

Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Ontario.

THE Semi-Annual Session of this Grand Division will be held (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Grafton, commencing on TUESDAY, the 27th day of MAY, inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m. Arrangements have been made by which board will be provided at ONE DOLLAR per day.

Representatives are requested to send their names to Brother Wm. Johnston, Grafton, and to report themselves at the Hall immediately on their arrival, when they will be directed to homes by the Committee.

The usual arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Midland, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, and Whitby and Port Perry Railways to convey members for one fare and one-third for the double journey. Certificates for reduced fares should be applied for to the Grand Scribe immediately. A public meeting Wednesday evening. A large attendance of Representatives is earnestly requested.

THOMAS CASWELL, G. W. P.,
THOMAS WEBSTER, Grand Scribe.
Office of the Grand Division,
Brantford, May, 1879.

To Members of the Order.

Bro. J. W. Manning, P. G. W. P. of our Order has been an active member and earnest and eloquent advocate of our principles for many years, it has been thought becoming by many of our members in the Province to present a testimonial to him as a slight token of our appreciation of his valuable services.

He has spent the best portion of his life in promoting our cause, and I believe his efforts have been eminently successful. I believe he has no equal, certainly no superior on the temperance platform of Canada.

Will you assist in getting up the testimonial, which I expect will be presented at our Semi-Annual Session at Grafton.

Bro. G. M. Rose, P. G. W. P., acts as Treasurer of the Fund,

and will acknowledge the receipt of all monies. And I am, yours fraternally,

DAVID MILLAR, P. G. W. P.
Toronto, 24th April, 1879.

Miscellaneous.

We believe that one-half the drunkards in this country can look back on the cider mug as the beginning of their intemperance. Now, boys, if you would never be drunkards, keep away from the cider barrel.

The Irish Temperance Banner says that a County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary, speaking to a friend the other day, declared the Sunday Closing Act to be "the greatest blessing ever conferred on Ireland by the British Parliament."

OUR widely celebrated and respected Canadian temperance worker, Mrs. Youmans, is now in Boston, where it has been arranged for her to give twenty temperance lectures during the month of April. Wherever she goes in the United States she is warmly received.

OUR excellent law prohibiting the sale of liquor along our public works seems to be in thorough force. A man was recently sent to prison for six months, in default of the payment of a \$200 fine, for selling liquor on the line of the Pacific Railway, between Thunder Bay and Manitoba.

"YOU DIE FASTER."—The actuary of a temperance life insurance company said to a non-abstainer who complained because his class of people had to pay a higher rate of premiums than total abstainers, "the fact is, you die faster than those that don't drink, or they do not die as fast as you."

IN the recent vote to repeal the Dunkin By-Law in the township of Ernestown, Lennox Co., the result was as follows: For Dunkin, 276; for repeal, 202—majority for Dunkin, 74. There was three days' voting, the temperance men leading off each day. The By-Law has been three years in force in the township.

Words of Wisdom.

He who gives you fair words feeds you with an empty spoon.

Compliments cost nothing, yet many people pay dearly for them.

Half-witted people have a talent of talking much and saying little.

A wise man is like a spring lock, always more ready to shut than open.

Sweep first before your own door, before you sweep before your neighbour's.

The passion of acquiring riches in order to support a vain expense, corrupts the purest souls.

Take your place modestly at life's banquet, says Knebel, and ask for nothing not in the bill of fare.

Heaven ever renders her dews to the earth, but earth seldom, or never, renders her dues to heaven.

Scandal, like the Nile, is fed by innumerable streams; but it is extremely difficult to trace it to its source.

Four things come not back: the broken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and neglected opportunity.

A man cannot possess anything that is better than a good woman, nor anything that is worse than a bad one.

To maintain a steady and unbroken mind, amidst all the shocks of the world, marks a great and noble spirit.

Wisdom consists not in seeing what is directly before us, but in discerning those things which may come to pass.

Men are sometimes accused of pride because their accusers would be proud themselves if they were in their place.

It is a pretty saying of an old writer, that men, like books, begin and end with blank leaves—infancy and senility.

All men who do anything, must endure a depreciation of their efforts. It is the dirt which their chariot wheels throw up,