

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sarah.—The stage is, we think, better, like the world in general, than during the times of Dr. Channing. Progress is the march of all things.

Elizabeth.—It is not right for a person to hold an office in a Temperance Society when he cannot or will not attend its meetings, and no one should be elected to office who cannot attend to its duties; nor should a person be put in such a position against his will.

E. S. S.—Asks, "why is it that many members of our Order will enthusiastically applaud some foolish, comic song or recitation, given by a youthful performer, while the same persons will scarcely pay the semblance of attention to good interesting poems (read by members who have been for years in the Order, and know *how* to read), etc., which would improve their taste and benefit their hearts and souls—if they have got any?" *Answer.*—Because they lack good manners, and have yet to be educated to a better appreciation of what is noble and elevating. We, however, hope to see the day when silly things will be frowned down in all our Divisions.

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TO OUR READERS.

We have gone earlier to press than usual this month, so that the paper may be in the hands of our readers a few days before the meeting of the Grand Division.

The Scott Act.

THE amendment moved by Mr. Boulton, and supported by a majority in the House of Commons, shews we have little to expect from that body in the way of Prohibitory legislation at present, and it therefore behoves us to go to work and use the means and appliances we now have for the suppression of the liquor traffic. We hope the Grand Division at its Session in Orillia will not forget this, but urge prompt action. We also trust it will condemn in strong terms the dastardly attempt made to destroy the only real useful measure

Parliament has ever given us to use for the good of mankind.

The Chaudiere Division at a late meeting passed a resolution condemning Boulton's amendment, and on Monday evening the 3rd of May, the old Bytown Division followed suit, unanimously adopting the following:—

"That the members of Bytown Division beg to record with feelings of satisfaction and thankfulness its appreciation of the excellent service recently rendered by the Senate of Canada in refusing to sanction the iniquitous amendment to the Scott Act proposed and carried by the advocates of the liquor traffic in the House of Commons; that while grateful to all friends, thanks are specially due to Hon. Senators Vidal and Scott for their strenuous and indefatigable efforts, so happily crowned with success, and also to Bro. G. W. Ross and Avard Longley in leading a gallant and devoted struggle in the House of Commons in the cause of truth and righteousness against the enemies of temperance and morality.

Grand Division Sons of Temperance Semi-Annual Session.

REPRESENTATIVES are hereby notified that the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division will be held (D.V.) in Shaftesbury Hall, in the Town of Orillia, commencing on Tuesday, the 25th day of May inst., at 2 o'clock p.m.

Good accommodation can be had at one dollar per day. Certificates for reduced fares can be had by early application to the Grand Scribe.

Representatives can send their names to Bro. Jesse G. Halladay, R. S., Orillia P.O., if they wish rooms secured for their accommodation. All Subordinate Divisions are entitled to send Representatives, and a full attendance is requested.

Delegates travelling by the Northern and North-Western Railways will pay full fare to Orillia, presenting their certificate to the ticket agent to be stamped, at commencement of the journey. At Orillia the G.S. will sign the certificate, on presentation of which at the ticket office at Orillia, the delegate will receive a ticket to return at *one-third fare*. Please notice this applies to the Northern and North-Western Railways only. On all other roads return tickets are issued at one fare and one-third by presenting certificate at the commencement of the journey. Tickets good to go from 22nd to 25th May, and to return, to June 1st.

How to go to the Grand Division at Orillia.

BROTHER ANGUS McKAY, D.G.W.P., writes to the Grand Scribe, "Those coming to the Session from east of Port Hope, can take the Midland Railway from Port Hope, or can come to Toronto and take the Northern, if they prefer it, the fare is the same. Those coming from west of Hamilton, can take the Hamilton and North-Western Railway to Orillia, that road being now run by the Northern, and those living between Hamilton and Toronto can come either by the Northern or Hamilton and North-