

Temperance from their youth, and unhesitatingly declare from the platform the benefits they have received in the Division room. Why did not those reformed 'grumblers' go and do likewise? The same golden opportunities were open to them.

Whether the experiences given by reclaimed men have, in general, a good effect on the young, is uncertain. It appears to be on much the same principle as the practice of the Spartans of old, who used to make their helots intoxicated, as warnings to the youth of the land. A teacher does not place an ill-written, crooked copy before a child, in order that he may shun its mistakes. And, just so, it is more satisfactory to follow a good example than to avoid the evil effects of a bad one. It is easier to say "Come" than "Go."—Children and youth still unstained, must listen with disgust to the revolting stories of reformed drunkards; but eagerly follow and earnestly strive to copy such a bright, shining example as that of a life-long temperance man.—Yours, etc. M. S.

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

To the Editor,

SIR,—Your Good Templar correspondent spoke the truth. It is time that the standard of the programmes in our Divisions and Lodges was raised. The blue ribbon societies are in a worse condition still; but that was to be expected, for frequenters of bar-rooms, after signing the pledge carry with them their vitiated tastes, and it will take some time to refine them. But they are men; and it can be done. With plenty of good selections at hand, like those in the 'Rose Readers,' which cannot be too highly recommended, such rubbish as "Paddy the Piper," etc., will certainly be displaced. It was with pleasure that I noticed your intention of shortly issuing a series of tracts, suitable for Sons of Temperance, and bespeak for them a wide circulation.—In L., P. and F., A MEMBER.

CADETS OF TEMPERANCE.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—In spite of the earnest recommendations of the Grand Scribe that each Division should organize a section of Cadets, the Divisions, in our city at least, have postponed the matter until some more convenient season. It is surely a great pity. "If the children are lost, all is lost!" says the Rev. T. L. Cuyler, and no one can deny that the best temperance workers we possess, have been total abstainers from childhood. The blessed task of saving the boys and girls ought not to be pushed into the background. The very attempt to organize such sections would assist in arousing our languishing divisions. It would give them something to think of, and something to do.—Yours, etc.

A MEMBER OF THE SONS.

Toronto, 4th Aug., 1879.

"REFORM."

To the Editor,

SIR,—If "Old Son" who wrote the letter in the July paper will write me and let me know what is wrong either in the books or the actions of any of our Grand Division officers, I will see that the matter is fully investigated. I conceive it to be the duty of the G.W.P. to see that the other officers perform their duties properly, and if "Old Son" or any other "Son," will complain to me I'll try to make things right. The Treasurer is prevented by ill-health from performing his duties, and the G. Scribe is doing the duties of both offices, but only at the request of the G. T. and because he cannot attend to them. Otherwise all moneys would go regularly to the G. T. and be paid out by him, but only on duly attested orders signed by the G.W.P. and G.S. as heretofore.—Yours truly,

THOMAS CASWELL, G.W.P.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—The number of *The Son* for July is before

me, and I notice therein a letter which I take the liberty of commenting upon. Any one who has the slightest knowledge of the Grand Division is aware that the Executive are only too glad to receive and adopt suggestions tending to improve our Order, and if your correspondent, "Old Son," can show a better method of keeping the books, he may rest assured it will be carried out. If our brother is actuated with this desire, why not put himself in direct communication with the Executive, pointing out wherein he was dissatisfied and giving what seemed to him to be the remedy? The course he has pursued seems unwise and impudent, certainly the airing of his opinions in so public a manner lacks delicacy, for he knows the Grand Scribe edits the paper, and had he rejected an "Old Son's" communication, which he had a perfect right to do, he laid himself open to a charge of suppressing information, whereas by publishing it, he the Grand Scribe is attacked over the shoulder of our esteemed Grand Treasurer.

"Old Son" is correct in stating that a good deal was said at Grafton about the way the books were kept, but I am inclined to think the dissatisfaction emanated from a few discontented spirits who seem to delight in being in hot water themselves and having others there also, and whose *modus operandi* lies in caucus meetings and insinuations, *vide* proceedings at Galt. Introduce by all means another plan of bookkeeping if it is deemed better than that now used, but I doubt if such can be found, for the present is simple and as open as day, where all can see, except those who won't.

As I am ignorant who "Old Son" is, I cannot be accused of reflecting on him, when I say that certain members have the opinion there is a snake in the grass endeavouring to damage a zealous and useful officer; but my immediate object has been to take the liberty to point out to our brother the straightforward course to pursue in the matter he

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