

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G.—The poem you allude to, is to be found in Will Carleton's collection of Farm Ballads.

Mother.—Coddling your child in hot rooms and loading his bed with clothes, and smothering up his bed with curtains, can only have one effect, and that is, of making him extremely delicate.

Son.—We think you can with propriety ask the questions at the Annual Session.

S. of T.—Yes. We would like to hear the question fairly discussed, but have a decided objection to the introduction of personalities.

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The Annual Session.

THE next Annual Session of our Order will commence in Almonte, on 2nd of December next, at 2 p.m. The public meeting will be held on the evening of the same day. Sir Leonard Tilley, P.M.W.P., and George W. Ross, Esq., M.W.P. of our Order have both promised to be present at this meeting, and we also have an indefinite promise that H. S. McCollum, the G.W.P. of Western New York, will try to be with us. Arrangements have been made by the G. Scribe for the conveyance of persons to and from Almonte at one and one-third fares, and the G.W.P. is in communication with the Manager of the G. T. R. for a special rate from Toronto to Almonte over both railways and back. If possible the rate will be mentioned in this month's paper.

A notice of motion is on the table of the G. D. to be brought up at Almonte, to reduce the capitation tax, and while it cannot pass in the form of the notice

on account of the N. D.'s amendment to the Constitution at the last session, it is likely an important discussion will arise on the subject of this tax generally, the means of spreading our Order, and how to provide the necessary funds. Certain it is that the country was never in a better position to plant Divisions in it. Old Divisions are being revived. New ones are being organized, and owing to the waning of the interest in the open Temperance organizations, and the number of Temples of the I.O.G.T. that have gone down, and the fact that that Order is curtailing their work instead of spreading it, we can increase our Order just as fast as the members please. On the 7th of Nov., the G.W.P. went fifteen miles to attend a meeting and organized Malvern Division before coming home, and others can do just such work if they but try.

At the next session too will come up the insurance scheme approved of by the N. D. at Washington, or the Mutual Relief Society, referred to in last May's number of this paper, and from the aggressive movements of the Royal Templars in our Province, it is thought by many we should be up and stirring in this matter or we will be left behind. While we have no fears of that, it becomes us to be progressive, and if the insurance scheme is a good one, to make the proper use of it.

The N. D. at Washington permitted G. D.'s to select a time for electing representatives to the G. D. Now they are elected by

Sub. Divisions on the first meeting in October. Hereafter they are to be elected at such time as the several G. D.'s may select, and at Almonte we must decide at what time in the year we prefer to choose them. Then the Reps. to the N. D. are to be elected by ballot, and it is becoming to have a large attendance to see that this is properly done.

The Canada Temperance Act may come up for discussion, and especially so in connection with the recent decisions in New Brunswick and the appeal to the Supreme Court at Ottawa. It will be for the G. D. to decide whether they will recommend our Sub. Divisions to try to get the Act submitted in Counties until this case is decided at Ottawa.

The Session is likely, therefore, to be a very important one, and it is right that the attendance be as large as possible, and every Subordinate Division should see to it that it is properly represented there. The selection of proper officers at such a time in the history of our Order is important and is a matter that will have to be decided at Almonte.

"Does Prohibition Prohibit?"

OUR old and highly respected friend, Brother Charles Esplin, of Ottawa, now at Rat Portage, Keewatin Territory, under date of Nov. 3rd, sends us the following interesting account of the "Great Lone Land":—

"I got out here about two months ago, and I must say that I have never yet been in any place where I could enjoy myself as I do here. The scenery is unequalled. The climate perfection itself, and the vegetation magnifi-

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