

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. M. K.—Yes; but before proceeding further, it would be as well if you asked legal advice.

M. G.—Consult the Code of Laws; you will find all you want there.

P. W. P.—Be sure and see that a proper programme is prepared for each meeting.

Harry.—We think this verse will suit your purpose:—

"Accept, fair lady, from thy humble friend,
The wish, that joy thy footsteps may attend,
Nor scorn the verse which honest warmth
inspires,
When friendship animates and beauty fires."

Hannah.—Your name is of Hebrew origin, and signifies "Prayer or grace," the same as Anna.

Want of space has compelled us to leave over, until next month, several letters.

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The Annual Session.

THE meeting of the Grand Division, held at Almonte on the 2nd and 3rd days of December, although not as numerous attended by representatives as we have seen similar gatherings, was one which will be long remembered by some of us who were present, with mingled feelings of pleasure and disappointment. With pleasure because it brought us face to face with brethren whom we rarely meet except at Annual Sessions, and with disappointment because the Executive officers' reports represented the Order, numerically and financially, in anything but a satisfactory state. This condition of affairs, it appears, has been brought about by various causes, every one of which, we are happy to say, can be overcome, if we but arouse ourselves as individuals and do our duty, and the Order made once more to occupy the

proud position it did a few years ago. With this end in view let us then begin the New Year, and for at least a few months work to bring in new members, and to awaken to activity such of those who are already in our ranks, but who sit with folded arms, doing nothing for the advancement of the cause of Temperance.

It will not do to depend on the Executive officers at this juncture, however willing they may be to assist. Their efforts to bring about a better state of things must be seconded by the rank and file of the Order, otherwise they will have but a poor record to present at the next meeting of the Grand Division. While we labor we must also remember that the world has claims upon us, and that we have work to do not only inside but outside the Division rooms. The Division room is a good place in which to mature our aggressive plans for the destruction of the traffic in intoxicating drinks, but the platform and the press must not be neglected. Let us hold as many public meetings as possible, install our officers publicly, and have numerous social gatherings where fraternity and harmony shall be apparent, and by this and all other honourable and honest means bring before the outside world the principles of Love, Purity, and Fidelity, the foundation on which the Order we represent is founded.

In consequence of the limited space at our disposal, it will be seen we give, in another column, a very short account of the proceedings of the Annual Session,

but this, we trust, will only create a desire to know more of our doings at Almonte. When the minutes, in pamphlet form, are sent to every Subordinate Division by the Grand Scribe, they should be carefully perused, and the reports of the Executive officers and of the various committees carefully considered.

The usual public meeting held on the evening of the 2nd, was one of the best we have seen for many years, and whatever the strength of the Order may be as an Order, we have good reason to know, from the reception given the various speakers on this occasion, that as Sons of Temperance we are as popular as ever.

Now let us be up and doing, and show by our active work and labours of love for the poor drunkard, that the Order of the Sons of Temperance is not afraid to grapple with Intemperance, and is determined to fight on until its mission is accomplished, and Prohibition the law of the land!

From the Grand Scribe.

Receipts from Divisions, from November 10th, to December 20th, 1879.

GREEN RIVER, \$2.25; Manchester, \$1.89; York Safe-guard, \$1.00; Thornton, \$5.46; Paris, \$1.89; Almonte, \$7.00; Chaudiere, (on acc't) \$27.00; Thorold, \$3.45; Good Will, \$1.40; Riverside, \$1.19; Bearline, \$2.87; Philanthropic, \$3.78; Medonte, (on acc't charter and supplies) \$6.00; Bronte, (supplies) \$1.00; Supplies, 50c.; Bytown, (tax) \$6.30; Corwhin Guard, \$2.66; Allenwood, (supplies) 60c.; Prospect, (supplies) \$1.55; Sharon, (tax) \$1.00; Horton, (tax) \$1.61; Lotus, (tax) \$1.33; Lotus, (sup-