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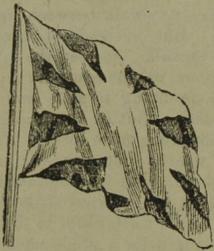
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—OUR MOTTO—

'NATIONAL PROHIBITION.'

Temperance Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1888.

A CHANGE OF HEART.—The W. C. T. U. are to be congratulated in securing Mayor Hazen as chairman of the lecture on Wednesday evening. His worship will be a grand acquisition to the temperance ranks.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The Y. M. C. A., of this city, have in contemplation, in connection with their other work, a gospel temperance meeting on Sabbath afternoons, beginning at 3.45. We have no doubt the meeting will be productive of much good, if carried out as enthusiastically as it should be. Mariners and Mechanics Division of St. John, have such a meeting, and it is not only well attended, but great interest is manifested in the meetings.

HAMPION VISITED.

Quite often a contingent from the St. John Divisions take a trip up to Hampton to visit the Division there. On Thursday evening the members of Gurney Division chartered a car on the I. C. R. and a large number went up to Hampton and fraternized with the division there. The programme which was successfully carried out was as follows:

Address of welcome, by G. J. C. White, of Hampton division, responded to by J. Cunningham, of Gurney division; recitation, G. S. Whitenect; reading, John Gailey; solo, Miss Laura Wales; solo, Mr. Paisley; reading, Mr. D. Bradley, jr., organ solo, Miss Harris; reading, Jane Frost; address, J. G. C. White; reading, T. Hicks; recitation, Miss Harris; chorus, Hampton division; address, G. S. Wilson. After the close of the division, the visiting members were entertained at supper, given by the members of Hampton division, and after a few hours of social intercourse the visitors started for home, where they arrived early yesterday morning.

York County Scott Act News.

Four cases of violation have been brought against city parties this past week. None came to trial however, they paid up.

And still the Barker House, Queen Hotel, and the Waverly House are

said to sell as much liquor as ever. Would it not be a good idea for the police to raid some of these hotel cellar resorts that are talked so freely about, and take a survey of the premises, and the occupants.

Councillor Howe still keeps the ball moving. Last week Wm. Dunbar of St. Mary's paid \$50 and costs, also Kate Fox of Stanley \$50 and costs. Several cases have been adjourned for want of testimony.

Wellington White has been again before the bar of justice for selling liquor. It looks almost like persecuting one family to have them so frequently in the toils for selling rum, but just so long as the penalty imposed against Wm. White is not carried out, and liquor continues to be sold on the premises, in defiance to law, gospel, and everything else, just so long will we have no sympathy with the parties who thus defy everything and everybody.

And yet the hotels are allowed to continue to sell unmolested.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

The semi-annual session will be held this year in Carleton, St. John, on May the 8th. More than usual interest centres about this semi-annual session. It is probably from the correspondence we have received that some suggestions will be brought forward again with reference to propagation work, and that the Cadets Branch will receive more than the usual amount of attention. While the progress since our last session may not have been so marked, as in previous years, yet there has been an onward movement. There have not been so many divisions organized, but the losses from suspensions have been at a minimum. Through the influence of the G. S., the members are becoming alive to better methods in conducting the financial affairs of the divisions, so that not so many losses, nearly, are sustained through a falling off in membership.

Semi-annual sessions have never of late, equalled the annual sessions, but it is believed that this year there will be a much larger attendance than usual at these bi-ennial sessions. Besides, the people of Carleton are renowned for their hospitality and kindness, and this will influence, doubtless, many to attend. Then there are the numerous divisions in close proximity to that city, which will turn out a large contingent.

We look forward to a good meeting this year at the semi-annual session. The locality is easily accessible to a large number of the members. The members of the committees, the present Grand Officers, and the past Grand Officers will be there at least, and if those members who have an interest in the order, from the various divisions will only make an effort, there will be a very large attendance, and, "in a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom."

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

One of the strongest and most influential organizations in opposition to the liquor traffic is the Order of the Sons of Temperance. It is composed of a Grand Division, 287 subordinate Divisions and over 16,000 members. It is the largest of the Grand Divisions in the jurisdiction of the United States. Its fundamental principle is Total Abstinence from all that can intoxicate, and it presents a social and fraternal combination to meet and overcome the allurements of Intemperance, and the combined influence of the liquor traffic.

The organization was formed in the city of New York, September 29th, 1842, by sixteen brave and earnest men. The first Division in Pennsylvania was instituted at Philadelphia, by a committee from the New York Grand Division, April 3rd, 1843, but it was not until April 26th, 1844, that a sufficient number of subordinate Divisions had been created to entitle the State to a Grand Division. The growth of the Order in its infancy was slow and gradual, which was greatly to its advantage. It enabled its friends to lay broad and deep its foundations, and to erect a superstructure which was destined to outlive the prejudices of its opponents, and to witness the final triumph of the temperance reform.

It has always been earnestly engaged in the battle for the elevation of mankind from the degradation of strong drink, the saving of the young who have as yet gone untouched by the curse against which it has ever

since waged a war, and for the absolute annihilation of the traffic which is causing more misery, poverty and crime than all other evils combined. During its entire existence its banners have never once gone down. Reverses have been made the sources of new experience, added difficulties have simply incited to renewed exertions, and its principles of Total Abstinence and Total Prohibition still claim, as they ever have, the allegiance of every true-hearted temperance man or woman who would carry on effective warfare in the case of humanity.

Its special work, under the present circumstances, is to endeavor to increase the number and membership of its subordinate divisions and their efficiency. Strength consists in numbers and organization. The advantages of organization for the promotion of Total Abstinence seem to be more and more appreciated, and the truth of the maxim, "In Union there is Strength," is being so practically exemplified by the peculiar and immense advantages of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, that it is being universally acknowledged. The Sons have the organization, and they will get the numbers if they exert that influence which the interests of society demand.

It is the intention to unfurl their standard in every city, town, village and hamlet in this country. Wherever the liquor traffic has an advocate it will find an assailant in the Sons of Temperance. It will continue to plant 'Havens of Safety' where all who wish can join their circle of sobriety, and be safe from the all-pervading destroyer, strengthen each other, and be to the world an example. The Order came to stay; it realizes that "Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty," and that the most persistent aggressiveness, unflinching courage, and indomitable energy are the price of success.

The outlook never was better. The cause everywhere brightens and advances. With Total Abstinence and Prohibition for their watchword, and for the rallying cry of the Order, the ranks will fill up, the columns will become more solid, and inspired by the glory of the coming triumphs, which can be already seen beaming over the distant hill-tops, they will keep the grand old Order, the pioneer of all organized movements for the overthrow of Intemperance, in the front ranks of the gathering hosts which are marching on to certain and permanent victory.

The Sons realize that they are living in the present and while aware that the glories of the past were full of brightness and sunshine, they are laboring in the living present with hopes of making the future more prolific of gladness than ever before. The stirring duties of the hour find in them ready champions possessed of wisdom and discretion, and who will allow no blush of shame to mantle their cheeks, or thought of cowardice to paralyze their arms, in trying to strike a death-blow at the hydra-headed serpent which trails across the threshold of so many of our American homes.

The recent successes of the Order have been the subject of universal admiration among all lovers of the cause of humanity. It is to be congratulated upon its success and the harmony which everywhere prevails among its membership. The subordinate Divisions are the life springs of the Order, and if they keep them well filled with warm hearts and faithful workers for the cause which they pledged themselves to advance, will move steadily forward until their purposes are accomplished.

The Order has no questions to ask as to creed, nativity or political affiliations. Our circle of Fraternity is wide enough to embrace, and does embrace persons from all nations and denominations, and voters of all parties, and they rally under our standard, forgetting the points upon which they fail to agree, and join heartily in the grand and holy work of Temperance. Will you be one with them? Come!

If the traffic in ardent spirits is immoral, then of necessity are the laws which authorize the law immoral, then we must be immoral if we do not protest against them.

License is a pernicious, poisonous delusion to blind people; the people, led by politicians, seek to blind each other; and all finally fall into the ditch and mire of selfish expediency.

PROHIBITION

A tax or license is sanction, and sanction is justification; and this makes the people responsible for all the consequences. Prohibition of the crime of rum-selling is the remedy, and the only remedy that will protect the people from the ravages of the saloon.

License, in its sanction of the cause of crime, is the enthronement of vice, rebellion and anarchy.

The acme of rebellion and moral turpitude, therefore, is crystallized and concentrated in the license of the liquor traffic.

Prohibition of the liquor traffic is a political question, and all political questions must be settled by political methods. Therefore the only practical method is the ballot; and as there can be no ballot without a party, unless the Prohibition party becomes dominant the whole country is doomed to the fate of Sodom.

What a horrible spectacle to present to high Heaven, and what an amount of moral treason and debauchery is included in the charge that the liquor dealer, the law maker and the voters are equally guilty for nearly all the crime, misery and pauperism that now exists in the community! And yet this is fearfully true.

Our government strains at the gnat, wholesome oleomargarine, and swallows the wholesaling of poison to blight and demoralize the people with crime and pauperism, to fill the land with disease and death. It is a horrible perversion of law to sell, for a bribe of \$100 to \$1,000, a monopoly to poison the people in such a way as to produce so much misery and wretchedness as results from the liquor traffic.

Our government thus is a centralized legal drunkard manufactory, sanctioning the crime and protecting the criminal in his murderous policy of poisoning the people for a money consideration paid in advance. What wonder that crime and anarchy pervade the whole community when such demoralizing, dehumanizing practices become the standards of public morality!

But the greatest obstacle in the way of this much needed reform is party idolatry. We must be true to principle, to be men of principle, and we must also be true to moral principles, to have moral principles the basis of our governmental policy. So long as our representatives are selected by the assistance of rumsellers, so long as they demand and secure legislation in their interest, so long may we expect to be ruled by a liquor oligarchy. We cannot expect Prohibition to dominate our politics when the liquor element dominates all our politicians.

As prohibition is the foundation of all law and justice, so prohibition necessarily represents all the phases of justice and equity between individuals and the State. Prohibition therefore includes both liberty and coercion. Prohibition and liberty are co-equal, and both together are the foundation stones and security for our modern civilization. Prohibition therefore, has no virtue without liberty, liberty is dependent on prohibition, and the virtue of politics is dependent on both.

Votes, only, tell; and only votes fortify the rum traffic, or make the rumseller tremble. The exercise of the liberty to vote is the great privilege of American freedom.

The outcome of true temperance work and effort is Prohibition in full fruition, especially when the whole cause can only be removed by the votes of the people. The prohibition of the liquor traffic through purified politics will be the culmination of one of the most important developments of moral heroism ever inaugurated in the history of the world and when prohibition is achieved in State and Nation, to bless the world with its benign influence, its transcendent importance will be more apparent in the development of a higher and purer civilization, not now fully understood.

If you concede that the liquor traffic is a public evil; if you grant that civil government guarantees that protection be given to public health, public peace, and public prosperity, then it follows that no State has a constitutional right to license the liquor traffic. Put this thought into your brain, and it will leave heart and soul into a profound conviction that prohibition is essentially righteous, and that license is a perversion of law and constitutionally.—Demorest's Monthly

Communications.

Britannia Division, No. 255.

DEAR SIR,—As your correspondent duty demands a monthly report; but as nothing of interest has occurred in our Division I have refrained from writing until now. We still hold regular meetings, and though our members are few, continue to keep the temperance sentiment burning. We have had one addition to our membership and no losses since our last report. We are glad to note the interest being taken all around us to stamp out the liquor traffic. At Apohaqui, Mr. Duncan, the proprietor of the only rum-shop in that quiet village, has fallen into the hands of the law, and for violation of the Scott Act, has been fined \$50 and costs. Hoping the cause of temperance may prosper every where,

I remain,

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENT,
Apohaqui, March 17th 1888.

MR. EDITOR,—Last Friday evening, Mar. 16th, a sound of mirth and happiness might be heard from the Division room of Louison, Restigouche Co., in commemoration of the organization of that Division. After the aprons and ties, which were furnished by the Division were distributed, about fifty members sat down to a sumptuous banquet of tempting delicacies, worthy of attracting an epicure. The table was bountifully spread and beautifully decorated, which together with the late decorations of the Hall, gave the appearance of "A thing of beauty." Ample justice being done to the eatables, the auctioneer, one of the brothers present, proceeded to dispose of the aprons, caused much merriment. After this a programme, consisting of dialogues and recitations. They then dispersed to their various homes. I was happy to find this Division in such a prosperous condition, and hoping they may long continue in the Temperance Cause, which they have so earnestly worked for.

I remain,

Yours in L. P. and F.
Observer.

MR. EDITOR,—On Tuesday evening the 20th inst., between twenty and thirty members of Gurney Division, No. 5, S. of T., paid a fraternal visit to Hampton Division, at Hampton, R. Co., N. B.

The following programme was successfully carried out, (and several of the performers had to respond to encores) viz,

Address of welcome by G. J. C. White, of Hampton Division; Recitation, G. S. Whitenect; Reading, John Gailey; Solo, Miss Laura Wales; Song, W. H. Bennett; Song, Mr. Paisley; Reading, D. Bradley, Jr.; Reading, John Frost; Reading, W. H. Bennett; Organ Solo, Miss Harris; Reading, T. Hicks; Recitation, Miss Harris; Chorus, Hampton Division Choir; Address, G. S. Wilson, of Spring Division.

After the meeting closed the members of the different visiting Divisions, were entertained by a supper given by the members of Hampton Division in their usual first class style, and after a few hours of social intercourse, we were again on our way to catch the early train for home, where we arrived shortly before seven o'clock, next morning.

Every one well pleased with his trip, and hoping that we may soon go on another such visit, and receive as kind treatment as we did from the members of Hampton Division,

I remain,

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

Has It.

Has the liquor traffic ever built a church, asylum, or endowed a college?

Has it ever set a standard of business character which is recognized in banks and counting rooms?

Has it ever given society a single great brained and great hearted man?

Has it ever made a wife happier than she would be with a sober husband?

Has it ever led a youth up into noble manhood?

Has it ever paid its own way as a revenue returner?

Has it ever lessened crime and criminals?

No, no! Then has it not been weighed and found wanting, and been condemned as a male factor?

Dare you sustain such an agency and claim to be a good citizen?