

Sons of Temperance.

In the report of the presentation at the semi-annual session of the Grand Division of Ontario to Bro. Thomas Webster, P. G. S., we should of said a "valuable silver tilter pitcher with goblets, &c.," in place of as it read "filter pitcher."

The county of Brant District Division holds its quarterly meeting in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Cainville, on the 25th inst. A large attendance of delegates is expected.

The semi-annual session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 3rd and 4th inst., in the town of Picton. Among those present were J. W. Manning, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Almonte; J. K. Stewart, Grand Scribe, Ottawa; Platt Hinman, Grand Chaplain, Grafton; and Messrs. G. M. Rose and H. O'Hara, Toronto; Thomas Webster, Paris; S. Holland, Bradford; Rev. J. T. Darling, Colborne; John Holesy and T. F. Spencer, Concession; W. McRossie, Kingston.

The reports of the Grand Officers show that the Order is prosperous, and has made rapid strides during the past six months. In that interval 35 new divisions have been organized. Very energetic steps are proposed for further active work throughout the whole province. The reports show that the mutual relief scheme of insurance is lending valuable aid in giving permanency and additional vitality to the order.

On Wednesday morning an interesting event took place in the presentation of an address and a very handsome silver water pitcher to the Past Grand Scribe, Thomas Webster, who retired from office last session after 14 years of service.

The pitcher bears the following inscription: "Presented by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario to Thomas Webster as a memento to a cold-water man after 14 years service as Grand Scribe."

The state of the Order was considered and action was taken to carry out the recommendations of the Grand Scribe respecting district divisions.

Notice was given by the representatives of five divisions that they would move to abolish the semi-annual session in the event of a scheme being adopted to provide for the efficient working of district divisions, and the Executive instructed to recommend a plan for the more general introduction of District Divisions.

The Senate and the Scott Act with reference to the proposed amendments ancient wine and beer, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"This Grand Division desires, most emphatically, to protest against the action of the Senate, in its attempt to annul the Scott Act, by the addition of so called amendments, which, should they come into force, would render the Act worthless and practically void.

The course pursued by the Senate we denounce as contrary to the spirit of our institutions, the principle having heretofore been acted upon, that legislation should be in accord with the well understood wishes of the people.

We denounce this action on the ground that it is an attempt to overthrow the will of the electors in all those counties which have adopted the Act.

We denounce this action on the ground that it is a retrograde movement, which would inevitably tend to create drunkenness, disorder and crime; and thus multiply evils which it has been the aim of Parliament, heretofore, to prevent or limit.

This Grand Division, therefore, instructs the Executive to draw up a petition and present it to Parliament, in opposition to the said action of the Senate."

The Grand Division adjourned to meet in annual session in the town of Bowmanville, on Tuesday, 1st December next.

The annual session of the National Division of America, commences on Wednesday, July 8th, at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, U.S. Delegates are expected from all the States and Provinces. The Grand Division of the District of Columbia have invited delegates, who can conveniently do so, to go via Washington, and have tendered to representatives and friends a complimentary excursion to Mount Vernon, on the Potomac River. The Grand Division of Maryland has made arrangements for the comfort and convenience of delegates, and a very pleasant and profitable time is anticipated. This annual gathering of the veteran temperance Order promises to be of unusual interest. The following delegates represent the Order from Ontario:—P.G.W.P.'s A. Morse, A. Farewell, John Wilson, Dr. J. Beatty, G. W. Ross, E. Rowland, G. M. Rose, J. M. T. Hannum, J. W. Manning, David Millar, Thomas Caswell, H. O'Hara, P.G.W.A.'s W. H. Orr, E. Carswell, J. S. Larke, J. G. Howe, J. K. Stewart, J. Leggo, R. Windatt, W. H. Howell, R. Hopkins, Platt Hinman, J. Brooks, Rev. E. R. Young, P.G.W.P. John McMillan, P.G.W.A. W. Stewart, Thomas Webster, P.G.S., and T. B. Smith, G.W.A.

Good Templars.

CARLETON.—We have received from Ottawa the following report of a recent meeting of Carleton Co. Lodge, I.O.G.T.:—

A large meeting of the County Carleton Lodge of Good Templars was held in the stone church, Bell's Corner, on Friday last, at which the following lodges were well represented: Manotick, Hazledon, Merivale, Cameron, Excelsior, Nepean Enterprising, Salamander, Nepean Rescue, and Ramsey.

After the usual routine of business the various committees which were struck were reported fully, showing the order in the county to be in good standing. Nepean Enterprising Temple furnished the refreshments for the County Lodge, which were both varied and plentiful, and spared no pains to accommodate those present. The Temperance House in the village was well patronized. The next meeting of the County Lodge was arranged to be held in Wellington Village on the second Friday in October at 1 o'clock p.m. Amongst several

important resolutions passed the following by the Committee on Report deserves attention:—

"That we have read with great dissatisfaction and alarm the recent action of the Dominion Senate which is calculated to so mutilate the Canada Temperance Act as to make it practically useless, and therefore enter our emphatic protest against said action.

That we believe the time has fully come when the temperance people of Canada should place their principles as such above mere adhesion to party in politics and the matter of temperance legislation, and that they should send to Parliament such men only as shall pronounce themselves in favor of prohibition, and we hereby engage to act in accordance with the resolution for the time to come."

There were nearly 90 representatives present, and the resolutions were carried unanimously by a standing vote.

E. STORR, C.W.C.T.
A. ABBOTT, C.W.S.

Our Casket.

BITS OF TINSEL.

Grace after meat. Child who has no pudding, whilst her mother has—
"Thank God for mamma's nice dinner."

Eldest sister, aged five, on being told of advent of fourth brother, "Papa, what a lot of children we shall have to keep."

If your daughter is in poor health let her use the mop about the house. Nothing like home-mop-athy for a weak young woman.

"You're opaque," said an exasperated spectator at a concert to a huge fellow standing in front of him. "No! I'm O'Callaghan," was the serene reply.

An editor who was impelled to give up his seat to a lady in a street car, described it as being "crowded out to make room for more interesting matter."

Two lawyers while bathing, being chased out of the water by a shark, one of them said to the other, "It strikes me that that was a flagrant want of professional courtesy."

Mayor to a soldier returned to his village, from Tonquin, with a wooden leg:—"Thanks to you, my brave, France has now a foot in China." "I know that; it is I who have left mine there."

A young man searching for his father's pig, accosted an Irishman as follows. "Have you seen a stray pig about here?" To which Pat responded, "Faix, and how could I tell a stray pig from any other?"

A country clergyman says he has married but one couple in a year, and that they paid him nothing, stayed to dinner as it was a rainy day, and then borrowed his umbrella when they left, which he has never seen since.

A little girl, aged two years, having been taught always to knock and ask when she wanted a door opened, was trying to open a big box one day, and as she couldn't, she went up to it, and knocked, "Pese may I come in?" and then stood by, waiting for the lid to open.

"God made the sun, and moon, and stars, and everything." "Not everything, in the world, mamma?" "Yes, dear, really and truly, everything in the world." "But, mamma, we watched the men every day, and we saw them build every bit of Mr. Palmer's new house!"

A man suddenly ended his bachelor career by marrying a widow worth £40,000. "Don't imagine," said he to one of his friends, "that I am simply marrying for money. If she had had only £20,000 I should have married her just the same."

A mendicant approached a Westchester man on the cars the other day and said, "Dear Sir, I have lost my leg," to which the Westchester man replied, as he hurried away: "My dear friend I am very sorry, but I have not seen anything of it."

An editor in a large French town recently published this notice: "The wine merchant who sold me last week a bottle of lemonade flavored with vitriol for a bottle of champagne is requested to send me, within twenty-four hours, a bottle of genuine champagne, failing which his name and address will be made public." The result was that he received almost unlimited contributions of first-class wine forthwith.

A GAELIC RHYME.—The Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., of Woodstock has been giving a number of rousing addresses on the Scott Act in different counties. In dealing with the consciences of his hearers Mr. McKay has few equals, and perhaps no superiors in the country. The enthusiasm at some of his meetings is very great. A correspondent sends us the following Gaelic quotation which Mr. McKay lately employed when addressing a large meeting of Highlanders:—

"Cha-n uisge-beath' ach uisge-bais
An t-uisge chraidh mo'chrì:h 'm chom,—
An t-uisge dh-fhag mo cheann'sa liadh,
An t-uisge dh-fhag na ciadan lom!"

For the sake of those English in his audience who through want of education could not understand the Gaelic, Mr. McKay translated the above verse as follows:—

"The water of life! No, not at all!
The water of death 'twere better to call
That which so oft has racked my head,—
That which leaves thousands lacking bread."

The Scott Act is working well in Oxford. The Mayor of Woodstock, although not at first a pronounced Scott Act man, now gives it as his conviction that nineteen-twentieths of the drinking has been done away with by the law. Thus far there has been one prosecution for violation of the law, and a conviction was easily obtained.