

Temperance Department.

TRUTH desires to give, each week, information from every part of the Temperance work. An information gladly received. Address: T. W. CASEY, G. W. S., Editor, Napanee, Ont.

Praying for Papa.

A few nights ago a well-known citizen, who had been walking for some time in the downward path, came out of his house and started down town for a night of carousal with some old companions he had promised to meet.

His young wife had besought him with imploring eyes to spend the evening with her, and had reminded him of the time when evenings passed in her company were all too short. His little daughter had clung about his knees and coaxed in her pretty, willful way for "papa" to tell her some bed-timorities, but habit was stronger than love for wife and child, and he eluded their tender questioning by the special sophistries of the father of evil advances at such times from his credit fund, and went his way. But when he was a few blocks distant from his home he found that in changing his coat he had forgotten to remove his wallet, and he could not go out on a drinking bout without money, even though he knew that his family needed it, and his wife was economizing every day more in order to make up his deficits, and he hurried back and crept softly past the windows of the little home, in order that he might steal in and obtain it, without running the gauntlet of either questions or caresses. But something stayed his feet, there was a fire in the grate within, for the night was chilly, and it lit up the little parlor and brought out in startling effects the pictures on the wall. But these were as nothing to the pictures on the hearth. There, in the soft glow of the firelight knelt his child at the mother's feet, its small hands clasped in prayer, its fair head bowed; and as its rosy lips whispered each word with distinctness, the father listened, spell bound to the spot:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep:
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."

Sweet petition! The man himself, who stood there with bearded lips shut tightly together had said that prayer once at his mother's knee. Where was that mother now? The sunset gate had long ago barred to let her pass through. But the child had not finished; he heard her "God bless mamma, papa, and my own self,"—and there was a pause, and she lifted her troubled blue eyes to her mother's face.

"God bless papa," prompted the mother softly.

"God bless papa," lisped the little one.

"And—please send him home sober"—he could not hear the mother as she said this, but the child followed in clear, inspired tone:

"God bless—papa—and—please—send—him—home—sober—Amen."

Mother and child sprang to their feet in alarm when the door opened so suddenly, but they were not afraid when they saw who it was, returned so soon.

But that night, when little Mamie was being tucked up in bed after such a romp with papa, she said in the sleepest and most contented of voices:

"Mama, God answers most as quick as a telephone, doesn't he?"

The Royal Templars.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of Royal Templars was held in the Temperance Hall, in this city, last week, and was well attended, representatives being present from the various organizations throughout the Province. The organization is one founded on total abstinence, with a special mutual benefit arrangement for the members, assuring money payments in case of sickness or death. Fair progress is reported during the past year, and the finances are in good condition. The following well known temperance workers were elected the officers for the coming year:—

G. Councillor, J. H. Flagg, Mitchell, V. C., Rev. H. Burns, Cannington; G. Chaplain, Rev. J. R. Gundy, Ridgeway; G. Sec., J. H. Laud, Hamilton; G. T., J. Cornell, Lyndon; G. Herald, Geo. Young, Trenton; D. H., W. Ross, Port Perry; G. Guard, I. Buchanan, Wingham; Sentinel, Thomas McKinney, Thornbury; Trustees, Rev. A. M. Phillips, Galt; James Hughes, Toronto; J. G. Y. Burkholder, Hamilton; Medical Examiner, Dr. V. C. Emory, Hamilton; P. G. C., Rev. J. Kay, Thorold. Mr. W. W. Buchanan, of Hamilton, has been appointed as general agent for the Province.

Col. Hickman.

Col. Hickman has been addressing meetings in various parts of the Province during this month, with very fair success, though the cold rough weather has been much against him. At Parkdale on Thursday evening of last week a pleasant meeting was held and an excellent address was given; James Johnston, Esq., occupied the chair. Arrangements are being made for two or three meetings on his return. Col. Hickman is now in the vicinity of Napanee, where meetings are being held each evening. After this week the appointments are as follows, so far as yet made:—

Bath, Sunday 22nd; Belleville, 23rd; Deseronto, 24th, Brockville, 25th and 26th; Merrickville, 27th; some meetings in Carleton County later that. Any parties desiring his services will please write to T. Lawless, G. W. C., Napanee.

NEWS AND NOTES.

THE NATION'S VICE.—A very valuable addition to temperance literature has been made by the publication of an elaborate work entitled "The Nation's Vice," from the pen of the late Dr. Grindrod, of England. It has been published since his death. In it he states that there are, in London, ten thousand drink shops, attended by half a million of customers. Large as these figures appear they are probably under the mark than above it.

MEDICAL TESTIMONY.—Dr. M'Murtry, of Belfast, in his paper read before the Liverpool Temperance Congress, on "The Wise Physician's Attitude towards Alcohol," says:—I have not found it necessary to prescribe alcohol above half a dozen times during the last fifteen years, and that he has, always given it "pure, of known strength, in fixed doses, and at well-defined intervals, carefully watching its effects, withdrawing it as soon as the need for it has ceased, and adopting every other precaution against mischief from its use." We would be glad if our friends would take a note of this and mention it to their medical men if occasion requires it.

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.—The Irish League Journal says:—St. Bernard was a wise and benevolent man. He had three questions which he asked regarding everything about which he had any doubt. Now, not many are fully convinced that using alcohol is wrong, nor do they think that it is right to abstain from it. They hesitate what to do. St. Bernard's three questions would help them out of their difficulty, if rightly used. 1. Is it lawful? May I (drink) and not sin? 2. Is it becoming in me as a Christian (to drink)? 3. Is it expedient (to drink)? May I do it and not offend my weak brothers? An honest, prayerful use of these questions, when tempted or asked to take intoxicants, would save many from ruin and strengthen many who are weak.

A SEVERE TEST.—The Pall Mall Gazette says:—"We publish elsewhere our first notice of George Elliot's Life considered in its personal aspect. We cannot resist the temptation of at once transferring to our columns the following characteristic story of Carlyle and the House of Commons:—"I must tell you a story (says George Elliot) Miss Bremer got from Emerson. Carlyle was very angry with him for not believing in a devil, and to convert him he took him among all the horrors of London—the gin shops, &c.,—and finally to the House of Commons, plying him at every turn with the question, 'Do you believe in a devil now?' He must have been a robust sceptic surely if his unbelief in the Evil One were proof against all the horrors of London, beginning with a gin

shop and ending as an appropriate climax in the House of Commons."

GERMAN GIN AND GUNPOWDER.—The Morning Post understands that "German official reports which have just been communicated in the Reichstag upon the extent and character of German trade with Africa, completely, though most unsatisfactorily, explain the resistance which German diplomacy offered to the British attempts at the Berlin Conference to restrain the traffic in intoxicating drink on the African coasts. The total value of German exports to Africa amounts to some 32,000,000 marks, or more than £1,500,000. Of this total no less than 12,000,000 marks, or nearly £600,000, represents the traffic in 'Nigger brandy' and 'Nigger rum' alone. Next in importance to intoxicating drink among the German exports is the scarcely more pleasing commodity of guns and gunpowder. German trade is, in fact, almost exclusively injurious to the best interests of the African population."

ALCOHOL AND HEART-BEATS.—Dr. N. B. Richardson of London, the noted physician, says he was recently able to convey a considerable amount of conviction to an intelligent scholar by a simple experiment. The scholar was singing the praises of the "ruddy unper," and saying he could not get through the day without it, when Dr. Richardson said,—"Will you be kind enough to feel my pulse while I stand here?" He did so. "Count it carefully. What does it say?" "Seventy-four." "I will now sit down in a chair and ask you to count it again." He did so, and said,—"Your pulse has gone down to seventy." I then lay down on the lounge and said, "Will you take it again?" He replied, "Why, it is only sixty-four! What an extraordinary thing!" I then said, "When you lie down at night, that is the way nature gives your heart rest. You know nothing of it, but that beating organ is resting to that extent; and if you reckon it up it is a great deal of rest, because in lying down the heart is doing ten strokes less a minute. Multiply that by sixty, and it is six hundred; multiply it by eight hours, and within a fraction it is five thousand strokes different; and as the heart is throwing out six ounces of blood at every stroke, it makes a difference of just thirty-six thousand ounces of lifting during the night. When I lie down at night without any alcohol that is the rest my heart gets. But when you take your wine or grog, you do not allow the rest, for the influence of alcohol is to increase the number of strokes, and then, instead of getting this rest, you put on something like fifteen thousand extra strokes, and the result is you rise up very seedy and unfit for the next day's work until you have taken a little more of the ruddy bampet, which you think is the life of man."

PROHIBITION IN THE NORTH-WEST.—At a recent public meeting in South London, Mr. Peter O'Leary, formerly of Toronto, made the following statements to an English audience at a recent visit to America:—"On his visit to the great prairies of the North-west he found in operation a strong prohibiting law applying both to the whites and the Indians. There was on the ground a force of 700 mounted police, who confiscated any intoxicating drink they found, and

PROSECUTED THE WHISKY TRADERS, who were punished with six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$200. In the great North-Western country there are at present about 35,000 Indians, and if they could get intoxicating drinks there would be constant contentions between them and the whites, whereas under the present system, life and property were perfectly secure. (Hear and cheers.) He visited the tribes of the Blackfeet, the Crees, the Sarcees, and others, and none of them, happily, knew anything of drinking habits. On the famous Bell Farm, where 7,000 acres of wheat were growing, he found all the husbandry work being carried on by people who consumed no drink. The men employed in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway were absolutely prohibited from the use of intoxicants. He found in the ranching country, at the base of the Rocky Mountains, that the ranchers, cowboys and the drivers of the bull teams took no drinks. He paid visits to four Irish colonies founded in Minnesota by Dr. Ireland, Bishop of St. Paul's, and in them, no drink

being sold, the greatest happiness and prosperity prevailed. (Cheers.) Having found many other instances of the adoption of the total abstinence principle by Canadian communities, Mr. O'Leary, having testified to the general good results all over Canada, said that the absence of intoxicating drink was the salvation of the great North-west country, which in a few years would be the home of millions of men."

RECEIPTS FROM LODGES.

The G. W. Secretary acknowledges the following receipts from lodges for January: FOR TAX.

May Flower, Greenock.....	\$ 12
Pine Grove, Dundonald.....	2 12
Riverside, Dawn Mills.....	13
Albion, Toronto.....	3 12
Maple Leaf, Kingsville.....	1 12
Petherton Star, Petherton.....	1 12
Flowing Tide, Lombardy.....	1 12
Merivale, Merivale.....	5 12
Gloucester, S. Gloucester.....	1 12
Loyal Canadian, Dundas.....	4 12
Ever Onward, Addison.....	1 12
Oxford, Ingersoll.....	2 12
Humberstone, Humberstone.....	5 12
Stratford, Stratford.....	11 12
Union, Carlisle.....	4 12
Burlington, Hamilton.....	2 12
Excelsior, Toronto.....	1 12
Cold Water, Coldwater.....	5 12
Preston Star, Preston.....	3 12
St. Clair, Corunna.....	3 12

FOR SUPPLIES.

Hope of Parkdale.....	\$ 2 12
Salamander, Kars.....	1 12
Omeme, Omeme.....	2 12
Beaver, Guelph.....	1 12
J. Solomon, Cape Croker.....	3 12
Maple Leaf, Kingsville.....	5 12
Salamander, Kars.....	1 12
Beaver, Guelph.....	1 12
Flowing Tide, Lombardy.....	5 12
Cheltenham, Cheltenham.....	7 12
Stratford, Stratford.....	5 12
Alliston, Alliston.....	1 12
Sydenham Valley, Alvinston.....	1 12
Flowing Tide, Lombardy.....	1 12
Pride of Warkworth, Warkworth.....	1 12
Refuge, Varney.....	1 12
Dunchurch, Dunchurch.....	5 12
J. S. Johnston, Toronto.....	5 12
Stratford, Stratford.....	1 12
Clinton, Clinton.....	1 12
St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence.....	1 12
Cookstown, Cookstown.....	1 12
Pioneer, Cockburn Island.....	3 12
Salamander, Kars.....	5 12
Water Lily, Kingsville.....	2 12
Sarnia, Sarnia.....	2 12
Victoria, Windsor.....	5 12
Excelsior, Hamilton.....	5 12

[By a blunder this manuscript was carelessly looked in the office a week ago.]

Good Templars.

Templar Anniversary.

St. John's Lodge, Toronto, was instituted fourteen years ago by Bro. J. H. Orm, W. G. T., of Massachusetts, and it has since occupied a leading position in the Order. It is now the largest lodge in Toronto. It numbers 150 members, and there are now initiations almost every week. On Friday evening, 13th inst., the sixteenth anniversary was celebrated by a public entertainment in the spacious lodge room, corner of Yonge and Alice streets. The hall was well filled and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments were beautifully served first, and afterwards a very entertaining programme was presented. By J. H. Macmullen, P. W. G. T., occupied the chair and gave a neat opening speech. The songs of Mrs. Masters and Miss Galloway, Spice, and Park, as well as the duets and quartets of the Misses Mills and Messrs. Mills and Hall were acceptably received, while Miss Allen's recitations were much applauded. The piano solos of Miss Mills and Miss Jenkins, and also violin and piano accompaniment by Mr. Drinkwater and Miss Mill, were highly entertaining. A very great interest also was the banjo and piano accompaniments of Messrs. Emery, Watson, and piano solo by Miss Forman, a promising young lady of about sixteen years. The anniversaries of St. John's are always interesting, and they continue to grow more so from year to year.