

nual Session, I would exhort every Division to send a representative on that occasion, to take part in devising the best means for promoting the interests of the Order and the Cause in this province.

I would also direct your attention to the "Bazaar," which will be held on 17th of December next. I need not here speak of the purposes for which it is to be held, as you have already been made acquainted with the object by the circular of the Committee. Let each Division endeavour to excel its sisters, in the value, beauty, and usefulness of their contributions.

A Provincial Temperance Convention will be held in Halifax on 27th of October; let every Division, and other Temperance organizations be represented on that occasion.

The *Abstainer* newspaper, brothers, is also deserving of your notice. It has not yet reached a circulation of 1900 copies. Is this creditable to temperance men? No it is not.—Endeavour then to increase its subscription list, so as our principles may be more widely disseminated.

I conclude, brothers, by again exhorting you to take into your most serious consideration the several subjects I have very briefly alluded to in this letter, and trusting that you will "well and nobly act your part."

I remain yours,

Fraternally in L. P. & F.

PAT. MONAGHAN, *Grand Scribe.*

Temperance Societies wishing to have medals, similar to those worn by members of the Halifax Temperance Society, can obtain them by applying to the Grand Scribe.

HALIFAX.

A public temperance meeting was held in the Division Room, on Friday evening 14th of August, under the auspices of Athenæum Division. Mr W. M. Brown presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. S. Thompson, Charles Robson, Revs. P. G. McGregor, Smith of New Brunswick, and Gunnison. The remarks of the several speakers were on legal and moral suasion in suppressing the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Moral suasion was set down as the "bow oar" of the Temperance boat. The Rev. Mr Smith (who is quite a young man) gave his views on Prohibitory enactments for the suppression of intemperance—in favour of such measures, and gave an account of the rise, progress, and partial success, repeal of, and hopes of obtaining a Prohibitory Law in the sister Province. The attendance was not so large as might have been expected, although other meetings prevented some friends from being present. This was the first meeting of a series which it is intended to hold fortnightly.

On the 15th of August the members of the Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence Society walked in Procession through the City. The weather was all that could be desired. About noon the Procession was formed in front of St. Mary's Church, and proceeded through Barrington, Argyle, Jacob and Brunswick Streets to Cornwallis Street, north; then into Water, through Granville, George, Hollis to South Street, south; then through Pleasant to the place of starting. The Benefit Society having the Band of Flag ship Indus, took the lead, the Parent Society having been disappointed in obtaining one. About six or seven hundred men were in the ranks, and what was very pleasing to every well wisher of the

cause to behold, about four hundred and fifty boys, under sixteen years of age, headed by the Rev. President, walked in the centre between the Benefit and Parent Societies. As the line passed through Brunswick Street, we saw the General of the Cold Water Army looking on, and we imagined that he wished he was among the boys or was in the ranks with his own band; at all events we observed a pleasing smile on his countenance, and no doubt he sincerely wished that every one of the lads would firmly adhere to his pledge. The Band of Hope seemed to attract the attention of all lookers on. Some of the boys we recollect seeing but a few months previous clothed in rags, barefoot, and filthy in appearance, owing to the intemperance of their parents: now they were among the best clad. The same remark may be also applied to the men. It was gratifying to behold the smile of pleasure with which many Females looked upon their husbands and brothers who had been redeemed (surely we hope) from drunkenness, as they passed them by with the medal on their breast, and how pleased they were to see their children there also. Previous to the members separating, they were addressed by the Rev. President, and gave three cheers for the Queen, the cause and the President. It is the intention of the Society to walk in Procession on the 15th of August in every year.

The Cold Water Army assembled in the Temperance Hall, at 4 P. M. on 21th of August. The General (G. Grey), conducted the proceedings, and administered the Total Abstinence Pledge to over three hundred children of both sexes. They were addressed by the General, Rev. Mr. Pope, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Wm. C. Silver Esq., and others. The Adjutant General (J. Shean) put the boys (Divisions one and two), through a number of evolutions—a la militaire. It is intended to keep the Army in the field continually.

The Micmac Division held a special session on Thursday evening 27th August, on which occasion an Address was presented to two Brothers, belonging to the Royal Engineers, who were to embark for England the next day. Both Brothers were members of the Order for nearly seven years, and one of them attained the honours of P. W. P. They were well respected by their Brethren, and esteemed for their unassuming demeanour. Since their union with the Order they exerted themselves among their comrades in arms, and induced a number of them to become pledged to total abstinence, but nearly all of them fell away again from their vows to the regret of the worthy Brothers. We copy the Address, together with the reply of the Brothers.

ADDRESS

From Mic Mac Division, S. of T., to Brethren of the Royal Engineers, about leaving this Garrison.

In compliance to a call of duty you are obligated to remove to another garrison. Your removal affords us the pleasure and privilege of hearing testimony to the brotherly courtesy, manly demeanour, and temperance fidelity, which have been manifested by you during your membership in this Division. With deep regret we take the parting hand,—and while we deplore your departure, we unfeignedly declare that our affection forbids that the adage "out of sight, out of mind" should apply to your absence; we also cherish an assurance, that the fellowship hitherto enjoyed

by us, will be continued in reciprocal communication, gladdening each other, and affording encouragement by known, mutual, and abiding interest being given, in behalf of the benevolent and humanizing enterprise we are at this moment maintaining, and which, we mutually declare, that we will advocate and maintain until the evil against which we contend shall be destroyed, or at the least be so dispersed as to show symptoms of decay and give expectation of ultimate death.

Brothers—We ardently desire your future welfare—and we trust 'hat the Great Patriarch above will guard you against the enticing paths of our insidious foe—"The demon of Intemperance." Regard this demon as your country's foe; and, as faithful sentinels and watchmen about its walls, give him neither parley nor place of abode.

Finally, Brothers,—Farewell; be vigilant, be steadfast, immovable,—always abound in the good work of Temperance, your labours shall not be in vain. Remember that—

Proudly waves our banner o'er us;

Let it by you be unfurl'd,—

That all may unite in chorus—

Freedom to a ransom'd world.

In behalf of the Mic Mac Division I present you this brief address.

GEO. WEBB, W. P.

REPLY.

W. P. and Brothers,—While we are willing to serve our country by removing to what garrison soever we may be appointed, we would also express our deep regret in taking our departure from amidst so fine a band of brothers as the Mic Mac who thus have done us such honor, and to whom we tender our grateful thanks for the brotherly kindness shown to us; we also thank the noble brothers, generally, of the Order in this community, for the courtesy and kindness manifested to our well-being. Our connexion with this organization for the last six years has afforded us both pleasure and profit, while in either Subordinate or Grand Division. From the social tie with which one of us is bound to this community, a hope is entertained of return, to resume an effort, however feeble, to advance the great enterprise we now advocate, until some hope may be indulged of its ultimate success in the destruction of such a fatal destroyer as the one against which we contend.

Brothers, farewell,—and rest assured that we will endeavor to remain,

Yours in Love, Purity,
and Fidelity,

T. WELLINGTON, } R.E.
R. GRAY, }

The Micmac Division held a Public Temperance meeting in the Division Room on Monday evening 7th inst. There was a fair attendance of both sexes. The Speakers were Rev. D. Freeman, whose remarks were "on 'Principle' in all our undertakings"; he gave some forcible illustrations, and finished by saying "we needed principle in the cause of Temperance."—Rev. Mr Jones, of Worcester, Mass., whose remarks we did not hear, having to leave the Room before he commenced. We are informed that he is an excellent speaker, and narrated some very touching instances of intemperance. During some of his remarks many of the audience had to wipe the tears from their eyes. Rev. J. C. Cochran also addressed the meeting; his remarks were on the addresses of the gentlemen who preceded him.