ST. JOHN LETTER.

(A Special Correspondent)

St. John, October 26, 1886.

After an absence of three weeks' correspondence with the JOURNAL, we now find much to write on the subject uppermost in our hearts.

It was our good fortune to attend the 39th annual session of the Grand Division at Moncton. A more enthusiastic gathering—a larger attendance of real earnest workers—have not attended a consecutive three days' meeting in our experience among temperance workers. It was a glorious spectacle to see over 150 representatives assembled to discuss the yearly routine of the order of the Sons of Temperance. However, as you were present, it is needless for me to give a description of the good work accomplished at this session. Suffice it to say *we were satisfied*. The banquet was all that could be wished for. The Ladies Christian Temperance Union have proved themselves equal to the occasion in providing so bounteously for the large number of visitors to their famous town. The handsome appearance of the hall, with its half dozen heavily laden tables, and attended by the bright and happy faces of the ladies of the Union, was certainly deserving of much praise. The brethren of Moncton *did their part well*. To enumerate names would prove too much for your scribe, but the committee done their work creditably. Success will attend the brethren of Moncton through the holding of the Grand Division there.

The Grand Scribe and your correspondent stopped at Sussex on Friday, on their way to St. John, to institute Mount Middleton Division, 318, S. of T., about eight miles from Sussex. On our arrival, about 8 p. m., the school-house (where the division was established) was completely filled with old and young men and women. The hall was comfortably heated, and after the usual preparatory exercises were gone through with, Grand Scribe Thomson, as G. W. P., and Bro. John Law as Grand Conductor, immediately proceeded to institute Mt. Middleton Division with 25 charter members. There were a number of visiting brethren and sisters from surrounding divisions present, noticeable among whom were brothers C. W. Weyman, of Brittania, 255, Mill Stream, K. Co., H. W. Folkins, Centerville, K. Co., and a number of sisters and brothers whose names we at present forget. The following were the officers elected and installed:

James Kerr, W P;
Solomon Law, W A;
Watson Beals, R S;
Miss B Sinnott, A R S;
Wm. Sinnott, F S;
Joseph Chapman, Chap;
Priestly Chapman, Con;
Miss Ida Beals, A C;
Joseph Hornbrook, I S;
Carleton Killam, O S;
Joseph Chapman, D W P;
J Sharpe, P W P.

After the installation a very pleasant evening was spent with amusing speeches by W P Kerr, G S Thomson, Bros. Gaunce, Sinnott, Weyman and Law, the latter at the close of his address, singing an Irish comic song. The Grand Scribe dwelt at considerable length on the work accomplished by divisions in the country districts, and was warm in praise of the amount of real solid work performed at the session just closed of the Grand Division. At the close of the meeting (12 o'clock) a vote of thanks was tendered the Grand Officers, to which G S Thomson replied in fitting terms. The good people of Mount Middleton seemed to vie with each other in entertaining the visitors. Their kindness will never be forgotten. The night being so extremely dark they were compelled to stay the night with brothers S. Law and William Sinnott, whose hospitality were indeed highly appreciated. On Saturday morning the visiting brethren had an early 8 miles drive through the beautiful county of Kings, and the morning being delightfully fine, the Jehu with the "red mittens" put his black steed over the ground in quick time, reaching Sussex an hour in advance of the down train, which they boarded and arrived at St. John at 2 p. m., somewhat tired, after a four days trip in the interest of the cause of temperance.

The attendance at the Grand Division by the St. John representatives was large—twenty-one delegates being present.

The entire session was one long to be remembered, especially the views taken of the work of the order by brother Noble, of Buctouche, and Lyons, of Carleton. The whole of the proceedings were harmoniously conducted, and reflects much credit on Bro. W. C. Anslow, our present G. W. P.

The work in St. John divisions is assuming an upward tendency. The effect of the executive committee is being widely felt; the "boom" has surely commenced, and I predict a glorious campaign this coming winter. The entertainment committees should be composed of persons of good judgment, and see that the numbers on the programme be of the choicest selection. There is nothing so attractive to the division room as a good programme of entertainment. Gordon Division is doing a good work in this direction and their numbers are nightly increasing—the same can be said of Valley and Portland Divisions. Old Gurney always have their usual quota of entertainero, and visitors are entertained and amused by the "ladies" man of the division in such a manner that they avail themselves of the opportunity to call often. Albion will have to *annexe* to the admission of lady members—the winter evenings will be lonesome without them. Mariners and Mechanics should be often visited by the Executive Committee; the same might be said for Granite Rock, Lime Rock and Silver Divisions. Who says for a visit to Lime Rock? Bro Roxborough wants to see the boys, and the girls, too. It is a shame to see such an "unhappy man" striving to keep his end of the line up without the presence of the brothers and sisters from St John and vicinity. Everett, of Milford, also should be looked after by the executive. We were sorry to see no representative present from Milford at the 39th annual.

Sunday afternoon the gospel temperance meeting in Mariners and Mechanics' hall was addressed by Rev. Mr. Moore and Mr. John Meahan. Walter Munford occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the gospel hymn "Sowing the Seed." Prayer was offered by the reverend clergyman, who, after the reading of a chapter by the chairman, commenced his address, taking as his subject, Some Mistakes. Mr. Moore commenced by saying that one evening last week, while going to his home, his attention was directed by the cry of murder, and he immediately proceeded to inquire the cause. He had not proceeded far before a young woman rushed into his arms imploring him to save her. In an excited manner she told how that a man had fired a pistol into her room and attempted to kill her and her child. Upon investigation the clergyman found that the report was caused by the bursting of a jar of yeast—this was mistake No. 1. The reverend gentleman drew vivid pictures of the mistakes of young men going out into the world by forming the acquaintance of men leading fast lives. He told some anecdotes of his companions at college, when they often made mistakes in imbibing too freely of the intoxicating cup. In closing a very interesting address he invited all who had not already, to associate themselves with some of the many temperance organizations, and they would be sure to avoid serious mistakes while clothed in their right mind. Mr. John Meahan followed the reverend gentleman in one of his earnest addresses, and was listened to with the closest attention. Rev. Mr. Evans, of Portland, will occupy the platform on next Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. A. J. Gordon delivered a temperance sermon last evening, in the Leinster street Baptist Church' in answer to a request of the W. C. T. Union. Mr. Gordon took for his text the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians, 1st and 24th verses, and from a scriptural standpoint clearly showed that the soul is judged by the deeds done in the body. Said he, "there is nothing that will destroy the body and ruin the soul effectively, like intemperance. When the church works among the poor, then the poor ceases to drink, and thus become rich, intellectually and spiritually. That is why the church is so outspoken against this giant evil. The Womens Christian Temperance Union are faithful and earnest in trying to subdue the evil effects of drinking intoxicants." Mr. Gordon in closing predicted that in four years their aim will be in part accomplished. He closed with pronouncing the benediction.

GIBSON DIVISION, NO. 306.

DEAR JOURNAL,—According to promise I send you an account of the Basket Social held by the Division on the evening of Oct. 19th. Jas. Pickard, D. G. W. P. of the Division occupied the chair. The opening ode—"What a gathering that will be," was well rendered. Prayer was offered by E. Barker. The baskets, which were well filled, were auctioned of by your correspondent. The competition being strong the baskets sold at high figures. After luncheon an interesting programme was carried out. A reading by Miss M. Burpee, "Pledge with wine," a solo "I've come home to die, mother," and a song by choir, "No wine" were heartily encored. A humorous reading by E Barker, "A Yankee in love," brought down the house A vote of thanks was then moved to the ladies, and was replied to on their behalf by J. H. Hamilton. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The sum of $22.25 was realized with which to furnish Regalias.

In my last letter I was in hopes that the rum traffic here was entirely removed, but I regret to say such is not the case. On Saturday an Indian was carried along our street utterly unconscious, and thrown behind the Station building until a team was procured to haul him home. I asked the Indian, who brought him, where he got his liquor, and he said at White's, and I think the Commissioner on Indian Affairs should enquire into the matter and prosecute the guilty party. On the Sabbath day intoxicated men are seen coming from the direction of a certain place in this locality, the proprietor of which has already been fined, but this Vendor seems bound to sell in spite of the law, and I heard that the fine recently imposed on him has not been collected. If such is the case it were idle to ask for new laws more stringent, while those we have which are judicious and practicable, remain a dead letter on our statute book. Let these be respected and enforced, and the popular mind and heart will be prepared for more decisive legislation. The present is an age of Progress. Old usages are laid aside and prejudice and appetite are yielding to the force of truth. At such a crisis the legal constituted guardians of the public weal are inexcusably guilty if they fail to do all in their power to give effect to such laws as are designed to check intemperance, and promote the virtue and happiness of the people

J. H. HAMILTON,
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Gibson, Oct. 26th,

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LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG.

The Circumstances Under Which the Emancipator's Great Speech Was Delivered.

John Russell Young contributes this reminiscence to a contemporary:

"The celebration at Gettysburg was on Cemetery Hill. I was sent to report it for the Philadelphia Press. I sat behind Mr. Lincoln.

"Mr. Everett delivered the oration. I remember the great orator had a way of raising and dropping his handkerchief as he spoke. He spoke for two hours, and was very impressive, with his white hair and venerable figure.

"He was a great orator, but it was like a bit of Greek sculpture—beautiful, but cold as ice. It was perfect art, but without feeling. The art and beauty of it captured your imagination and judgment.

"Mr. Everett went over the campaign with resonant, clear, splendid rhetoric. There was not a word, or a sentence, or a thought, that could be corrected. You felt that every gesture had been carefully studied out beforehand. It was like a great actor playing a great part.

"Mr. Lincoln rose, walked to the edge of the platform, took out his glasses and put them on. He was awkward. He bowed to the assemblage in his homely manner, and took out of his coat-pocket a page of foolscap.

"In front of Mr. Lincoln was a photographer with his camera, endeavoring to take a picture of the scene.

"We all supposed that Mr. Lincoln would make a rather long speech—a half-hour at least.

"He took the single sheet of foolscap, held it almost to his nose, and, in his high tenor voice, without the least attempt for effect, delivered that most extraordinary address which belongs to the classics of literature.

"The photographer was bustling about, preparing to take the President's picture while he was speaking; but Mr. Lincoln finished before the photographer was ready.

"I remember it was a beautiful October day, and there were four or five thousand people present. Very few heard what Mr. Lincoln said, and it is a curious thing that his remarkable words should have made no particular impression at the time.

"The noticeable thing was the anxiety of all on the platform that the photographer should be able to get his picture. I remember we were all very much disappointed at his failure, and were more interested in his adventure than in the address."

Fighting a Prairie Fire.

In an article in Outing Captain Bourke says:

"The command was threatened by a great prairie fire on coming down into the broad grassy valley of the Janos. Under the impetus of a fierce wind the flames were rushing upon the camp.

"There was not a moment to be lost. All hands turned out—soldiers, squaws, Chirachu warriors, and even children. Each bore a branch of willow or cotton wood, a blanket or scrap of canvas.

"The conflagration had already seized the hill-crest nearest our position, brownish and gray clouds poured skyward in compact masses, at their feet a long line of scarlet flame flashed and leaped high in the air.

"It was a grand, a terrible sight: in front was smiling nature; behind, ruin and desolation.

"The heat created a vacuum, and the air, pouring in, made whirlwinds, which sent the black funnels of steam winding and twisting with the symmetry of hour-glasses, almost to the zenith.

"For one moment the line of fire paused, as if to rest after gaining the hilltop; it was only a moment.

"'Here he comes!' yelled the men on the left; and like a wild beast flinging high its tawny mane of cloud and flashing its fangs of flame, the fire was upon, round and about us.

"Our people stood bravely up to their work, and the swish! swish! swish! of the willow brooms proved that camp was not to be surrendered without a struggle.

"We won the day; that is, we saved camp, herds, and a small area of pasturage; but over a vast surface of territory the ruthless flames swept, mantling the land with soot and an opaque pall of mist and smoke through which the sun's rays could not penetrate.

"Several horses and mules were badly burned, but none to death."

Crocodiles of the Congo.

There are a large number of hippo, ami along the Congo and its tributarie and thousands upon thousands of crocodiles.

"The latter are by far the most insidious foes we have, because they are so silent and so swift. You see a man bathing in the river," said Mr. Stanley, with one of his vivid graphic touches; "he is standing near the door laughing at you, perhaps, laughing in the keen enjoyment of his bath; suddenly he falls over and you see him no more.

"A crocodile has approached unseen, has struck him a blow with its tail that knocks him over, and he is instantly seized and carried off.

"Or, it may be that the man is swimming; he is totally unconscious of danger; there is nothing in sight, nothing to stir a tremor of apprehension; but there, in deep water, under the shadow of that rock; or hidden beneath the shelter of the trees yonder, is a huge crocodile, it has spotted the swimmer and is watching the opportunity; the swimmer approaches; he is within striking distance; stealthily, silently, unperceived, the creature makes for its prey; the man knows nothing till he is seized by the leg and dragged under, and he knows no more!

"A bubble or two indicates the place where he has gone down, and that is all."

Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers, Night of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

St. Stephen; Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber.
Milltown St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday. H. McAllister.
Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; John P. Bell.
Orange Hall, Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson.
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; J. S. B. DeVebber.
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stuart.
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Tuesday; Robt. Wills.
Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; John L. Steeves.
Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday: Jacob I. Keirstead.
Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; James E. Coy.
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. Teed.
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Cudlip Miller.
Moncton; Moncton, 183; Monday; E. McCarthy.
St. George; St. George, 189; R. H. Davis.
Salisbury, West. Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Saturday; C. A. Beck.
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207 Monday; Wm. Roxborough.
Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday: John Waring.
Moncton; Intercolonial, 243; Friday; Alex. Ford.
Victoria Mills, West. Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main.
Sackville, West. Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines.
Kingston, Kent Co.; Kingston, 44; Tuesday; B. S. Bailey.
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; D. McGruar.
Point de Bute, West. Co.; Westmorland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman.
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.
Charlotte C.; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; N. Bucknam.
Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.
Dover, West. Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; W. Steeves.
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; Henry Finch.
Derby, North. Co.; Nelson, 99; Monday; J. Betts
Douglastown, North. Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.
Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; J. W. Mann.
Weldford, Kent. Co; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wather.
Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.
Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith.
Petitcodiac, West. Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. Jonah.
Lewis Mountain, West. Co.; Sun Saturday; R. Lewis.
Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd.
Millstream, Kings Co.; Britannia, 255; Friday; C. W. Weyman.
Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson.
Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts.
Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.; Union, 258; D. W. Grierson.
River Charlo, Rest. Co.; Charlo, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith.
Steeves' Mountain, West. Co.; Mountain Rose, 260; Saturday; R. Lutzs, Sr.
Lawrence Station; Char. Co.; Lawrenceville, 261; Saturday; F. S. Richardson.
Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes.
Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton.
Scotch Ridge, Char Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; Alex. M. McKenzie.
Oak Hill, Char Co.; Oak, 265; Thursday; Dr. J. Harry Grimmer.
Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith.
Graves' Settlement, West. Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston.
McAdam Junction, York Co.; Star Branch, 268; E. W. Brownell.
2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. Sherwood.
St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan.
Penobsquis, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Thursday; J. W. Floyd.
St. Nicholas River, Kent Co.; Milltown, 272 Friday; J. Murray.
Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; G. Flewelling.
Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore.
St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division, No. 275; Monday; H. P. Sandall.
Eagle Settlement, West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Wednesday; G. A. Taylor.
Salisbury, Westmoreland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; Jas. Henry.
Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; I. Hall.
Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Thursday; D. W. Goodall.
St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent.
Elgin, Albert Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; G. Smith, A. B.
Springfield, King's Co.; Springfield, 282; Friday; G. M. Wetmore.
Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake; 283; H. E. White.
Clifton, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division 284; Wednesday; N. R. Ritchie.
Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; John Keenan.
Port Elgin, West Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Tuesday; W. M. Spence.
Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 287; Saturday; H. W. Falkins.
Waterford, K. C.; Essex Division 288; Monday; John W. DeForest.
Dubec, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Wm. V. Benn.
Forest Glen, West. Co; Forest Glen 290; Saturday; Miss A. Hubley.
Bristol, Carleton Co.; Bristol Union, 291; Tuesday; Rev. John Gravinor.
East Florenceville, Carleton Co.; East Florenceville, 292; Saturday; Wm. Tompkins.
Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293 Saturday; J. T. Fletcher.
Bath Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Hubert Gray.
Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale 295 Tuesday; F. A. Steeves.
Canterbury, York Co.; Dufferin, 296; Friday S. A. Baker.
River Louison, Restigouche Co.; Louison, 297; Friday; Donald Stewart.
Kirkland, Carleton Co.; Monument, 298; Thursday; John Lyons, Deputy.
Woodstock, Carleton Co.; Campbell, 299; Friday; S. McLeod.
Campbellton, Restigouche Co.; Campbellton, 300; Thursday; J. E. Price.
Manuhurst, Kings Co.; Lincluden, 301; Thursday; D. S. Mann.
Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Thursday; Jas. Crawford.
Moncton, P O. Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303; Wednesday; Martin Freeze.
Scotch Settlement, Westmorland Co.; McCarthy 304; David Murray.
Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305; Zebulon Gaunce.
Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; Jas. Pickard.
Portland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Friday Rev. J. Spencer.
Old Ridge, Char. Co.; Brunswick Division, No. 309; Monday; Howard Maxwell.
Northhampton; Carleton Co., Caladonia, 310; Thursday; Geo. Watson.
Waterside, Parish of Harvey, Albert Co, Gladstone No. 311; Saturday; Rev. S. C. Moore.
Poquiock, York Co.; Poquiock, 312; Wednesday; Edward True, Deputy.
North Lake, Canterbury; York County; Star No. 313; ——————; Hiram Vasey Dep
Janeville, Gloucester Co; Janeville, Saturday; Edward L Caie, Deputy.
Kingsclear, York Co.; Kingsclear, 315; Sday; Chas Kilburn, Sr. Deputy.
Rolling Dam, Charlotte Co; Rolling Dam Monday; Neill McDermott.
Buctouche, Kent Co; Buctouche, Rev. J. D. Murray.