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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

Probably many, perhaps the best, returns from our "Autumn Competition" are yet to come in. So far, however, we know that it has succeeded better than the "August Competition," at least in the number of names, and we have every confidence that those who have subscribed for the remainder of the year will cheerfully send in subscriptions for the ensuing year. Whatever the result of the competition may be, we cordially solicit the good offices of all old and new friends in trying to give the *Weekly Messenger* a good start in 1884. A discount of ten cents is allowed on each yearly subscription in clubs of five and over, which the canvassers can retain as payment for their services. Sample copies are sent out regularly all over the country, and anyone receiving one will please take it as an invitation to subscribe—the price is only fifty cents, the article one of the most comprehensive, readable and useful weekly newspapers in the world. Address all letters JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Montreal, and in sending money employ registered letters or P.O. Orders.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Mr. J. A. Lawson, assisted by members of Rescue Lodge, Mount Stewart, recently organized a lodge at Head of Hillsboro-Prince Edward Island. It is named "Hillsboro," and officered as follows:—W. H. Douglas, W. C.; Emily Douglas, W. V.; F. Jardine, W. T.; H. Miller, W. F. S.; C. McLaughlin, W. S.; Annie Coffin, Chap.; L. Coffin, W. M.; Edith Douglas, I. G.; D. Rattray, O. G.; L. H. Douglas, P. W. C.; Maggie Coffin, R. H. S.; Christy, McLean, L. H. S.; J. McLaughlin, A. M.; P. Farquharson, A. S.; W. H. Douglas, L. Deputy.

"Riverside" Lodge, Port-au-pique, Colchester county, Nova Scotia, was lately reorganized by Mr. Edward Fulton. A new Lodge was organized at Five Islands in the same county, both it and the one above-mentioned being under the Loyal Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

"Oriental" Lodge, of the so-called Secession, was organized lately by Mr. B. D. Rogers at Lower Barney's River, Nova Scotia, with twenty-nine charter members. "Bloomfield" Lodge, with twenty members (Order not stated), was reorganized lately by Mr. James S. Marshall, at Kingston station, King's county, N. S.

The Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, of the seceded Order, met in August. In his report the Grand Worthy Chief Templar said there had been a decided improvement in most of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and he was glad to be able to report that their principles were steadily gaining ground in different parts of the Island. Mention is made of the achievement of the temperance societies during the year, in having Bavarian beer brought under the restrictions of the license law.

By the Secretary's report the membership was shown to be 887, against 822 last year. This is a small increase when over three hundred new members joined, but the leakage was due to the familiar cause—members falling behind in their quarterly dues and allowing themselves to be expelled in default. There is a juvenile membership of 350; two new juvenile Temples were instituted, and the General Superintendent was in hopes of seeing, one in connection with every subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction before very long. There was a balance of \$108.40 in the Treasurer's hands, and assets valued at \$160.10.

Between eight hundred and one thousand of the military and naval members of the seceding Order came over recently to the Loyal Grand Lodge of England.

New Lodges are reported as having been formed on the Gold Coast, Africa, and at Hadersleben, Germany.

Ere this the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will have been instituted. The order in Manitoba and the North-West now counts thirteen subordinate lodges and about fifteen hundred members.

The Order has been booming in some of the States of the Union last year. Ohio Grand Lodge had a gain of 76 Lodges and 3,078 members. Minnesota shows an increase of 47 Lodges and 2,091 members, present number of Lodges being 140 and of members 5,875. Oregon has a membership of 4,450 in 104 lodges, an increase for the year of 36 lodges and 1,362 members. A net gain of 1,633 members was made in New York, the total membership of which is 27,163.

A lodge called "Polar Star" was lately organized at Churchville, by Mr. W. H. Rodden, special organizer for the Grand Lodge of Canada. Mr. H. Baskerville is W. C. T., and Mr. Butler Wilson, L. D. "Hope of Brampton" lodge was also organized by the same worker at Brampton with about twenty-five charter members. The principal officers are as follows:—J. P. Rice, W. C. T.; Levila Snell, W. V. T.; Thos. H. Dickinson, W. Sec'y.; Mary J. Lundy, W. Treas.; W. H. Campbell, P. W. C. T.; John Reynolds, L. D.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

There are eleven Divisions in good working order under the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland.

The Order is said to be rapidly spreading and strengthening in Ontario.

"Milford Haven" Division, Manchester, Guysboro county, N. S., was lately reorganized by the Rev. Jacob Whitman, with 22 members and the following officers:—W. P.—John Campbell; W. A.—Wm. W. Simpson; R. S.—Martha Torey; A. R. S.—Frances Torey; F. S.—Hester Simpson; Treas.—John H. Hart; Chap.—Jacob Whitman; Con.—Ester Leary; A. C.—Ester Hart; I. S.—David Leary; O. S.—Wm. O'Brien; P. W. P., appt.—James O'Brien; D. G. W. P.—John Campbell.

SCOTT ACT NOTES.

A large convention was recently held in Ingersoll, Ontario, in connection with the submission of the Scott Act to the electors of Oxford county. Encouraging and satisfactory reports of the petition canvass were made, and a crowded and enthusiastic public meeting was held in the evening. Mr. G. W. Ross, member of the House of Commons, was one of the speakers, addressing the meeting with his well-known power upon different phases of the prohibition question.

It is said the only house to let in Milton, Halton county, Ontario, is the gaol. The Scott Act is in force in that county. A merchant in Georgetown, same county, who is not in favor of the Scott Act, says his sales for the last month were \$500 ahead of those for the same period last year. Yet prohibition is cried down as destructive of legitimate business as well as that at which it is aimed.

The following expression of opinion published in the Halifax *Herald* over the signature of Mr. C. A. Black, of Amherst, has the right ring and is significant of the temperance sentiment prevalent in Nova Scotia:—"With reference to your remarks in to-day's *Herald*, respecting the awkward position of many temperance men, at the coming Scott Act election in this county, please allow me a word of explanation. There are no two opinions among the friends of temperance as to what their duties are at this stage of temperance legislation. If the coming Dominion license law did not, on the first day of May next, kill our 'present prohibitory law which prevails in Cumberland,' no election would have been asked for, but as the Nova Scotia liquor law becomes null and void by act of Parliament at that date, then must temperance people adopt the Scott Act as the next best, if not better. The Canada license law enables the hotel and saloon men to obtain a license, if one-third of the rate-payers in the district say so; but as license high or low, lax or stringent, means free run, the friends of temperance prefer 'free run' without the sanction of law."

The following deliverance upon the Scott Act, passed by the Halton County (Ontario) Prohibitory Alliance, came to hand some time ago but was mislaid. It was resolved: "That from the reports presented from different points of the county by the delegates present, this convention is of opinion that in the rural districts the Scott Act is a complete success, and that in the larger villages and towns, while drinking is carried on to some extent, yet it is very greatly reduced and would be reduced to a minimum provided the officers and all temperance people did what we consider to be their duty; therefore be it resolved that we urge on the temperance people individually and collectively the importance of doing all that can be done for the proper enforcement of the act."

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

The Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance will meet in Halifax city on the 30th inst., at 10 o'clock, a.m.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Ontario Union met in Ottawa on the 17th inst., and was opened by devotional exercises conducted by the well known worker, Mrs. Youmans. Mrs. Chisholm, of Hamilton, the President, read her address, which represented satisfactory progress having been made during the year. The association increased in numbers and efficiency. Many unions had been organized in Quebec, and a local and Provincial union formed in British Columbia. Reference was made to the Dominion License Act as a step in advance. It was remarked that a Dominion Union could not be formed this year, on account of but two Provinces being represented.

The Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Union conducts a column in the *Daily Patriot* once a week. This is an excellent method of making use of the press in promoting the temperance cause.

The Convention held in Montreal last week resulted in the organization of a Provincial Union for the Province of Quebec, with the following officers:—President, Mrs. Middleton, Quebec; 1st Vice-President Mrs. Dunkin, Knowlton; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Walker, Montreal; Cor. Secretary, Miss Lamb, Quebec; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, Montreal; Treasurer, Mrs. McKenzie Forbes; Superintendents of departments—Hereditary and Hygiene, Mrs. D. V. Lucas; Scientific Instruction, Miss Dougal, Montreal; Juvenile: Books, Miss Newham, Montreal; Temperance Literature and Press, Mrs. James Fraser, Montreal; Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Dean and Miss Knowles, East Farnham; Parlor Meetings, etc., Mrs. Jack, Chateauguay; Legislation and Petitions Mrs. Gezzie, Quebec. Mrs. Middleton, in taking her seat as President, thanked the Convention for the honor and accepted the office in a spirit of self-dedication to the Lord's work. Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Jas. D. Dougall and Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, President and Secretary respectively prior to organization of the Union, for their services to the Convention, the sentiment toward the former being especially cordial in view of the fact that her projected removal from the city prevented her labors being more emphatically recognized by electing her to office in the new organization.

Mr. Shaw, the English missionary who was ill-treated by the French in Madagascar, has been tendered 60,000 francs (about \$10,000) as indemnity for his losses, and this with a letter of regret over the occurrence from the French to the English Foreign Office is considered by the French Government as settling the affair. Later reports say Mr. Shaw will receive five thousand dollars out of the French secret service fund. The Radical members of the French Assembly are expected to make some noise over the concessions of the Government in the matter. Mr. Shaw is being heartily abused by some Paris newspapers.