The Invenile Department.

THE DRUNKARD'S BOY.

Oh, chide him not nor east a shade Of sorrow o'er his brow, Nor break, by unkind words, the spell Which hangs around him now, For why disturb his innocence With tales of wild despair, And quench within his soul the joys Which sparkle brightly there

Oh, true it is the heart will sigh To think that coming years Will blast his hopes and strew his path With bitter, scalding tears; And when he hears his playmates tell Each of their father's fame, How sad to think that he must bear A drunken father's shame.

Then chide him not-too soon, alas! The bitter truth he'll know, Too soon his heart will bow beneath The helplessness of woe; Then chide him not, nor seek to check The current of his joy, Too soon the world will let him know He is a drunkard's boy.

THE FALLEN YOUTH.

He was the hope of his father; his mother's soul was bound up in him; he was an only child; his form majestic to his parents' eyes, and his voice was music in their ears. This three-fold cord was not easily broken. It was composed of a thousand with the fibres pare of which would be a substantial. silken fibres, none of which could be sundered without inflicting a death-like pang.

Twenty two years had scarcely passed from the morning which gave him birth, when the nuptial ec-remonies between him and a lady as fair and innocent as an angel, were celebrated. It was a glad day. He loved his wife. Her paradise was formed, and she gloried in nothing but her husband. Two years passed away, and the sun, as it rose above the horizon, darted its first beams upon the infant son of that loved pair. Angels saw it, and they sang. Heaven saw it, and bade all nature smile his approbation forth. Young Edmund (for so shall I call his name) was now a father. The day was fine. He walked forth and met the greeting of his friends. Twas the custom to acknowledge the title of the youthful heir by health-liquid fire given and received. Now he took the social glass; they were merry, and he took the second; he thought he would take no more, but they urged him, he feared to be ungenerous, and he took the third; his reason recled, and he took the fourth. In a word he was drunk He staggered home; but O! the grief, the surprise, the shame that overwhelmed that wife and those aged parents. They remonstrated, exposiulated, plead, and prayed. He gave pledges of reform, but all was in vain. "Wine was a mocker, strong drink was raging." The subsequent history was short. The grey hairs of his parents came down with sor row to the grave. His wife lingered out a few miserable years, when she was released by the mandates of death. He was a wretch, forsaken of God, and man, and I suppose, before this, has gone to meet his doom. Would it were a solitary case. But, alas! there are thousands such .- J. Woodman.

LITTLE THINGS.

Blade by blade grows the grass, until the meadows are covered with their carpet of green ; leaf by leaf the trees put on their foliage until every branch is clothed, and whole forests rejoice in summer beauty; rill by rill the mighty rushing river is formed that adores the landscape and bears proud ships on its bosom; and house by house a village or town is built, and so through all nature or art. Great things are made up of a large number of little things. There are two sides to every picture. Blade by blade the grass may be blighted, or scorched, or frozen until its verdure disappears; leaf by leaf the beauty of the forest fades away; and drop by drop the swollen river may creep through its banks, until with a sudden rush the angry water bears all before it, and a swift flood pours over the land. Thinking over these things, I said to myself, it is just the same with our-selves. Little by little the infant grows into a youth, and youth into the man. Little by little our conduct is formed out of a number of little habits; little habits grow into greater ones, and according as they are good or ball, so is our character worthy or to the American Consul there, by order of the unworthy. Little by little BANDS OF HOPE get to French Emperor, to be placed in the Washington be great associations, embrace all the community and monument at Washington. save the world. Never despise little things.

SILENCE AT HOME.

Let parents talk much and talk well at home. A father who is habitually silent in his own house, may be, in many respects, a wise man; but he is not wise in his cilence. We sometimes see parents, who are the life of every company which they enter, dull, silent, uninteresting at home, among the children. If they have not mental activity and mental stores sufficient for both, let them first provide for their own household. Ireland exports beef and wheat and lives on potatoes; and they fare as poorly who reserve their social charms for companions abroad, and keep their dullness for home consumption. It is better to instruct children and make them happy at home, than it is to charm strangers, or amuse friends. A'silent house is a'dull place for young people, a place from which they will escape if they can. They will talk, or think, of being "shut up" there; and the youth who does not love home is in danger. Make home, then, a cheerful and pleasant spot. Light it up with obserful instructive conversation. Father, eather will your best. Sand Calentary mother, talk your best - Sunday School Times.

ORIDDREN did you ever hear of a man totter ing into and unkerd's grave who never commenced shire Hi to drink? Then, beware of the first glass! Castle.

News Iottinas.

Paovincial Parliament resumed business on Monday the 12th inst.

The body of a named James Cleff was picked up at Hogan's Wharf on Monday last. He was formerly navigator of the schr Susan, but had recently been discharged in consequence of his intemperate habits. We understand he leaves a wife and three children in Liverpool, England.

We believe that Messrs. J. Watson & Co. are making arrangements for securing a Tug Boat for Halifax harbor, which is expected to be ready for service early in the spring.

Two young men belonging to Yarmouth were lost werboard from the barque Beaver, on her passage rom that place to New York. One was the son of Edward Crosby, the other the son of Isaiah Crosby.

The residence of Sir Edmund Head, Governor ien. of Canada, " Spencer Wood," about three miles rom Quebec, was totally destroyed by fire on Tueslay evening last.

FIRE.-The Grist and Saw Mills of Mr George Anderson, Petpeswick, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday, the 7th inst,-together with a large quantity of Farming implements, Grain, lumber, ools, &c. We understand there was no insurance on any of the articles destroyed, therefore the loss will be very heavy.

The Canadian Parliament was to assemble at Que bec on the 28th ult.

The news of the loss of the Hungarian caused great excitement in Canada. It is feared that these successive disasters to the Canadian line of steamers will be the means of stopping its operations.

Two fires in Canada one at Prescott on the 19th, and the other at Brantford on the 17th, Feb., were very destructive in their results. At Brantford property to the amount of \$150,000 is said to have

Stephen Whitney, whose death is announced, has left an estate valued at upwards of ten millions of dollars.

Five California steamships were sold on Monday, at New York, under protest from Mr B. H. Cheever one of the Trustees of the owners.-They were knocked off at the following prices:-Illinois, \$106,-090, to B. H. Cheever; Moses Taylor, \$102,000, to the same gentleman; Star of the West, \$15,000 to Moses Taylor; Philadelphia \$5,000, to Francis Morris; Empire City, \$10,000, to the same gentleman.

CINCINNATI, March 2-On Wednesday a descent was made upon a gang of counterfeiters at Lexington, Mo., who were caught in the act of altering bills on the Farmer's Bank of Rhode Island to the Farmer's Bank of Wisconsin, and raising the denominations of other notes, including the Farmer's Bank of Lexington, to 20's. Fifty-two arrests were made.

The walls of St. Xavier Church, Cincinnatti, on which fifteen men were at work, fell down on the 2nd inst., killing thirteen and mortally wounding one. The remaining man escaped injury.

COTPER MINE IN LOWER CANADA.—The Granby Guzette reports the discovery of a copper mine at Acton, near the Grand Trunk depot. The ore is said to yield 30 to 40 per cent of copper.

Liabilities sued for in the Middlesex Division Court for the eighteen months ending 31st December, 1858, amounted to \$294,194!

The Grand Trunk Rillway of Canada continues to improve in its traffic receipts. The return for the week ending Jan. 14, 1860, amounts to \$52,335 25c., being an increase on the same week of the previous year of near by \$20,000!

Both the State and city governments of New York are at work upon legislation to prevent the erection of unsafe tenement houses in the city. The superinendent of sanitary inspection for the city has been on a round of examination, and reports 400 tenement houses either dangerous or unwholesome.

A late English paper says that Vice Admiral Sir Houstan Stewart, on his return to England, will either take the place of senior Sea Lord of the Admiralty, or succeed Vice Admiral Sir Barrington Reynolds, as Commander in Chief at Devonport, whose time is up in May.

The search for the log-book and journal of Sir John Franklin, will, it is said, be renewed next

A stone has been taken from the monument of Napolean the Great, on St Helena, and presented

Russia and Austria are about forming an alliance for the protection of the latter power against insurrection in Hungary and Venetia.

There appears to be no foundation for the rumor of the intended marriage between the Princess Alice and the Prince of Orange.

A French newspaper states that the Queen of Madagascar is seriously ill, and not at all likely to recover.

Kossuth had suddenly disappeared from London, and it was thought he had gone to Hungary.

The English government is now building four iron ships-of war, two of 6,000 tons each and two of They are built by private contract and are to be protected with shot proof iron plates, 44 inches thick, around their sides.

The army of England is to be increased by 10,000 regulars. The Government will not contribute anything towards the support of the Volunteer

The French Government has bought the Debats for £100,000. It is to become the great organ of free trade for France and the Continent, with Michel Chevalier as editor.

The citizens of Edinburgh are making preparati ons to give a grand reception to the 78th or Ross-shire Highlanders, now to be stationed in Edinburgh

MINISTERIAL DECLARATION.

The following Declaration was drawn up and signed by the Ministerial Conference which assembled in this city in October last. Since that date the following signatures have been added. By publighing the list you will oblige

P. G. McGregor, J. M. CRAMP, W. H. HUMPHREY,

Committee appointed by the Conference to procure the signatures of Ministers.

The undersigned, Ministers of the Gospel in the Province of Nova Scotia, hereby declare their firm conviction that the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquor, as a heverage, is highly injurious to Society, and ought to be abolished; and they pledge themselves to exert all the influence they may possess in order to secure the effectual administration of a Law pro hibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drink, for beverages purposes, whenever such Law shall be passed by the Legislature: John Cameron-Nine Mile River, P. C. N. S.

Thomas Dounie—Antigonish, George Patterson—Green Hill, David Roy-New Glasgow, George Walker— Angus McGilvray—Springrille, Henry Pope-Ha'ifax, Wesieyan.

Duncan B. Blair—Burney's River, Free P. Church. John Stewart—New Glasgow, "
John Carrie—Maitland, P. C. N. S.

Georgo J. Heustis— " "
James McLean—Shubanacadie, P. C. N. S.

W. B. King—Parrsboro', Episcopal. J. W. Tays—Barrington, John I. Baxter—Ouslaw, P. C. N. S. John L. Murdoch-Windsor, John Sprott—Masquadoboit,

James Ross, Professor-Trura, (To be continued.)

Answers of Grand Scribe to Correspondents

." W. A. C. R., - Lunenbury Co." - Members under 18 years of age cannot vote on any question. See decision of National Division in Journal of Annual Session, 1858.

" Ams Yar. C."-The first Temperance Society in Nova Scotia was organised, I believe, at Beaver River, Yarmouth County, in the year 1828. Acadia Division No. 1—first of the Order S. of T. in N. S.—in Yarmouth Town 17th Nov. 1847.—The Order exists, now, in thirteen Counties of the Province. It is extinct in Sydney and Queen's Counties - National Division was organized 17th June, 1844.

" Old Tectotaller, Liverpool."-No. Judge Marshall, I believe, is not a member of the Order. Mr Wm. M. Brown is still connected with it and " as active as ever."

" A Hants' Son "-The National Division will meet at Portland, Maine, U. S .- in June next. The G. D. has "not decided to send delegates to that meeting." Nova Scotia ought to be represented on that occasion.

-."--If, as you say, " the Constitu-" John Ftion is your study" you need not have put the questions contained in your communication. The Constitution is quite plain. Perhaps you had better study it a little more. In reply to your several questions, I would refer you for the 1st .- to Sects 1 and 2, of Article 5, Const. of Subordinates; 2-1,-to Sect-3, 4 and 7, of Art. 7; and 3d.-to Sects. 3, 4 and 7, of Art. 10. Article 11 of this Constitution is very plain, and must surely have escaped your notice during your studies.

" A. G. D. member."-The G. D. is too poor to pay the expenses of half-a dozen Delegates to next meeting of National Division." Perhaps the Subordinate Divisions "in the city might" as you say, appropriate a sufficient sum to send one or two We certainly should be represented at that meeting, as the Constitutions of the Order will be revised. It "is also the meeting at which the officers of that body will be elected."

al Division—" against the admission of colored men as members of the Order" is " repugnant to the feelings of your Division," I would suggest that you "pass a resolution in favor of their admission, and forward it to the G. D. with a request to transmit it to the National Division."

" Wm. S .- Geo. Town, P. E. I."-I have no doubt the Editor of Abstainer would be pleased to hear from you occasionally. Give him an account of the cause in your locality

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

OFFICIAL.

HALIFAX, N. S., 15th March, 1860. A Quarterly Session of the Grand Division S. of T. of Nova Scotia, will be held at Yarmouth, on Wednesday, 25th day of April, at 7 o'clock r. m.
It is carnestly requested that all Returns be forwarded to the G. S. before the 16th day of April.

The financial accounts of G. S. will be closed on that

Divisional Deputies will please be prompt in forwarding the Quarterly Reports to the County depu-ties; and the latter will please forward their Reports to the G. W. P. before the 14th day of April.

The Seal of Subordinate Divisions must be affixed to all official communications:

The address of the G. W. P. is, Rev P. G. Mc-Gregor, Halifax.

Received by Grand Scribe on account of Ab-

GEORGETOWN, P.E.I.—Wm. Sanderson, 20 10 0 Sr. John's, N.F.—W. D. Morrison, 6 0 MAHONE BAY-Henry Schmare, 1 10 SYDNEY MINES, C.B.—John Edwards, Sr. 2 0 SIIIP HARBOR—Peter Paint, 5 0

The undernamed have paid their subscriptions

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Form of Application for a Charter for a Division of the Sons of Temperance.

The undersigned, inhabitants of ——, believing the Order of the Sons of Temperanes to be well calculated to extend the blessings of Total Abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, to grant them a Charter to open a new Division, to obcalled the —— Division, No. —, Sons of Temperanee of the Province of Nova cotia, to be located in ——, and under your jurisdiction

under your jurisdiction
We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to
be governed by the rules and usages of said Grand Division, and also by those of the National Division of North

Oh, and the observation of the Charter fee, S5, Books. &c., S2, Address Mr. P. Monaghan, Grand Scribe of Grand

TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN.

FORM OF PETITION FOR NEW CLUB To the S. O. Provincial Club Temperance Watchmer, of Nove

desirous to promote the good cause of Temperance, and believing your organization efficient, respectfully request you to visit us on _____, and assist us in establishing a Temperance Watchmar Club in this place.

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As in duty bound will over pray.

Address Mr DANIEL McDonald, Provincial Secretary emperance Watchmen, New Glasgow, N. S. Rituals, Constitutions; Blank Returns, Odes, Journals, &c., can be had upon application to the Sec.

DANIEL McDONALD.

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