

columns, and by this means each member can at once see everything that is going on, and thus become really interested in the working of not only his own Division, but of the whole Order.

While it is not intended to name any stated price as a subscription per annum for *The Son*, yet we invite our friends to give us some financial assistance. If each Division only contribute \$1.00 a year to it, the paper will, with the saving we propose to make the Grand Division in the way of circulating its correspondence and saving postage, become a boon to the entire Order, and a burden to none.

The Work and the Workers.

THE District Division of the County of Peel held a meeting on the 9th of May. There was a good attendance of members present at the day session, and in the evening a very successful public meeting took place.

— Union Star Division, located at Enterprise, County of Durham, held a demonstration on Queen's Birthday; one of its chief features being the dedication of its new hall, by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

— Bro. Edward Carswell, we are pleased to note, has now entirely recovered from his late sickness, and is again in the lecture field. His new lecture, "Laughter," takes well.

— The members of old St. Lawrence Division, City of Quebec, have been lately bestirring themselves by holding public temperance meetings in various parts of the "ancient Capital," and with the most gratifying results. Through their means a goodly number have been induced to take the Total Abstinence pledge.

— The District Division of the County of Waterloo, held its quarterly meeting, in the village

of Ayr, on the 2nd ult., and as usual proved a success. Four places were named where new divisions might be started, and a committee were appointed to hold meetings. The evening meeting was well attended, and several addresses, interspersed with music, were delivered.

— One of our correspondents suggests that great good might be done if Divisions were to devote a few dollars annually to the purchase and distribution of temperance literature among persons in positions of influence, such as members of Parliament, and others who do not possess the advantages of being connected with our Order. We like the suggestion, and would recommend it to the favourable consideration of the members of all Subordinate Divisions. If a copy of Hoyle's book, "Our National Resources, and how they are Wasted" were in the hands of our public men, and Dr. Richardson's "Temperance Lesson Book" in the hands of our school-teachers, much good would accrue to our country.

Can it be Done?

THE Grand Worthy Patriarch, in his semi-annual address, delivered at Grafton, says:—"I believe if all our members would but do their duty, we could have one hundred thousand members in this Province within five years." Although these figures seem large, we think the G. W. P. is right, and it can be done if our members are rightly imbued with the principles of the Order. Cannot each member, during each month or quarter, by a very slight effort, induce some one of their friends to join a division, and by this means alone double the membership in three or less months. This being an individual matter, it is not necessary to wait for a lecturer to visit a place. Let each one give his or her own experience as a teetotaler, in such a way as may to him or her seem best, to individuals singly or collectively. More real work can be done in this way than by listening to even Gough.

Now is the time for action. Take advantage of the rising tide of temperance sentiment existing at this moment in Ontario, and let our Order lead in all good words and deeds for Love, Purity and Fidelity.

To the Members of the Order.

IF any of you know a locality where a Division of the Sons of Temperance can, by a little effort, be established, do not hesitate but bring the matter before your Division, and have a committee appointed to canvass for a sufficiency of names to fill an application for a Charter and supplies. When twelve names are procured, send the document to the Grand Scribe, who will at once give you all necessary information as how to further proceed. It costs very little time and money to organize a Division, but the profits to the young men and women of a district in which such an institution exists are great, both morally and intellectually. Go to work at once.

Correspondence.

THE LADIES.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—In your last number your correspondent, James Jones, asks the question, "Why is it that the lady members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance are not so ambitious for office as the same class of members in the Good Templars?" The answer is, that ever since the Good Templars were instituted certain offices have always been considered, by courtesy, as belonging to the ladies, and consequently, in nearly all cases it is only ladies that are nominated to them. The Good Templars know no distinction of sex except for one office, viz., Vice Templar, that office being filled by a lady entitles her to being eligible for election to Grand Lodge and to receive the Grand Lodge Degree. In the Sons, a lady has to fill the office of W. P. before she receives the same honor. If the office of W. A., when filled by a lady conferred the right of eligibility to