by modish cosmetic artists abroad. These vegetable lotions being gummy, protecting and detersive, refine the skin, and unlike spirituous washes, do not bring out the hair on the cheeks. A seraglio secret to take away wrinkles is to heat an iron shovel red hot, throw on it a spoonful of myrrh in powder, and smoke the face over it, covering person and shovel with a sheet to keep in fumes. Repeat this three times, heat the shovel again, and pour on it two spoonfuls of white wine, steaming the face with it three times. This rite is to be repeated night and morning until the effect is gained.

Plantain water is very softening for the face. But vaseline rubbed on the skin of the neck and face every night faithfully will keep wrinkles at a distance for long years beyond their usual appearance. It should be generously applied, left for the skin to absorb for a few minutes, and the excess wiped gently off with a soft cloth. As vaseline is twenty-five cents a pound, which lasts a year, this is the cheapest as well as the safest cosmetic. This should always be applied before going into the hot sun, for long walks or rides, as well as domestic work in heated rooms. The skin must always be washed clean with warm water and fine soap, and well dried before using any application, and man or woman always wants to go to bed with face and neck thoroughly and freshly washed. Sleeping with the imperceptible dust of the day in the skin, clogging and griming it is a great cause of wrinkles.—Shirley Dare's Letter.

GOOD EYESIGHT.

So indifferent do many of us become to the common blessings of life that excellent eyesight, perhaps, may not be called always a source of happiness, but it is certainly true that the loss of eyesight is a source of unhappiness. Dr. C. I. Lundy presents the following rules for the better care of the eyes.

1. Avoid reading and study by poor light.
2. Light should come from the side, and not from the back or from the front.
3. Do not read or study while suffering great bodily fatigue or during recovery from illness.
4. Do not read while lying down.
5. Do not use the eyes too long at a time for near work, but give them an occasional period of rest.
6. Reading and study should be done systematically.
7. During study avoid the stooping position, or whatever tends to produce congestion of the head or face.
8. Select well-printed books.
9. Correct errors of refraction with proper glasses.
10. Avoid bad hygienic conditions and the use of alcohol and tobacco.
11. Take sufficient exercise in the open air.
12. Let the physical keep pace with the mental culture, for defective eyesight is most usually observed in those who are lacking in physical development.

Cook (just leaving)—"I should like to ask you for a written character." "Why, what am I to write, you idle, good for nothing creature? You surely don't expect me to say you gave satisfaction?" Cook—"You need do nothing of the kind. Just say that I stayed with you three months—that will be the best character you could give me."

Mixed.

A sweet girl graduate, the valedictorian of her class, was learning her little piece the other day and watching the dress maker putting the finishing touches to her dress at the same time, and this was the way the valedictory sounded:

"Classmates and teachers, we—I think that side panel perfectly lovely—meet to night for perhaps the—Isn't it looped up a little too high in the back?—From this night our paths diverge. We go forth to begin the battle of life, to—How that watered silk sash does set it off—Let us be strong and courageous, overcoming all obstacles and—Isn't that train stunning? I doubt if any of the other girls have one half as long—Let us ever remember the counsels of—Oh, Isn't that lace flounce just too perfectly lovely for anything?—And, so, ever seeking after our highest ideal let us press on to—I'm so afraid I won't manage my train gracefully—And if it be the Divine will that we shall not meet again—I'm dying to know what the other girls will wear—Let us strive to so live that we—Change that bow to the other side and let me see how it looks—Shall meet in the great Hereafter—I shall die if any of the other girls wear the same shade?"

Some Interesting Discoveries.

Recent explorations in Spain by two Belgian scientists have resulted in some very interesting discoveries. Relics of a prehistoric race have been found in great abundance ranging from the stone age to that of bronze and metals. These people buried their dead not only in stone-graves or cells, but also in great jars of burnt clay accompanied by pieces of pottery and other articles of use and value. This form of jar burials is very widespread, and examples have been found from Japan to Peru. These relics are supposed to belong to that ancient race which lived in Europe previous to the Aryan immigration, the various branches of which are known as Iberians, Pelasgians, Ligurians, etc., according to the country in which they lived. Several skeletons were found adorned with silver and gold ornaments. One of the most remarkable relics is a female skull encircled by a band of silver to which is attached a thin plate of the same metal.—Frank Leslie's

A Wonderful Railroad.

When the railroad was first opened between Moscow and St Petersburg it was an object of great terror to the superstitious peasantry of northern Russia, who thought there must certainly be some witchcraft or magic in an invention which could make a train of heavy cars run along without horses at the rate of twenty miles an hour, when the best speed of the wagons to which they were accustomed was only three miles an hour, or four at the very outside.

Some of them would not even go within sight of a train, and made the sign of the cross whenever they heard one rattle past. Others peeped timidly over the palisade of the railway station to catch a glimpse of the fearful smoke-breathing creature, which they believed to be a living monster, and when the steam-whistle sounded they cried out, "Hear him screaming! He's hungry, and wants to eat somebody!" and took to their heels at once.

But little by little this terror began to wear away. The village priests were seen to go to and fro by train, and the simple country folk thought that what they did could not be wrong. By degrees the peasants themselves began to try the "smoke-wagons" too, and one day an old man named Ivan Petrovitch Masloff, who had never been out of his own village till then, made up his mind to go and have a look at "Mother Moscow," which all Russian peasants reverence as the finest city in the world, and the real capital of Russia.

Now it happened that the down express met each other at the station of Bologoe (midway between Moscow and St. Petersburg), where the passengers of both trains stopped for half an hour to have supper. Among the crowd of people that got out of the other train Ivan suddenly recognized an old friend. The two went into the refreshment room together, had a chat over their steaming tumblers of tea and lemon juice, and then Ivan, without thinking of what he was doing, got into his friend's train instead of his own, and was soon travelling back toward the spot whence he had started.

Their talk went on merrily for a while, for Ivan's friend never thought of asking the old man which way he was going. But presently Ivan began to grow silent and grave, as if pondering something which puzzled him very much; and at length, after sitting for nearly five minutes without uttering a word, he suddenly broke out:

"Ah, Pavel Yurievitch" (Paul, son of George), "what a wonderful thing these railroads are, to be sure! Here am I going to Moscow, and here are you going to St. Petersburg, and yet we're both travelling in the same car.—David Ker, in Harper's Magazine.

A Passage of the Red Sea.

One of my first objects at Suez was to ascertain if the stream was fordable opposite the town at ebb-tide—all whom I asked assured me of the contrary. I inquired for an Indian sailor who wished to earn a dollar by crossing the gulf. At eight in the evening a man came to me and offered to make the attempt. I directed him to walk straight across so far as it was possible for him to do so, and to hold his hands over his head as he walked along. He was in the water forthwith; he proceeded slowly and steadily, his hands above his head and in nine minutes he was on the other side of the Red Sea.

On his return he told me what I knew to be a fact, that he had walked every step across—the deepest part being the middle of the gulf, where the water was up to his chin. I proceeded now to follow his course, and gave him another dollar to cross over before me, and as I was nearly eight inches taller than my guide, where his chin was in the water my long beard was quite dry. The tide was now coming in fast, and by the time we reached the middle of the sea, my Indian thought it imprudent to proceed further, as I was not an expert swimmer. Had we remained ten minutes longer we should have inevitably shared Pharaoh's fate; for the opposite bank was perceptibly diminishing, and at ten o'clock the sea, which two hours before was hardly more than the breadth of the Thames at London Bridge, was from two to three miles broad; the difference between the ebb and flow I ascertained to be six feet and six inches.—Etc.

A former Rugby boy, who was himself admitted to holy orders by Archbishop Tait, says that the candidates for priest's orders were obliged to undergo a very trying ordeal. Each of them was compelled to preach a short extempore sermon in the chapel to the Bishop and J. Stanley, who formed the sole congregation, and who occasionally interrupted and criticised the sermon. One day a candidate, who was by no means a ready speaker, overwhelmed by nervousness, began stammering, "I will divide my congregation into two,—the converted and the unconverted." This was too much for the Bishop's sense of humor. "I think, sir," he exclaimed, "that, as there are only two of us, you had better say which is which."

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