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Editorial.

N. S. A. P. A.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the meeting of the Nova Scotia Amateur Press and Puzzler's Association. The Committee of arrangement, composed of Messrs. Geo. E. Frye, Louis N. Geldert, C. H. Gladwin and J. Frank Newcomb, is a good one, and will, we feel sure, make such arrangements for the entertainment of members attending, as shall prove entirely satisfactory. If those coming from a distance could have places provided for them among amateur friends residing in the city it would, we think, greatly increase the attendance. Some having a long way to go would perhaps be deterred by the fact of having a heavy board bill to meet in the city, whom, if it could be arranged to provide for them at the homes of the boys, would gladly go. Of course we don't mention this for ourselves, but for some who will have from 100 to 300 miles to go to get to Halifax, and consequently pretty large railroad and steamboat fares. We are afraid, at present, that business will prevent our attendance personally, but one at least of the staff will go and support

our views and our ticket. We merely throw out the above hint, and it may be acted upon or not as the committee see fit. That the establishment of an N. S. A. P. & P. A. is in a fair way to become a fact, none will attempt to deny. Amateurs in Nova Scotia have felt for a long time that such a society was greatly needed, and that an impetus to the cause by such a convention will be given that will spread and increase till amateurism will rise to the position it should occupy in the minds of our youth.

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WHAT THE CADETS DO.

This is probably a matter but little understood. To any who have ever belonged to a Division of Sons of Temperance it is very plain, but outside of that there are few who know anything of the workings of a Section.

Come with us for a few moments to visit a Section.

We are ushered in by the gentlemanly Guide, after passing the formidable Guard and Watchman, and then opens before us a most interesting scene.

At the chair sits, with all the dignity of a hoary headed Judge of the Supreme Court, a boy whom, as they rise to speak or to put a motion, the members address as Worthy Archon.

By his side sits the Worthy Patron, a staunch member of the Sons of Temperance, advising, and yet saying as little as possible, leaving to the Archon the conducting of the meeting.

Just now they are discussing an important financial question, and as each rises, and with manly dignity addressing the chair, proceeds with all the earnestness of boyish logic to expound his side of the question, you feel as if our country had needed such an institution long years ago. There the youth of twelve speaks as clear-

ly, and argues as logically as the man of sixty.

There at yonder desk sits the Worthy Secretary and his assistant, both fully intent on taking their notes of the meeting, and had you arrived a little sooner to hear him read those minutes of the previous meeting, you would have found them full, concise and well arranged.

At another desk is the Financial Secretary, and the treasurer, and had you attended the last meeting of the preceding quarter, and heard the reports of the auditors, you would have found that those books were balanced to a cent, and, mark you, these sections frequently handle hundreds of dollars.

Now look at this state of things, and can you blame us for being proud of our Sections—can you help but see that they are the schools of business and public speaking, that shall one day make our town meetings a place worthy of our attendance and conducted with decorum and with something like business precision, instead of, as at present, a scene of riot and brawling, and generally ending in a free fight.

Parents, peruse this carefully. It is to your interest to have your boys grow up so that when you are called upon to hand over to them affairs of home and of country, that you can do it feeling that they shall be maintained with all the honesty, uprightness and integrity which so high a trust deserves.

The Cadets as Temperance Workers.

It is very evident that the Temperance cause is growing stronger every day, surely crushing the black evil Intemperance under foot.

It is to be hoped that these traps where the young are ruined, the old, degraded, the beautiful blighted, will soon be closed forever, and that the worst evil, or at least as great an evil as we have to contend with, will be removed from the path of the unsuspecting young.

The Victoria Section of Cadets is where the truths of temperance are instilled into the young hearts of the rising generation of our town, learning them to abhor the traffic, the effects of which turn pleasant homes into hells upon earth.

From the work of these institutions is the future welfare of the Temperance cause depending.

If our young are reared in true temperance principles, our leading men in a few years will be temperate; but if the opposite, what will be the results. Murder, robbery and rowdiness will predominate, our streets cannot be traversed by peaceably disposed men, laying aside the danger to women.

With these views in mind, no right feeling man or woman should hesitate to assist the Cadets in their work, but should encourage them by word and action to persevere in this noble cause.