

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. B.—If you write the G. W. P., he will at once attend to the matter.

Sandy.—You will find Dr. Mackay's parody on Burns' poem, "a Man's a man for a' that," at page 77 "Rose's Light for the Temperance Platform," part 2. The Grand Scribe can furnish you with the volume.

Outsider.—The Order of the Sons admit females to full membership.

Delegate.—We advise you strongly to attend the next meeting of the Grand Division. The matter will be fully discussed there.

Jessie.—Yes; but you are wrong in supposing it would be against the rules of the Order to have the marriage ceremony performed in the Division-room. Several parties have had this rite performed in open Division, and as a rule the chaplain, who in this case must be a clergyman, does not claim the usual marriage fee.

Margaret.—No; but there is a possibility of the law being changed. An effort is now being made in that direction.

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addressed.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

WE beg to remind the members of the Divisions that the next Semi-Annual Meeting of the Grand Division of Ontario will be held in the village of Grafton, on the 27th of May. The Grand Scribe has made the necessary arrangements with the various railways for reduced fares. We hope to see present not only all the officers, but a large gathering of representatives. The friends at Grafton promise all who come a right hearty welcome. See official notice on page 7.

THE Division at Bronte had, on the evening of the 23rd inst., an open meeting. The hall was crowded. Addresses were delivered by the G. W. P., Bro. Caswell, P. G. W. P., Bro. G. M. Rose, Mr. McCraney, ex-M.P., and others. Everything passed off pleasantly.

HENDERSON Division, Talbotville, begins to increase in numbers, having added nineteen, last quarter, to its roll of members. This is good. If our members only worked a little harder we could double our numbers within twelve months.

The Son of Temperance.

AS we venture to offer our humble services "For the Good of the Order," we can readily imagine the expression of surprise and the different exclamations of the members as we for the first time present ourselves to the O. S. and thence to the I. S. and give our first salute to the P. W. P. "What is this?" "Who really has the folly to undertake this speculation?" "Who is the unfortunate, whose ambition is, to run a Temperance paper especially for, and exclusively under the auspices of, the Order of the Sons of Temperance?" "That's plucky," says another, "but it will never pay." Well, we mean to try, though financially, we do not expect it will pay; but, we believe it may in another way turn out a remunerative speculation. We intend to start out on a new system, and will not solicit subscriptions, and consequently give no commissions to agents; will contract no bad debts, make no charge for copies, and therefore have no subscribers in arrears. We will simply adopt the voluntary offering system, and devote receipts to propagation work. "Something new," you will say, "in the newspaper line." Yes, but why not be successful in this as in other lines? In short we propose to furnish this month to each of our Divisions a number of copies for free distribution, and if our efforts to advance the Order and the cause of temperance generally are approved by our friends, we will continue the publication.

All information relating to the

Order of the Sons of Temperance will readily find a place in our columns, and we cordially invite the members of the different Divisions to make our paper a medium of communication between each other.

Now, friends! what do you say to our venture. Give us your opinion of it.

Correspondence.

THE MANNING TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to learn that the friends and admirers of Mr. J. W. Manning, of Almonte, P. G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance, have decided on presenting that worthy brother with a testimonial for the valuable services he has rendered the cause of temperance in Canada during the past twenty years, and that subscriptions are now being taken up for that purpose.

I hope the Committee who has the matter in charge will see that no time is lost in bringing it before the members of the Subordinate Divisions, so that as many of the brethren as possible may have the privilege of subscribing, no matter how small a sum, to such a laudable object. —Yours respectfully,

OBSERVER.

Toronto, April 17, 1879.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—Please permit me, as Treasurer of the "Manning Testimonial Fund," to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of \$57.20, through Brother Robertson of Lanark, which sum has been contributed by friends in the North Riding of Lanark for the Manning Testimonial. —Yours, in L. P. & F.,

GEO. MACLEAN ROSE.
25 Wellington St., Toronto.

THE LADIES.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—Can you, or any of your correspondents inform me why it is that the lady mem-