

blazed awhile like a veritable skyrocket, and then vanished like smoke. Happily there was a Temperance Lodge in the village which bestirred itself in time to save a few of the old toppers who were in danger of going back to their cups; and, when the 'Club' broke up entirely, the Lodge took possession of the Sunday afternoon meeting, and carried it successfully on. The energy and zeal of its members are to be commended. Yours, &c.,

A MEMBER.

Toronto, May 14, 1880.

THE BRONTË SONS.

To the Editor.

DEAR SIR,—Can you not do something terrible for those fire-eating "Sons" up at Brontë! In England the names of friends are kept before the people. Here Prohibitionists advertise their opponents, and let their friends look out for themselves, or meet the political death of obscurity, and you may tell the readers of the *Son* I said so, if you choose.—Yours,

G. H.

[We insert your letter because there is a great deal of truth in it, and trust it will do some good. The temperance people of Canada very often, we are sorry to say, devote too much time to their enemies, and too little to their friends. What a good thing it would be if we could mind our own business.—ED.]

A GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor,

SIR.—On the 29th of January last, I instituted New Dominion Division here. The Division sent \$5.00 to the Grand Scribe on account of the charter fee. The members spoke to me about the difficulty in raising money for the purchase of so many things at the start, and I said to them that the Grand Division allowed \$5.00 to a D.G.W.P., for instituting a Division, and that if the Grand Division allowed it in this case, I would donate it to the Division.

The W.P., corresponded with the G. Scribe, and it was agreed that the Division should only be charged the balance of the charter fee \$3.50, and as the G. S. required a voucher for the \$5.00 I signed a receipt for that sum but on the receipt I wrote that I had not received one cent and that the Division received the benefit of the \$5.00. I also requested the G. S. to note that in his report or in the G.T.'s report, so that the Order would not suppose that I had made \$5.00 out of the Grand Division. I now see the G. T.'s report shews as strongly as it possibly can that I received these \$5.00, and this I must positively deny, and I hope the G. S. will have the goodness to explain in your paper, if he did not to the Grand Division, that I did not receive one cent of this money.—Yours &c.,

THOMAS CASWELL,
D.G.W.P.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR.—As you kindly inserted my last communication in regard to the entertainment of members, I would like to add a few words on the same subject. During the last two years, I have attended a large number of Division meetings, a few of which stand out in bright relief from the sameness of the others. First and foremost was one held by the old Rechab Division, some time ago, when Bro. G. Duncan, delivered a genuine lecture to his fellow-members. The subject was poetry, and he described the various kinds in a very instructive manner, retaining the interest of his audience throughout. The said lecture was illustrated by songs, from a youthful Son of Temperance, and by a number of spirited recitations by Brother G. M. Rose, who chanced to be visiting the Division. Another evening at Rechab was also well worthy of remembrance, viz., when Bro. G. Duncan, read selections from the poets upon the "skylark," commencing with such a description of the little warbler as

only a Scotchman could give. Similar to this, was the entertainment afforded to Crystal Fountain Division by Bro G. M. Rose, who graphically described the "daisy," and gave the members a number of selections from the poets, with all of whom the daisy was a favourite. Such evenings as the above, afford genuine enjoyment and leave most pleasant remembrances on the mind. In our own Division the Crystal Fountain we have frequently had very spirited debates, both on Temperance matters and otherwise. During the winter, we had several "Evenings with the Poets," when the brothers and sisters read selections from their favourites. Brother Sheppard's choice was Tennyson. He read portions of the "May Queen," and other poems. Brother Dilworth read several extracts from Longfellow including the "Psalm of Life." Brother John McMillan, chose Thomas Moore, and concluded with a selection which he said would "stir the heart of any Irishman." The poem referred to was eminently national, and related to the traces of Ireland's ancient civilization. Another evening, Brother G. M. Rose, entertained the members with some admirable selections from Dr. Charles MacKay, concluding with one that he said had done more to help on the Temperance Cause than any other written. It was entitled "Clear the Way." Such are some of the methods that have been adopted for the instruction and entertainment of members.—Yours, in Love, Purity and Fidelity. M.

Miscellaneous.

Dr. Talmage on Friendship.

"If our association is only a matter of five, or ten, or thirty years, it is not worth much. Can it be that our attachment to each other has such short arms, that it cannot reach across the grave? We go into a railway train, and we sit down for a few hours beside a stranger and talk with him; then he leaves at once