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### PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

The term for our "Autumn Competition" draws to a close, but there are two weeks remaining in which thousands of names should be procured. None need hesitate to enter the competition even now, for besides a chance that hard work in the remaining time may secure the first or second prize the worker is sure of a commission to pay him for his trouble. At all events, we respectfully solicit the kind aids of our friends during what remains of this, the second year of the *Weekly Messenger's* existence, to extend the sphere of its influence and make it as profitable on the one side as we have reason to know it is popular on the other. A full epitome of the world's news, with stories, pictures, illustrated natural history, markets and Sunday-school helps thrown in, all for less than a cent a week, is value that cannot go begging for buyers, but must be taken on sight. Address JOHN DOUGALL & SONS, Montreal, in sending subscriptions or orders for sample copies.

### PULLING DOWN THE STRONG-HOLDS.

Dr. Felix L. Oswald, in a paper entitled "The Remedies of Nature," in the *Popular Science Monthly* for October, says, "Alcohol lingers in our hospitals as slavery lingers in the West Indies, as the witchcraft delusion lingers in Southern Europe. He then goes on to enquire, "Has alcohol any remedial value whatever?" In discussing this question he admits that the alcohol- fever affords a temporary protection against other fevers, as the human organism cannot support two diseases at the same time. As rheumatism is temporarily relieved by producing an artificial inflammation, and a headache flies before a toothache, "so a man might fortify his system against chills and ague by keeping himself constantly under the stimulating influence of alcohol. But sooner or later stimulation is followed by depression, and during that reaction the other fever gets a chance and rarely misses it." The essayist then points out that the history of epidemics proves that fever diseases are from eight to twelve times more destructive among dram-drinkers than among the temperate classes; young or old, rich or poor, but one in a hundred abstainers is carried off by diseases that sweep away one in ten from among drunkards. "On no other points," says he, "is the testimony of physicians of all schools, all times and all countries more consistent and unanimous." Discussing the question of alcohol being a stimulant to the nutritive organization, Dr. Oswald says that its ultimate effects are similar to those of strong purgatives, whose habitual use leads to a chronic constipation that yields only to purgatives of the most virulent kind. As to alcohol imparting strength the writer repeats what is well-known at this day to all intelligent persons, that it acts like a sharp goad to a worn-out horse. When the reaction from the stimulus comes,

the subject's "organism has to do double work." "Nature has to overcome both the original cause of the disease and the effect of the stimulant." One by one every plausible pretext for maintaining the liquor traffic is being knocked away, and the doctors seem to be using the hammers more vigorously now than any other class.

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

#### GRAND DIVISION OF QUEBEC.

The G.D., Sons of Temperance, Province of Quebec, assembled in Annual Session at Ormstown, Wednesday morning the 3rd inst. A fair number of representatives were in attendance and a large amount of work in connection with the Order was transacted. The officers' reports were heard with interest. It was resolved that the Propagation Committee should correspond with Bro. Thos. McMurray, of Ontario, and try and arrange with him for a few weeks' work in this Province; no doubt, if such an arrangement is perfected, it will add to the membership of the Order, as well as increase the interest in the cause of Temperance.

A public meeting was held on the evening of the 3rd in the Sons' Hall, which was largely attended, and the interest shown by the good attention to the speakers and other portions of the proceedings was convincing evidence that the friends, in that neighborhood at least, are alive to the necessity of banishing entirely from our land that fearful evil—the liquor traffic.

The meeting, after being opened with singing followed by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Thurlow, was addressed by P. G. W. P., W. Smith, Rev. Mr. Thurlow, Rev. W. Winter, Rev. Mr. Fuleton, and Rep. Rev. E. Crummev.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows:—G. W. P., Rep. Rev. E. Crummev; G. W. A. Rep. Henry Plo; G. S., Rep. J. S. Hall; G. T., Rep. Peter McFarlane; G. Chaplain, Rep. Sister A. B. Stephens; G. Conductor, Rep. George Winter; G. Sentinel, Rep. W. F. Stephens.

The 33rd Annual Session, altogether a very enthusiastic and promising one, was brought to a close on Thursday evening, after which the G. D. joined Bethel Division No. 5, in the installation of their officers for the present quarter, and finished the evening by accepting an invitation from the said Division to join them in a social entertainment they had provided.

A committee having been appointed for the purpose the following resolution becomes a part of the proceedings of the G. D.:

Resolved, That this Grand Division assembled at Ormstown in annual session, having heard with deep regret of the long and protracted illness of our dear brother, Rev. Thos. Gales, would place on record an expression of our feelings, and would assure both him and his family that in their great trials they have not only the heartfelt sympathies of every member of this Grand Division but also their prayers that, if it is in accordance with the will of our Heavenly Father, he may yet be restored to us in health and strength, still to carry on

the great and noble work to which he has thus far given his life.

WILLIAM SMITH, P. G. W. P.

#### GRAND DIVISION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Grand Division of New Brunswick was held last week in St. John. Following is a list of officers chosen for the ensuing year:—Robert Wills Guernev, St. John, G.W.P.; W. W. Graham, W. Berforce, Milltown, C. Co., G. W. A.; S. B. Paterson, Guernev, St. John, G. S.; H. H. Pitts, Lansdowne, Fredericton, G. T.; Rev. Job Shenton, Guernev, St. John, G. Chap.; Wm. Arnslow, Newcastle, Newcastle, G. Con.; Z. O. Wilson, Cambridge, Queen's Co., G. Sentinel; W. J. Robinson, Moncton, P.G.W.P. The report of the Grand Scribe on the state of the order showed that during the year ten new divisions and one section of cadets were organized; two divisions suspended; members admitted; 1,455; withdrawn, 161; reinstated, 148; suspended, 419; violated the pledge, 235; expelled for other causes, 119; deaths, 19; contributing members, 2,694; lady visitors admitted, 75; total membership, 3,629; receipts for the year, \$2,288.14; an increase of \$42 over last year; expenses, \$1,826.22; total amounts held by the order, \$14,093.12. At a public meeting held in connection with the session P.G.W.P., Mr. F. McLeod, M. P. P., occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Sir. Leonard Tiley, M. W. Patriarch Jewell, and Rev. Messrs. McFarlane, Shenton and Benan.

#### AGENCY WORK IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. T. M. Lewis, one of the agents of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, for the month ending Sept. 23rd reports having travelled 550 miles, addressed 27 meetings, visited five schools, organized four Divisions with 140 charter applicants, and reorganized one Division. Mr. Thomas Hutchings, P.G.W.P., the other agent of the same body, in the same time travelled 225 miles, held 15 public meetings on week days and five on Sabbaths, visited 18 public schools and four Sabbath schools, organized six new Divisions with 199 charter members, and revived one Division. One of the last Divisions started by Mr. Hutchings is "Stand Sure," Canso, with 61 charter applicants. Daniel Goodwin is W. P.; Edward C. Whitman, W. A.; A. H. Matthews, R. S.; John A. Fate, F. S.; John Roberts, T.; the Rev. James Scott, Chaplain.

This Order has done good work recently in the county of Carleton, Ontario, and a fresh impetus seems to have been given in spreading the principles of total abstinence. A comparatively new Son, but who in his brief connection with the Order has proved himself a valuable acquisition in every way as a member of flourishing Chaudiere Division, wisely thought that a strong Division could be instituted in the suburb of Archville, composed chiefly of men employed under the Canada Atlantic Railway Company. The wish was father to the action, for in about a fortnight therefrom he had withdrawn from Chaudiere and had some thirty or forty persons ready to be initiated. As the result of Bro. Colin

Campbell's energy, Bro. Wm. Stewart, D. G. W. P. for the county, assisted by Bro. Hannum, P. G. W. P., was enabled on the 24th ultimo to institute "Atlantic" Division, Archville, and to install Bro. Campbell as W. P. thereof. This Division promises to be a great blessing in the neighborhood where situated, and there is every appearance that many others from the railway will follow their companions' good example. Not to be outdone in good works the friends in Mount Sherwood, another suburb of the capital, determined to have their Division and accordingly having talked the thing up a little and taken hold of it with much enthusiasm, on Tuesday evening last the D. G. W. P. for the county, assisted by Bro. Halkett, P. D. G. W. P., instituted a strong Division there and installed the officers. Some fifteen ladies and gentlemen joined the new Division. To add to the interest of the proceedings prominent workers in the cause were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Bro. H. Alexander, W. P. of Bytown Division; Bro. Colin Campbell, W. P. of Atlantic Division; Bro. Jackson, W. P. of Rideau Union Division, as also Provincial Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs Botterell and Hannum. We learn this is the second Division Bro. Stewart has instituted within the last three weeks and that he intends doing something to renew the interest in old Rideau Union Division, not so long ago one of the most active Divisions in Ontario. Undoubtedly the County D. G. W. P. is the right man in the right place.

G. I. C., South Stukely, Quebec, writes:—The following officers have been duly elected, and installed by D. G. W. P., C. A. Goddard:—W. P., J. A. Kneeland, W. A., S. Alice Whitney; R. S., G. I. Goddard; A. R. S., S. Lucy J. Knowlton; F. S., R. A. Savage; Treas., C. A. Goddard; Chap., C. Allen; C. M. F. Goddard; A. C., S. Jennie F. George; I. S., H. G. Jenne; O. S., M. Shepherd; P. W. P., S. Nancy Spencer. Our meetings are not attended as well as we would like, yet the few seem to put forth extra exertions to make them as interesting as possible. We hope to gain soon.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Here is another evidence that "the Scott Act is a failure"—In closing its description of the Nassagaweya Townships Halton county, show, the *Guelph Herald* says:—"A very pleasing and noticeable feature of the event was the quiet and order which uninterruptedly prevailed throughout. Not a harsh word could be heard, while a drunken man could nowhere be seen. The people of this section certainly deserve credit for this happy state of affairs." Praise is due the people in the first place for having adopted the Scott Act, whose provisions made such a happy state of affairs possible.

A Temperance Association was formed at Port Arthur, Lake Superior, a few weeks ago, and is doing a good work, additions to the pledge roll being made at each fortnightly meeting.