

Communications.

PETITCODIAC NO. 252.

GRAND DIVISION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Among the first to return blank was Bro. D. A. Jonah, of Petitcodiac, deputy of the Division of that name and place. Bro. Jonah gives the following information about his Division. It meets every Tuesday, and they are able to hold sessions every meeting night. The Division was organized on April 5th, 1883, with 11 charter members, since which they have increased to 30 members. They have not held any public meeting, and have not had a visit from a Grand Officer since the organization, which is to be regretted, but as Bro. Jonah is Grand Sentinel, it evidently has had a elevating tendency with the Division.

They are troubled with liquor selling in Petitcodiac to some extent and the Division has appointed a committee to assist in carrying out the Scott Act which is in force in that county. The JOURNAL arrives regularly at the Division and the copies are judiciously distributed each week. The Division is holding its own, with good prospects for the winter season. Bro. D. A. Jonah and B. H. Freeze, assisted in organizing a Division, the name of which was not given. There are quite a number in the vicinity in favor of rum, but Bro. Jonah hopes that there will be such a revival this fall as will convert the greater number over to the temperance cause, and to the Division. Bro. Jonah will be in attendance (D. V.) at the meeting of the Grand Division in Woodstock, in October.

Soldiers No. 5.

GRAND DIVISION OF MAINE.

Bro. Patriach Hayes reports to us from Soldiers Division of Chelsea, Maine. The Division holds its meetings weekly, every Saturday night, and is in a prosperous condition. It was organized in May 1870 with 8 members and now has 96 enrolled. The Grand Scribe gave them an official visit this year on Sept 8th. They have about 50 male and 46 female members which attend the sessions about evenly. They are not in any need of official visits to keep up the work. They have three divisions within a circle of ten miles and have frequent fraternal visits which they find a source of much good. They had about \$125 in funds on hand last quarter and have property in value of \$200. The Division is holding its own with prospect of a good winter season. The annual session in Maine will be held on the 24th Oct. and Bro. Hayes expects with a number of others to attend. They have one member insured in the Sons of Temperance National Relief Society. They hope to have a chance to organize some Divisions in the vicinity of Chelsea, but believe it to be impossible to do any thing in this line until after the Presidential election.

Lime Rock, No. 207.

GRAND DIVISION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The first return from our special blank came from Lime Rock, No. 207, of South Bay. Bro. Wm. Roxborough, the deputy, reports that they have not been able to hold meetings for the last year owing to the mills at that place having closed down, and many of the young men having gone away. Bro. Roxborough's heart is deeply set in the old Order of the Sons and he expresses the belief that next year there will again be a boom at South Bay in the mills and that the Division will be able to again take a stand among those active in the work. They formerly held their meetings weekly. Lime Rock was organized in 1867, with 15 charter members. There are now 30 members on the books, the majority of which are scattered from the place. He receives the four copies of the JOURNAL and sees they are well distributed among the people. This is about all the temperance work as a Division that Lime Rock has been doing this year. They own their hall which is valued at \$1,800. Members of their Division assisted in the organization of Everett Division, Bro. J. Sheldon and Bro. Roxborough. We are glad to learn the prospects are good for next summer, and looking forward to hearing good reports from Lime Rock in the near future.

Standure, No. 554.

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Bro. E. C. Whitman of Canso, N. S., deputy of Standure Division, writes us that they are not in a very prosperous condition as a Division. In fact they are rather on a retrograde than an advancing movement. Their meetings are supposed to be held every Thursday evening, but they have not held any session since Aug. 9th. They were organized in 1883 with 45 charter members, and have now some 60 on the books. They held five public meetings during the year, and had a visit from J. M. Lewis, who was travelling in the interests of the Order.

The Scott Act has been adopted by the county but there is still more or less liquor selling in the vicinity. They own their hall, which is valued at \$750. They are in the habit of frequently suspending for non-payment of dues and were obliged to suspend some 25 members this year from that reason. The interest he fears is decreasing and he gives as the cause neglect on the part of the members. They have not been instrumental in or have any of their members assisted in organizing any new Division. This is the first Division we have received returns from, that has not been in a flourishing condition, and with favorable prospects for the winter season. We trust "Standure" may stand firm under its difficulties.

Middleboro, No. 522.

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Bro. C. A. Fountain, deputy of this Division, in Nova Scotia, reports that they

meet every Friday evening and that the Division is doing fairly well. They have had no recent visits from Grand Officers or have they been able to hold any public meetings this year. The Division was organized in March '83 with 35 charter members, which has increased to 42 members, the larger proportion of which are male members, who attend in the largest numbers at the sessions. They have no trouble from the sale of liquor, the Canada Temperance Act being in force and enforced. There are three Divisions within ten miles but they have been unable to arrange for any fraternal meetings. He attends regularly the sessions of his Division and reports the prospects fair for the winter season. They frequently suspend for non-payment of dues, and suspended eight last quarter. They own their division furniture only.

Rising Sun No 121.

GRAND DIVISION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Bro. Malcolm McIntosh writes us from Freetown, P. E. I., with reference to Rising Sun Division for which he is deputy. Their Division is doing well. They hold their meetings every Wednesday evening, and have only lost one or two nights during the summer. They were organized in Dec 17th '80 with 18 charter members which they have since increased to 39. The Grand Sentinel and Gr. Cond. favoured them with official visits during the year. They are in no need of official visits to keep up the work, having the men among themselves who are earnest in the work. There is no longer selling in the vicinity! they have the Scott Act in force, and a paid inspector to prosecute offenders. There are seven Divisions in a circle of 10 miles and they have frequent fraternal meetings. They have their division furniture valued at \$15. No suspensions, and they hold their own, with good prospects for the winter. He thinks there are several places near to their division where other branches might be organized and sustained. We hope the brothers will stir around and endeavour to have divisions planted in these places.

Avonmore, No 489

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Among the early returns in Avonmore, no 489 Burlington Hants Co N. S. The deputy, Bro. George Harris, writes that they hold their meetings regularly every Saturday night. That the Divisions is prosperous and that about twenty five members attend regularly. They were organized in April 1887 with 14 charter members and have now 45 members enrolled twenty five male and twenty female. The male members attend in the largest number. There are eight Divisions within a circle of ten miles, and they frequently have fraternal visits. He attends his Divisions every night and is pleased to be able to report the Division as increasing in membership. They do not take any Journals as the *Clarion* is the official organ. They own the furniture of their Division room. They rarely suspend members, have suspended none this year. The prospect are good for the coming winter. Bro Harris with Bro. A. S. Sanford assisted in organizing Crystal Stream Division.

Ashville, No. 15.

GRAND DIVISION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Bro. P. A. Cummings, deputy of Ashville Division, N. C., writes us that their Division is in a prosperous condition. They meet every Tuesday evening and the sessions are well attended and much interest manifested in the meetings. They have not missed holding any meetings for the last two quarters. Returns are sent promptly to the Grand Scribe. The G. W. P. of North Carolina is a member of this Division and gives it considerable of his time. The male members are in the majority and attend the sessions in the larger number. There are four Divisions within a radius of ten miles, but they have not been able to arrange for any fraternal visits this year. The hall they meet in is their own property and is valued at \$2,000. The membership and the interest in the Order is increasing, with good prospects for the winter season. The Annual Session of the Grand Division will be held on October 11th, 1888, and Ashville Division will likely send a good representation. They have two members of their Division in the Sons of Temp. N. Relief Society. There are quite a number in the vicinity favorable to the rum interest, but our correspondent thinks the prohibition element is on the increase.

Our Temperance Work.

A WORD TO THE YOUNG—OUR FUTURE STRENGTH, &C.

Truro, N. S., Sep. 16th, '88.

DEAR EDITOR, — Knowing your pronounced, sound views on Total Abstinence and Prohibition, I the more readily pen a few items for your columns trusting the effort may not be in vain. That a full and complete Prohibitory Law will ere long, 'tis hoped) be passed and carried out in this Dominion as well as in the United States is a foregone conclusion.

This matter is now so pressing itself on those in power and the coming political aspirants to power, that it cannot be pushed aside. The awful Rum power is however strong indeed, and we need the combined and united efforts of all good men, women and children too, in order to hasten the much desired day.

The great Religious bodies are wheeling into line and in the name of their God of battles are giving no uncertain sounds. The enemy says their action is only meaningless resolutions on paper, but not so, these are but feelers to be followed up by active efforts.

I had the pleasure and honor as well for such I esteem it to be—of preparing and presenting the Temperance Resolutions at the Baptist Jubilee Convention in Wolfville, N. S.; also similar resolutions at the Nova Scotia Union Sabbath School Convention; also at our National Division, S. of T., in

Toronto at the 44th Annual Session, each and all of which passed unanimously. The N. D. sending the same out by circular through North America—headed "Political Action."

The special point I wish to make is, that in each of these "Finding," special reference is made to the young and the necessity of training them for future activity in our grand onward progressive crusade against the liquor and tobacco foe, and now just a special word to your youthful readers:

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—The fathers and mothers have long fought the hard battles against the rum foe, and are "holding the fort" and doing their utmost to face the old king alcohol and his host—but feel that to completely rout them there must be a host of youthful recruits, and we earnestly call on you to nobly volunteer for this life service, by enrolling your names among the Great Kings friends, and taking your stand, and stand by the colors, "Red, White, and Blue—Love, Purity and Fidelity—(or Faith Hope and Charity) You will soon be the men and women and to you must be entrusted mighty responsibilities; and you need such training as Temperance organizations can impart to make you determined and true soldiers. Come to the front therefore, trusting in the God of the Universe to aid you and success will follow.

TOBACCO.

Just a word against this black, dangerous, hurtful, filthy foe; Touch not, taste not, smoke not, and sell not the weed, for "wherever it cometh it smiteth, it spares not the high nor the humble and it withers the vigor of youth." Oh, shun it now and forever as you would a deadly viper.

TO OUR GIRLS,—You don't use tobacco, of course not, if fit for boys why not for girls? Neither do you use liquor; nor swear; "good for you!" But you have a work to do, viz., to invite your brothers, cousins, and friends to sign the pledge, say against (1) Liquor; (2) Profane language; (3) Tobacco; (4) Unkindness to dumb brutes, and the Great Father above will bless you and prosper the work.

To boys and girls, young men and young women, a final Come: Volunteer for active service in this grand heaven's warfare, and peace will prevail.

Fraternally Yours, W. GATES.

THE OCCASIONAL DRINKERS.

United States Senator O H. Platt, says in the New York *Independent*: The most difficult phase of the problem is that those who drink least most effectually hinder temperance progress. Is this proposition a harsh one? I believe it to be true, and I state it for the sake of truth and of temperance. When I assume that three-fourths of our male adults drink, I do not mean to be understood that three-fourths or even one-fourth of them are intemperate or excessive drinkers, in the popular meaning of those terms. The drunkards, the hard drinkers and the liquor sellers combined could not hinder temperance progress for an hour if their efforts were not supplemented by the influence of the occasional drinkers.

The great majority of those who drink a occasional drinkers only—men who do not drink enough, in their own estimation or the estimation of the general public, to do any harm, but who drink just enough to array their influence, as well as their example, on the side of drink instead of on the side of temperance. If it be known that a man drinks champagne once a month, that is sufficient to destroy his influence for temperance. If a man drinks beer once a week, and it is not publicly known, he does not usually assume the role of a temperance advocate. He scarcely feels like asking others not to drink; he does not think it exactly consistent to rebuke the man of whom he buys the wine or beer for liquor selling. The most he feels like doing is in a silent way to wish the cause of temperance success, and in a quiet way to deplore what he calls the evils of intemperance.

It is just these occasional drinkers who constitute the barrier over which the temperance reform does not, and in the nature of things cannot pass. If there were but two classes, if there were only the intemperate and hard drinkers in one class and all others were total abstainers, the temperance problem would be settled at once.

We would pass prohibitory laws and enforce them. We would practically suppress the sale, and better than all, when the present generation of intemperate and habitual drinkers died out we should have no more forever, for the drunkard is an evolution; he is evolved from the occasional drinker. There is no missing link; the process of evolution is apparent. Now we pass prohibitory laws, if at all, with mighty struggle; we enforce them only partially by the most strenuous effort; and worse than all, the process of drunkard development goes on unchecked.

Does any one doubt that we could pass and easily enforce prohibitory laws in Connecticut if a clear majority of our citizens were true total

abstainers? Add to the present total abstainers the occasional drinkers, and does any one doubt that there would be such a majority? Would to God it might be.

Who then stands in the way, who are most responsible for failure? I sorrowfully repeat my conviction that it is the men who drink but occasionally and who are considered "temperate" men; the men who only drink wine at dinners or receptions, beer when asked, whisky when it seems awkward to refuse. To such drinkers I appeal to become total abstainers. They can easily abstain if they will; abstinence would involve no great moral struggle; but oh, what an uplifting of humanity there would be as a result of such abstinence!

The Work in Michigan.

Bro. Joseph Falk, Grand Scribe of Michigan writes us some encouraging notes from that jurisdiction. He reports that the Grand Division of that state will hold its Annual Session at Ypsilanti, in Oct., on the 10th at 2 p. m., local time. Ypsilanti Division is making preparations to have this Annual Session the grandest and best one ever held in the Order in that State. Their will be a public meeting in the evening at the Opera House where an address of welcome will be presented to the visiting brethren by Rev. Mr. Vaning of Ypsilanti Division, which will be reported to by B. J. Holcombe, of Detroit, P. G. W. A., of Grand Division of Vermont. Also an address by P. G. W. P. Wm. A. Taylor, of Lansing.

The brother has a good word to say for our proposed effort in extending the field of the JOURNAL. He says: "I think your idea an excellent one, and it is just what the Order is in need of. It will tend to strengthen the fraternal relationship among the different Divisions, and will be of inestimable benefit to us all. I shall for my part do all I can to secure for you the assistance and co-operation of the Michigan Grand Division.

Let us all resolve, first, to attain the grace of silence; second, to deem all fault finding that does no good a sin, and to resolve, when we ourselves are happy, not to poison the atmosphere of our neighbors by calling upon them to remark every painful and disagreeable feature in their daily life; third, to practice the grace and virtue of praise.—Mrs Stowe.

Sons of Temperance.

Sons of Temperance National Mutual Relief Society.

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The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, A. GOBEIL, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 5th September, 1888.

Municipal Election.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the annual election for representatives to serve in the County Council of the MUNICIPALITY OF YORK for the years 1888 and 1889, will be held on

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