

BILLY IS IN TROUBLE.

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I've got a letter, parson, from my son away out west,
 An' my ol' heart is heavy as an anvil in my breast,
 To think the boy whose futur' I had once so proudly planned
 Should wander from the path o' right an' come to such an end!
 I told him when he left us only three short years ago,
 He'd find himself a-plowin' in a mighty crooked row—
 He'd miss his father's counsels, an' his mother's prayers, too,
 But he said the farm was hateful, an' he guessed he'd have to go.
 I know there's big temptation for a youngster in the west,
 But I believed our Billy had the courage to resist,
 And when he left I warned him o' the ever-waitin' snares
 That lie like hidden sarpints in life's pathway everywhere.
 But Bill he promised faithful to be keeful, an' allowed
 He'd build a reputation that'd make us mighty proud,
 But it seems as how my counsel sort o' faded from his mind,
 An' now the boy's in trouble o' the very wustest kind!
 His letters came so seldom that I somehow sort o' knowed
 That Billy was a-trampin' on a mighty rocky road,
 But never once imagined he would bow my head in shame,
 An' in the dust 'd waller his ol' daddy's honored name.
 He writes from out in Denver, an' the story's mighty short;
 I just can't tell his mother; it'll crush her poor old heart!
 An' so I reckon, parson, yon might break the news to her—
 Bill's in the legislature, but he doesn't say what fur.

TEMPERANCE NEWS.

The annual meeting of the General Council of the U.K.A. was held in Manchester, on Oct. 18th, 1898. The Pres. Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., presided. Five members of the House of Commons were among the speakers.

Prohibitionists in New Zealand are waging war on the traffic with much success. A three year's test in one district shows this favorable comparison in lessening crime:—

	License.	No license.
Drunkenness	130	6
Assaults	11	1
Resisting Police	4	0
Disorderlies	9	1

Under "no license" there was only one conviction for illegal selling while under "license" there were 24. They hope to soon rid the island of the rum curse.

The National Temperance Federation of the British Isles (comprising about thirty organizations) at their recent annual meeting memorialized the Canadian Government to prohibit the sale of liquor in the gold regions.

Sir Herbert Kitchener, the hero of Khar-toum, is an abstainer. He insisted on the practice of abstinence for his troops during their arduous campaign, and achieved a most illustrious victory. There was no sickness, disorder, or default of duty.

When inspecting a division of the British Army, at Wareham, recently, Lord Wolseley found the daily consumption of mineral waters to be 600 dozen. Twenty thousand of the military are in the Army Temperance Society.

Prohibitionists have nominated full tickets in State elections, in Illinois, Ohio and other States, and many county officials all over the Union will be elected by the party.

The U. S. canteen has destroyed more Americans than the Spanish cannon in the recent campaign. Disease, disorder, death are the fruits of the canteen system. A protest signed by 5,000,000 people will shortly be lodged with the President.

The Russian Government is taking vigorous steps to reduce the evils of the liquor traffic in that Empire

FROM OTHER FIELDS.

The fiftieth annual session of the Grand Division of P.E.I. was held on Oct. 24th and following days, when their jubilee was appropriately celebrated. The Order is prospering in "the right little, tight little island."

The many friends of Bro. W. J. Gates, of Halifax, P.M.W.A., will be pleased to hear of his improved health. Though in a precarious state he was driven to the poll and voted for Prohibition on Sept. 29th.

New Jersey is raising funds and laying plans for a forward movement.

The Sons of Temperance of Newark, N.J., celebrated Founders' Day (Sept. 29th). The oration was delivered by the M.W.P. The history and purposes of the organization was treated very ably. Addresses were also made by Rev. Jas. R. Perrine, of Brooklyn, and A. M. Bodine, G.W.P., of Camden.

FOUNDERS' DAY IN NEW YORK, "THE CRADLE OF THE ORDER."—New York Division, No. 1, celebrated Founders' Day on Sept. 29th in their Division rooms. There were visitors present from the following Divisions:—Greenpoint, No. 99, N.Y.; Washington, No. 4, of Brooklyn; Friendship, No. 103, of New York; Chelsea, No. 12, of New York; Lincoln, No. 27, of Elizabeth, N.J.; and Searles, No. 31, of

Newark, N.J. Addresses were made by Rev. Bro. A. G. Lawson, M.W.P.; J. W. Cummings, G.W.P. of Eastern New York; E. K. Drake, P.G.W.P., of New Jersey; G. W. Mannifield, P.G.W.P., of New Jersey; Bro. Ryder, P.G.W.A. of Eastern New York. Prominent among those present were: P.G.W.P. Mrs. Catharine McLeod, P.G.W.A.'s Bros. Neil McLeod, Sr., and N. McLeod, Jr., of Elizabeth, N.J.; G.W.A. Miss Lizzie Souden, of New Jersey, and P.G.W.A.'s Bros. Marshall and Bell, of Eastern New York. Bro. Lawson, Most Worthy Patriarch, made one of the best addresses ever heard on "The Order's Work and History," and urged the members to gird on the armour for an energetic campaign in the future. New York, No. 1, is the fountain head of the Order, being the original Division, and was established on Sept. 29th, 1842, on Division Street in New York City. It has been continually at work from that day to the present. Long may it continue!

The provinces of P.E.I., N.S. and N.B. gave sweeping majorities for Prohibition. This is where our Order is strongest and is a clear evidence of its effectiveness as an agency for promoting universal temperance.

The following sessions of Grand Division are announced:

Maryland, at Baltimore, October 27; Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, October 26; Connecticut, at Meriden, October 27; Illinois, at Meriden, October 25; Nova Scotia, at Halifax, October 25; Rhode Island, at Providence, October 18; New Brunswick, at St. John, October 26; Quebec, at West Shefford, October 26; Maryland Pr., at Baltimore, October 27.

A grand demonstration was held on August 24th, 1898, by Airdrie Excelsion Division, Scotland, in Kilncroft Park. A procession headed by a pipe band (with a brass band in the line also) paraded the principal streets. Good Templars and Rechabites also took part. Among the banners and devices carried was a gin barrel with the ends knocked out. Fine weather, great crowds, grand speeches by M.P.'s and other distinguished gentlemen made a high time.

English Sons of Temperance lament the death of Hon. Bro. Hubert Howard, war correspondent of *The Times*, at Umduрман, and have conveyed an address of sympathy to his parents, Lord and Lady Carlisle. The Earl of Carlisle and his Sons, Viscount Morpeth, Hon. Herbert Howard, Hon. Geoffrey and Michael Howard were initiated into the Order in 1890.

Our British contemporary, *The Sons of Temperance* says, in last issue, "We note with much interest that in his report the M.W.P. of North America recommended the summoning in London of an International Conference of National Division representatives, which the RECORD says "is a good idea and should be carried out." Sons in Great Britain will, we feel sure, acclaim the suggestion with enthusiasm, and will stand ready to take their part in the carrying of it out, should it happily reach that stage, with forward readiness and zealous energy."