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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

The *Temperance Worker* is a recent addition to *The Weekly Messenger*, designed to furnish in conjunction with that popular newspaper an organ for the circulation of information and the dissemination of views for the various temperance organizations of Canada. Attention of new readers of the paper is invited to the great variety in the contents and other attractive features that must strike them at a glance. The price is exceedingly low—fifty cents a year, or forty cents when ten are ordered at a time, whether to be sent in a parcel or singly. Those who can recommend the paper of their own knowledge would do a great favor and promote a worthy enterprise by aiding to extend its circulation and influence. Still more would we feel under obligations to temperance workers and office-bearers in the societies for items of fresh information regarding the cause in Canada. News for the *Worker* department ought to be in our hands by Saturday evening in order to appear in the following week's issue, and it would be impossible without delaying publication to have any matter inserted after arrival of Wednesday's mails. Address all business letters to Messrs. JOHN DUGGALL & SON, MONTREAL, Q.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO.

The Grand Division of Ontario met in semi-annual session at Paris, Ontario, on the 29th of May. Among the leading members present were Mr. John McMillan, G.W.P., Mr. G. M. Rose and Mr. David Millar, Toronto; the Rev. W. H. Porter, St. Catharines, the Rev. W. McDonagh, Clinton; the Rev. G. R. Young, Downmanville, Mr. J. W. Manning, Almonte; Mr. Edward Carewell, Oshawa; the Rev. C. H. Mead, Western New York, and Mr. H. S. McCollum, St. Catharines, M. W. Scribe of the National Division of America. Mr. McMillan, G.W.P., gave a comprehensive and interesting address concerning the state and work of the Order in the Province. A gratifying increase in Divisions and membership had taken place during the past five months, notwithstanding that the Provincial elections had upset to a large extent the plan of operations which had been devised. The G.W.P. had met in convention with the workers of different ridings and counties to consider methods of extending the society and the cause. He regretted the fewness of District Divisions, which would furnish regular opportunities for conferences such as those referred to, and very much facilitate the obtaining of the opinions of workers. Attention was directed to the unsatisfactory position of some of the property belonging to the Order throughout the Province, and the G.W.P. reported efforts undertaken by himself and the other trustees which had resulted in relieving Divisions of difficulties in this respect, and in retaining the Grand Division's control over property that was

slipping from its grasp. The Executive had been unsuccessful in obtaining additional lecturers, but had secured a renewal of the valuable services of Mr. McMurray, as lecturer and organizer. In view of the serious competition with the Order of Mutual Insurance Societies, the G.W.P. had, he reported, succeeded in enlisting much interest throughout the jurisdiction in the Sons of Temperance Mutual Relief Society, and many members of the Order had already enrolled themselves in it. After references to the growth of the coffee house movement in this country, to the rapid progress temperance sentiments is making in Great Britain and Ireland and Canada, and to the marked decrease in all of these countries in the consumption of intoxicating drinks, Mr. McMillan gave the following deliverance upon the new license law:—

The Government at Ottawa have now passed a uniform license law for the Dominion of Canada, a law somewhat similar to that now in force in the Province of Ontario and known as the Crooks Act. I have no desire, in this report, nor do I think it would be proper, for me to pass any opinion as to the power of the Dominion Government to enact such a measure. Suffice it to say that the assumption of power was unlooked for, and it has taken us very much by surprise. The course pursued by the Government in this matter will lead to a conflict of authority, and the inevitable result will be great injury to the cause of temperance. Parties refused a license by the local authorities may obtain the requisite permission from the Dominion, and vice versa, the two systems will overlap each other, and it is quite possible for both Governments to issue licenses to the full extent their law allows and to different parties. For this reason I hope no time will be lost in having the question of jurisdiction settled at a very early date by some competent authority, and regret that a decision from our highest Court was not obtained prior to the passage of the Act. From an examination of the bill as printed, I find many features that must meet with your warm approval, and which were far in advance of any enactment now in force in this Province. The bill has, however, been altered considerably by the Commons, the clauses which were of any practical importance having been either struck out or amended, so as to deprive them of their chief merits. The licensed victuallers, in whose interest and at whose solicitations those alterations were made, have had it shorn of its strength, and as the Bill now stands it does not come up to the requirements of the people in this Province, nor does it possess any features of importance for the passage of which this Grand Division should express any particular feeling of gratitude.

Following the above the G. W. P. urges the Grand Division to petition the Provincial Legislature for "such amendments to the Crooks Act as will embody those clauses relating to local option and grocers' licenses as they appeared in the Dominion bill when it came from the hands of the committee, and for such further amendments to that Act as may be found necessary in the public interest, and that the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., and the executive of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance be invited to co-operate with us in this matter." From the following passage it will be seen that the G. W. P. has no uncertain views upon the question of prohibition:—

The question of prohibition is the one

subject of all others which we should keep steadfastly in view. While the mere charlatan will aim at controlling the traffic, the statesman will endeavor to suppress, and I would urge upon the members of the order the necessity of having a practical scheme for the total suppression of the liquor traffic adopted as a permanent plank in the platform of either of our political parties. To the statesmen with the courage to adopt and the ability to carry out such a measure we could pledge our united support; and only in support of such a measure can it ever be expected that temperance men will be a unit at the polls.

Mr. McMillan concluded his able address with an appeal to the members to be diligent and zealous and to persevere in the good work.

The Grand Scribe, Mr. Thomas Webster, of Paris, presented his report. An abstract therefrom of the statistics for the year 1882 which had been prepared for the National Division shows that 175 Divisions were in operation at the close of the year, an increase of three over the preceding year; there was a membership of 5,225, an increase over 1881 of 205; 166 public temperance meetings had been held and 2,000 temperance tracts distributed. Owing to the neglect of many Divisions to forward returns the statistics for the quarter ending in March are incomplete, and the Grand Scribe says in this connection:—"Had the returns been received from all the Divisions known to be in operation I have no hesitation in saying that I would have been able to report at this session a membership of over 6,000." The Grand National Scribe is able to report that eighteen new Divisions have been organized and seven dormant ones reactivated. The Grand Scribe regrets the small measure of attention being paid throughout the Province to the training of the young in temperance work, and earnestly recommends each Division to maintain a section of Cadets or a Band of Hope in its locality. A method of disseminating temperance literature was suggested, and the Grand Scribe closed his report with appropriate suggestions and counsel to the members regarding the work in general.

Mr. David Millar, Grand Treasurer, reported an income of \$791.36 for the year, and an expenditure of \$1,012, with a cash balance on hand of \$1,080.82 with which to maintain the work.

This Order continues to "boom" in Nova Scotia. Deputy Robert Fraser has organized a new Division at Mill Brook, Pictou county, with fourteen charter members. W. V. McKay is W. P., Tina Fraser, W. A., Jessie B. McKay, R. S., Daniel H. Fraser, F. S., K. W. McDonald, Treas., and Wm. S. Fraser, Chap. Mr. Hatchings, agent and lecturer, has organized Forest View Division at Maccas, North Shore, with twenty-eight charter members. Joseph H. Brownell is W. P., Henry R. Wilnot, W. A., Walter Church, R. S., William Colburn, F. S. and John Seaman, Treas. Newton Division has been reorganized at Lockhartville, with twenty-six members. Cyrus West is W. P., Ida Lockhart W. A., Holmes Davison, R. S., Regina Lockhart, F. S., H. B. Hantly, Treas., and N. A. Lockhart, Chap.

"Moss Rose" Division was organized at Deer Island, Charlotte county, N. B., on the 4th June, by the Grand Worthy Associate, Mr. Robert Willis, assisted by the Grand Scribe, Mr. Paterson. It starts with twenty-five members, and the principal officers are: Mr. W. S. Thompson, W. P.; Mr. A. T. Lloyd, W. A.; Mr. O. S. Fountain, R. S.; Mr. Frank Lloyd, F. S.; Mr. John F. Haney, Treas.; Mr. Joseph Haney, Chap.; Mr. John Cummings, P. W. P.; Mr. A. T. Lloyd, Dep.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

"Bristol" Lodge was organized at Bristol, N. B., on May 30th, by Mr. Wm. Gibson, Deputy, with thirty members. Mr. D. Pearson is W. C. T., Miss Jane Bell, W. V. T., Mr. S. D. Alexander, R. S., Rev. John Gravinor, Chap., Dr. M. C. Atkinson, P. W. C. T., and Mr. George H. Baird, L. D.

Among the delegates expected to be present at the meeting of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World in Halifax this week are: Joseph Malins, R.W.G. Templar, England; Rev. Geo. Gladstone, R. W. G. Counsellor, Scotland; Rev. D. Burford Hooke, R.W.C. Chaplain, Wales; W. W. Turnbull, R. W. G. Secretary, Scotland; Rev. H. J. Boyd, P.G.W. Chaplain, England; Rev. Enoch Franks, P.G.W. Chaplain, England; Oscar Eklund, G. W. Secretary, Sweden; Prof. Hastings, G. W. C. T., Tennessee, U.S.; Thomas N. G. Clare, G.W.C.T., Bahamas; D. W. Wells Brown, P.R.G.Co., Massachusetts; Mrs. Hooke, Wales; D. J. Cuthbertson, G. W. Chaplain, Isle of Man; Mrs. Green, R. W. S., Juvenile Templars; W. S. Wilson, G.W. Secretary, of Virginia; W. M. Artell, G. W. Secretary, of Florida, and several others from Massachusetts and Newfoundland.

FRUITS OF THE TRAFFIC.

Sandy Healy, a Toronto dock laborer, lay down on the railway track while drunk, and was run over and killed. A man named Howick who was killed on the railway track near Ottawa had a bottle of whiskey on his person.

Mrs. Smith, keeper of an illicit liquor den at Shediac, New Brunswick, a few days ago shot and killed a railway brakeman named Thomas Morrison, while he, with others, while intoxicated, were seeking admission to the house.

At Vincennes, Indiana, Charles Pollock shot and killed his wife while she was asleep and then killed himself. They belong to the wealthiest class in the city, had only been married a few months, and having lived on happy terms together it is believed Pollock was crazed with drink when he committed the double crime.

A young man named Riley, of Logtown, New York, was observed asleep in his wagon while driving along the towpath of the canal. He was awakened and warned, but his horse and wagon were next day found in a field without him, and his coat and hat, a whiskey flask in the former, were found floating in the canal, leaving little doubt that he was drowned.