

and has touched on a forbidden subject, and is met by the same tactics. Foolish "Old Son!" such things are not to be mentioned, except in a whisper to the Executive, otherwise certain members (see letter by "Another Old Son"), "leading members" I presume, will have the opinion that you are a "snake in the grass," are "undermining" &c. Bro. J. K. S. choose better company; let those men write their own letters; they know what they want to say, and you do not. Choose for your associates men who are careful in thinking evil of their brethren,—men who are determined to "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may;" and if you do you may in time come to the conclusion that I have arrived at, and that is, that "Old Son" and every other Son has a right to discuss matters pertaining to the good of the order, in the Grand Division, and in the organ of the Order in Ontario, and should be protected in that right by every true Son of Temperance. Au revoir, mon cher Stewart, and believe me, Mr. Editor and friends, yours truly,

JOHN McMILLAN.

THE PER CAPITA TAX.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—I see "J. McM" goes in for reducing the per capita tax. Well, I for one would like to see a reduction made, if by any possibility more or even the same amount of work could be done by the Grand Division with less money. I think his allusion to the Good Templars is rather unfortunate, for the financial difficulties of that body is such that few Sons of Temperance would wish to see us in the same predicament.

I am glad to see that "Old Son" in the July number has got a reply in the September number that I think has so thoroughly gone over the ground that nothing is left unanswered. Regarding the system the books are kept in, "Another Old Son"

says "the present is simple and as open as day where all can see." Having audited the books I can vouch for the correctness of the above statement in every particular.—Yours fraternally,

W. C.

Hamilton, Oct. 24, 1879.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—Your correspondence columns are becoming so crowded that it is doubtful whether you will feel inclined to insert this letter in reply to "J. McM." In my opinion it would have been far more wise in the Good Templars to have increased their per capita tax, than "retrench" in the manner they have done, viz., by withdrawing their support from the *Casket*; cutting down the salary of their Grand Secretary; and, worse still, giving up the employment of lecturers for the year. Even then, they have been obliged to appeal to the subordinate lodges to help them out of their financial difficulties. The Rev. T. Parker of the N. Y. Grand Lodge visited the recent Hamilton Session, and says in the *Gem*, "The great question with which the Grand Lodge (of Ontario) had to grapple, was the payment of its indebtedness of more than \$3,000. The per capita tax is only five cents per quarter, and, as is always the case with so small a tax, the moment the G. L. attempts to do work for the advancement of the Order it gets in debt, as the per capita furnishes barely means enough to carry on the Grand Lodge. *It had not the courage to raise the per capita tax, though the motion to do so barely failed.*" In New York the per capita tax is ten cents, three of which are returned to the County Lodges. The Hon. D. S. Hastings who was for many terms R. W. Grand Templar, and consequently has had much valuable experience with regard to the Order, says of Wisconsin, "We have twelve cents per capita, all of which the Grand Lodge holds. Last year we gave two cents to our District Lodges, but this year that is

taken from them, as it had not been wisely used." It seems a pity that we cannot learn something from the experience of the Good Templars.—Yours, etc.,

SON OF TEMPERANCE.

Toronto, Nov. 1879.

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THOMAS WEBSTER, G.S.,

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Brantford, Oct. 22, 1879.