

writes of. I have felt the writing of this note in some measure to be a duty from my knowledge of how correctly your books are kept, as Grand Scribe, and not from any desire to defend you in your office, for I am well aware you require no advocate in that particular.—Yours fraternally.

ANOTHER OLD SON.

4th Aug., 1879.

[We insert this letter out of courtesy to the brother who sent it, and trust when he again writes he will not use such strong language. We do not like the expression, "Snake in the grass," applied to any brother in the Order if he shall happen to differ from "Another Old Son." This letter was addressed "to the Grand Scribe," and sent to us for publication by that officer.—Ed.]

DISTRICT DIVISIONS.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I am delighted to notice in *our* paper, that the District Divisions in the West are not asleep. I refer to the report in the *Son* of the meeting of the District Division for the County of Brant. I have referred to the Grand Division Report for 1878, and note that Brant has nine Divisions. I would ask you a simple question. Why is it that the County of Brant with nine Divisions is able to keep a District Division alive, —and the Counties of Carleton and Russell, with ten Divisions cannot keep a District Division alive for more than six months? The last meeting of the District Division for the Counties of Carleton and Russell was held on the 30th August, 1878, (that meeting was composed of members of *one* Division. The Division of the two counties, as far as *steady* membership, regular attendance, and with not the slightest idea of entering the Bankrupt Court.) Since the time for the next meeting of our District Division we have urged the officers to stand by us, but they are not to be found at their posts. They seem to think that a District Division is only required when we want to prepare for a fight with our enemies, that it is the place to organize for a grand campaign; but,

Sir, I am of the opinion that an army of *any* importance is *always* well organized, and ready for any campaign; the *officers* are *always* in their places, the privates never late at roll-call, and all is ready for the word, "forward;" but, Sir, how would *we* be? I am aware of the working of our forces in these parts, minutely, and can put my hand on the men we want; but then we offend others who can speak of past deeds and privations endured for the Cause with tears; but you ask him for *one cent*, you might as well try to "tickle a spider under the left rib," as get one cent, or any money from that man; he will talk, but what we want is work. I wish some of our loud spoken members would bear in mind that the Temperance cause must be worked up, with hard work and less talk. One, two, or three cannot do all the work, we want a general combination, independent of sectional feeling, with one object in view, "Increase our membership," and by so doing we will be increasing our strength; and when the day comes for the fight, we, in Carleton and Russell will "not be found wanting."—Yours,

T. V. T.

Ottawa, Aug. 11, 1879,

THE PER CAPITA TAX.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to see that the members of the Order are gradually taking an interest in the new publication, as evinced by the Correspondence, and I have no doubt but that efforts will be made in due course to work such reforms in the management of our Grand Division as will tend to lessen our expenses, increase our membership, and consequently our income, and place the Order in such a position, that it will neither want men to work, nor money to spend in the cause of Temperance. As none of your correspondents have, as yet, touched on the question of reduction of the Per Capita Tax, I will, with your

leave, make this the subject of my letter. For some time back complaints have been made that the Per Capita Tax of the Order is higher than that of the Good Templars and other kindred orders. It has been said, and said truly, that our Subordinate Divisions pay more to, and receive less from, our Grand body than they ought to. This is not as it should be. The best interests of the Order will be served by a reduction, and placing our Sub-Divisions in the same position as Sub-Lodges of Good Templars, and if this is done, I feel assured that it will help to increase our membership, and consequently our income. Trusting that we will have an expression of opinion on this question through your columns.—I remain, yours fraternally,

J. MCM.

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