

Communications.

MR. EDITOR.—The sad occurrence of finding the body of a man in the river, whose death is said to have been caused by intoxicating drinks, given him on Dominion day, has led to a few reflections, which it might be well to offer to the consideration of others, especially to those whose hearts are moved by love to God and their neighbor, to invite them to put forth any influence they may have, more vigorously, for the good of others, and thus strive to avert the judgment of God for sin, whether individual or national, of which we find so many instances of denunciation and fulfillment in the word of God, and also in the history of these later times. In Zephaniah we find the same thought expressed by ungodly people as now, "The Lord will not do good neither will he do evil," and this calls for a deep earnest, united cry, in faith, to God both in public worship and in private, that people may be convinced of sin by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that those who break so flagrantly that mighty law (which contains all others) of love to God and their neighbor, by dispensing intoxicating drink to the depressed appetites which crave them, thus assisting in the demoralization and ruin temporally and spiritually of their neighbor, may be led to see the evil of it, and that money gained by such means is at the peril of their own immortal souls, for which even the gain of a whole world would be a paltry exchange. To say that they will get it somewhere, is for each to say of himself, That man is ruining himself, but I am not responsible if I assist him to do it, or someone will rob that man, or give him something which may cause his death, and I may as well have the money gained by this means, as another. With these few remarks I am Mr. Editor, Yours &c.

PROGRESS.

Middleton Division.

Middleton, though suffering from a temporary absence of many of its members is still afloat, and showing considerable vitality. Last night was installation and all our local members were present except a few busy house wives, and all were officers, and all officers were installed except one. So you see, during the exodus of our members we have just enough left to fill offices.

- Officers for current quarter are:—
 Bro E J Hoar, W P;
 " W C Russel, W A;
 " John A Henry, W A;
 Sister Bella J Henry, R S;
 Bro James Henry, F S;
 Sister Mary Henry, Trea;
 Bro A A Henry, Chap;
 " Todd Russel, Con;
 Sister A Russel, A Con;
 " Ellen Henry, I S;
 Bro W H Stewart, O S;
 " W B Henry, P W P.

O. C.

Gloucester Division, S. of T., No. 284.

Mr Editor,—On our usual night of meeting, Saturday June 30th, we elected the following officers for this quarter:—

- Bro Telom Rodgers, W P;
 " N A Richey, W A;
 " Robt Hickson, R S;
 Sis Lizzie Hodnett, A R S;
 Bro W B Collins, F S;
 " Edward Hodnett, Trea;
 " R W Daley, Chap;
 " Allen Dempsey, Con;
 Sis Harriet Good, A Con;
 Bro John Eady, I S;
 " Fred Dempsey, O S;
 Sis Emeline Hodnett, Organist;
 Bro Horace Hornbrook, P W P,
 Your in L, P and F.

O. C.

Golden Rule Division.

The officers of Golden Rule Division, No. 51, S of T, of Hopewell Hill, Albert Co, for term commencing 3rd inst., are as follows:

- John Tingley, W P;
 Jessie E Bishop, W A;
 Ellie K Moore, R S;
 John Pye, A R S;
 Albert Peck, F S;
 W Temple Wright, T;
 Albert Newcombe, Chap;
 Achsah G Gallacher, Con;
 Herman Robinson, A Con;
 Jennie E Moore, I S;
 Edward Rhoda, O S;
 Mariner M Tingley, P W P;
 L R Moore, D G W P.

The Division numbers 73 and is in a flourishing condition.

O. C.

Collina Division, 129.

Mr. Editor, Our officers for present quarter are:

- Harvey Keirstead, W P;
 John Lester, W A;
 Duncan McAllister, R S;
 May Gibbon, A R S;
 Newton Coy, F S;
 Iola Northrup, Trea;
 William Wetmore, Chap;
 John Smith, Con;
 Maggie Gibbon, A C;
 George Holmes, I S,
 Hebes Carson, O S;
 Daniel Rees, P W P.

O. C.

Bay Verte Division, No. 65.

At our regular meeting Wednesday evening last, the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter:—

- Albert Wells, W P;
 Edwin Goodwin, W A;
 Frank Wood, R S;
 Allie Cram, A R S;
 Leonard Goodwin, Trea;
 Edward Wood, F S;
 A C A Wells, Chap;
 William Costin, Con;
 Fred Turner, A Con;
 Lesley Carey, I S;
 Brougham Wells, O S;
 Gilbert Wells, P W P.

Centenary Division No. 289.

It now being the end of the quarter and our new officers having been elected and installed I send their names to the Temperance Journal for insertion:

- Alexander Penn, W P;
 Harry Kirkpatrick, R S;
 Ernest Kirkpatrick, R A;
 Effie Kirkpatrick, A R S;
 Eva Kezer, F S;
 Harry Glanville, Trea;
 C W Dickinson, Chap;
 Allie King, Con;
 Ada Fleming A Con;
 Vince Kerr, I S;
 George Tapley, O S;
 Renfrew Kirkpatrick, P W P;
 W V Benn, D G W P.

I remain,
 Yours in L, P and F,
 O. C.

River Charlo Division, No. 259.

Mr. Editor,—The following officers have been elected and installed to guide River Charlo, No. 259 through another quarter:

- Annie Miller, W P;
 John A McIntyre, W A;
 Jessie Nicholson, R S;
 John Henderson, A R S;
 John H Galbraith, F S;
 Annie Fraser, Trea;
 C McLean, Chap;
 John R Reid, Con;
 Lizzie Craig, A Con;
 Bertie Craig, I S;
 W Hamilton, O S;
 Anne E Hamilton, P W P.

O. C.

National Division.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year in the National Division Sons of Temperance; M W patriarch, Rev R A Alder Temple of Nova Scotia. M W associate, A A Baldwin of Connecticut. M W scribe, B R Jewell of Massachusetts. M W treasurer, J H Roberts of Massachusetts. M W chaplain, Rev E R Young of Ontario. M W conductor, S B Paterson of St. John, New Brunswick. M W sentinel, E B Cauldwell of Tennessee. Saratoga has been fixed upon as the place of the next annual meeting.

Dr. John Newman, pastor of the Metropolitan Church in Washington, D. C., Sunday evening, April 8, delivered a very eloquent lecture on the "Economics of Temperance." We give below a short and interesting extract:

"Our nation's drink bill will average over \$800,000,000 a year. In 1880 the bill was \$734,000,000; in 1881, \$800,000,000; in 1882, \$875,000,000; in 1883, \$945,000,000. The total of the years was \$3,354,000,000. What is the relation of the government to this question? It is a fact of record that the government received in revenue from spirits in twenty-one years, from 1862 to 1883, \$842,000,000; in 1882, \$86,000,000; in 1886, \$90,000,000. It is estimated that 67,000,000 bushels of grain are annually destroyed in the production of intoxicating drinks, which at 50 cents per bushel, is worth \$33,500,000. Precious grain! Why not feed it to the swine? Why

not feed it to the animals? Why not spread it as a banquet to the birds, so that they can chant a new anthem to their Creator.

Five hundred and ninety thousand persons are engaged in wholesaling and retailing able-bodied men. Do you say it is labor lost? It is worse than that, for it is labor that produces evil. It is, however, a relief to me, as a native-born American, that the foreign element is largely represented in this terrible traffic, for it is stated that in one city there are 8,032 persons engaged in the rum traffic. And who are they? 2 Chinamen, 2 Jews, 18 Italians, 140 Spaniards, 161 Welsh, 285 French, 479 Scotch, 568 English, 2,179 Germans, 3,041 Irish, 265 Africans, and 205 Americans. I suppose we must put the Africans and Americans together, and the two figures amount to 470. Only 470 out of 8,034. Six hundred and seventy two of these engaged in the traffic in that city are unknown as to their nationality, and a man engaged in that business should not have a nationality.

The Rum Traffic Doomed.

We do not look upon the present movement against the saloon as a passing wave of excitement or as a temporary ebullition of public feeling on the liquor question. It is too strong and deep for that. It is a movement that has come to stay, to grow and to succeed. It has taken hold of the hearts and minds of the people as no movement of the kind ever did before. The country is at last awakening to a full and true realization of the fearful wrongs and abuses which are the inevitable accompaniments of the drink traffic. We have seen the beginning of the end. The handwriting is upon the wall—the saloon must go. That edict will not be repealed. It may not be in this decade; it may not be in the next, but as surely as God reigns the day is coming, and that soon, when this land, from East to West, from North to South, will be forever free from the curse of the legalized rum traffic. This is a large hope, but it is ours, and we rejoice in it. It has its basis upon no illusory dream, but upon a sure and strong conviction, which nothing can shake. And having this hope, we are not greatly troubled about such things as vetoes and decisions of the courts. These things may retard the onward movement for a brief season, but they cannot stop it. The rum traffic is doomed to die.—*New York Observer.*

A Doctor's Story.

I was called to the wife of a distinguished gentleman. My wife fell downstairs, said her husband, and I fear has hurt herself seriously.

I examined her shoulder. How do you find her, asked her husband anxiously?

I will ask the questions if you please. How did you injure yourself? I fell on the stairway. I hesitated. I re-examined her side.

When did she fall? I asked. Last night, he said, after a second's pause and glance at her. My resolve was taken.

Show me the place where she struck, I said rising and going out. I was not with her when she fell. The injury was not from a fall and was not done last night. Never try to deceive a doctor.

She begged me not to tell you the truth. Then get another physician. I will tell you the whole truth.

Night before last I came home from a dinner, excited by wine. I went to the sideboard and drank heavily. My wife, hearing me, came down and tried to coax me up stairs, but she was too late. Reason and manhood had left me, and I struck her. He tried to follow me but fell on the stairs. She would not permit a physician to be sent for, lest it should disgrace me. She really tries to believe she hurt herself when she fell. And with a quiver of the chin he added, She is an angel and wine is a devil.

What are wine-bibbers? Own children of their father. Is my wife seriously hurt? I fear she is.

While she lived and suffered, no man ever gave such untiring love and devotion. When her noble,

loving heart ceased to beat he was inconsolable. The Providence that so afflicted him was called 'strange' in a tone of semi-censure. On her tomb is cut 'the beloved wife.' He has gone to her now. No one but myself ever knew the truth.

John Wesley on Temperance.

We may not sell anything which tends to impair health. Such in eminently all that fire, commonly called drams or spiritous liquors. It is true these may have a place in medicine, they may be of use in some bodily disorder, although there would rarely be occasion for them, were it not for the unskillfulness of the practitioner, therefore, such as prepare and sell them for this end only, may keep themselves clear; but who are they? Do you know ten such distillers in England? Then excuse these; but all who sell them in the common way, to any that will buy, are prisoners general. They murder her Majesty's subjects by wholesale; neither does their eye pity nor spare; they drive them to hell like sheep; and what is their gain? Is it not the blood of these men? Who, then, would envy their large estates and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them; the curse of God cleaves to the stones, the timber, the furniture of them; the curse of God is in their gardens, their walks, their groves; a fire that burns to the nethermost hell. Blood, blood is there! The foundation, the floor, the roof, are stained with blood; and canst thou hope, O thou man of blood, though thou art clothed in purple and fine linen, and farest sumptuously every day,—canst thou hope to deliver down thy fields of blood to the third generation? Not so; for there is a God in Heaven, therefore thy name shall be rooted out, like as those who thou hast destroyed, body and soul; thy memorial shall perish with thee.

Prohibition as a Political Question.

It has been questioned by honest men whether political methods were the best methods for the settling of moral question. But over and above all conservatism this question has leaped into the political arena and bids fair to stay there until prohibition becomes the law of the land.

The Prohibition Party has fast become a great party, and enters into the canvass this year with all the vast machinery necessary for political ends.

Of its National Convention at Indianapolis the *Sentinel* of that city says: "The city never before witnessed such an assembly as gathered in Tomlinson Hall. The building was filled compactly with \$5000 people." From first to last the convention was crowded; great masses of people assembling before the doors were opened.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed, a strong progressive Platform was adopted and a full ticket nominated, headed by a Christian gentleman of wide experience in public affairs, whose whole life has been one grand success. On call for funds 30,000 was pledged in short order to meet the necessary expenses, one catholic priest giving from his small salary of \$500 per year, one hundred dollars—and this not with official remuneration in prospect, but in the spirit of sacrifice and with the rallying cry:

Look around brethren! tell us what you see, Thousands are rising up for the right; We're not so lonesome as we used to be, We're grandly gathering might.

Some of us have thought this party movement all wrong, yet in working out this temperance problem it is the height of foolishness to ignore such stupendous partisan facts.

The Democratic Party has held its National Convention and from its Platform no one would know that the millions of this county were wrestling with a question in which dollars and blood and principle had crossed the threshold of every voter. Not one word for temperance in it.

The Republican Party has held its National Convention, and, following the example of its great and old time opponent, its platform contains not one warning cry, or one single pledge that it will do aught to rid our country of the monstrous curse of a legalized liquor traffic. It only "cordially sympathises with all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality."—*New York Good Templar.*

Around the World.

There is in Japan a temperance association whose members are firmly pledged not to use even a drop of alcoholic liquor until all the waters of the earth change to the same drink.

France has passed a liquor law as follows:—Every person who may be condemned twice by the police for open drunkenness will be held incapable of voting, of elective eligibility, and of being named for the jury, or any public office.

The district court at Wichita, Kansas, recently sentenced Joseph Rhode, a whiskey vendor, to jail for two years and two months, for selling twenty-six glasses of beer, and to pay a fine of \$2,600. One would judge by this that it is a crime to sell beer in Kansas, and the inference is almost irresistible that Prohibition prohibits.

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