

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. S.—The law says that Divisions neglecting to send in their returns at a certain time shall not receive the password; but we fear this rule is not very well enforced.

E. S.—A Division without the usual password cannot be said to be in good working order.

Inquirer.—Mr. E. Carswell is the author of the poem "John Swig." It first appeared, a few years ago, in a New York Temperance paper.

John.—If you turn to Proverbs xx. i, you will find the passage you allude to.

Eliza.—No doubt of it. When a man is unable to tell the time by his watch because there are two hands, and he does not know "which to believe," it is a tolerably sure sign that he has partaken of more refreshments than nature requires.

Mary.—We think you are right, and perfectly safe in the course you wish to pursue.

J. G. L.—We cannot agree with what you say, and think after you have further considered the scheme you will abandon it.

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Honorary Members.

WITH regard to the question often asked if we admit into the Order of the Sons of Temperance "Honorary Members"? We may say that our laws make no provision for such a class. All our members stand on the same level, and share all the responsibilities as to dues and the per capita tax.

Some of our Divisions, we fear, do not recognize this rule, if we are to judge from the meagre lists of membership they sometimes send to the Grand Scribe. It is the duty of the Division to pay per capita tax on every member on their roll, even on those who may be in arrears, provided their names have not been put on the "Suspended List." Our rules are very strict with regard to

this matter, even making it an offence for an officer to certify to the correctness of returns made up in any other than the right manner. We think it a small thing for a Division to deprive the Grand Division of its just dues. We would not like to belong to such an institution.

From the Grand Scribe.

Receipts from Divisions, from Sept. 1st to 20th.

ATICA, \$2.52; Embro, \$1.19; Quarry, \$3.00; Welland, \$3.15; Ayr, \$0.75; Rising Sun, \$1.12; Mount Forest, \$1.75.

The Passwords.

THE Passwords for the incoming quarter have been sent to all Deputies whose Divisions are entitled to receive them. The blank returns and credentials for representatives to the Grand Division have also been forwarded. Will the Recording Scribes see that the returns are correctly filled and placed in the hands of the D.G.W.P., or forwarded with credentials and per cap. Tax to Grand Scribe during the first week in October.

Sons of Temperance Mutual Relief Society.

THE Sons of Temperance National Mutual Relief Society, has been organized, duly incorporated and ready for work. The admission fee is only three dollars, and at a cost of ten dollars (if under forty-five years of age), any Son of Temperance in good standing can have an insurance of \$1,000. The Grand Scribe will be happy to give full particulars.

The Work and the Workers.

—The Brantford *Daily Expressor* of the 10th September says; "We are pleased to chronicle the nuptials of Mr. J. B. Halkett, of the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, and Miss Belle Light-

body, of this city. There is a romance in connection with the courtship of this case worthy of record. Both are staunch temperance workers, Miss Lightbody being Secretary of the Women's Temperance Union, and Assistant of the Grand Scribe, Mr. Thomas Webster. In this work the parties were brought into correspondence without having met one another, and in time an attachment was formed, which culminated in the happy event recorded to-day. We wish the wedded pair much joy."

—We are pleased to observe that Bro. Bliss still takes a lively interest in the Cadets of Temperance. By an Ottawa paper we are informed that he organized a new section last week in Morrison's Hall, York Street, Ottawa. Bro. Bliss is fully determined to make this section equal in all respects to his own section (No. 95), and trusts that his efforts will be sustained by the members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance throughout the city. There is no better way of advancing temperance sentiments than by the training up of the youth of the land in the way they should go.

—Lord Chancellor Cairns, referring to the temptation of gin-shops, said in London:—"Few in the better position of society know the great temptation to which workingmen were exposed. Those men could not go along the street without seeing open for them places wherein they could have light and warmth, where they could be received with open arms, and could find the newspapers and other amusements. But this was provided on one condition only—that they should drink, and continue to drink, and pay for their drink."

—Mr. Thomas Burt, M.P., in a speech which he lately delivered at Byker, in England, alluding to the "exaggeration" sometimes complained of, said, "he had no doubt that occasionally Temperance reformers, who were human, and therefore liable to err, committed many very great