

R. W. C. T. We rejoice at any work done to advance the temperance cause and earnestly hope that the day is not far distant when the present misunderstanding will be removed and all who call themselves Good Templars united once more in harmony and brotherly love.

Another Lodge was instituted last week by Bro. E. Potts, D. R. W. G. T., on King St. East. A dozen members joined on clearance card. Three were initiated. The Lodge was named "The May Flower." Bro. Wm. C. Patching was recommended as L. D. The following officers were elected: W. C. T., Bro. Coles; W. V. T., Sister Coles; W. S., Bro. Lloyd; W. F. S., Bro. Swait; W. T., Bro. Brooks; W. C., Sister S. A. Tew; W. M., Bro. Robson; W. G. Sister Allen; W. Sl., Bro. Theaker; W. A. S. Bro. Cobley; W. M., Sister Brooks; P. W. C. T., Bro. Parker. The visitors included Bro. King, D. G. W. C. T., Bro. H. Tew, P. W. C. T., and Bro. Cook, P. W. C. T., of the "City of London" Lodge, London, England. Any additional information about the Order can be obtained by writing to the L. D., 43 Trinity Square West.

Sons of Temperance.

The semi-annual session of the Grand Division of Ontario commenced at Uxbridge on Tuesday at two o'clock p. m. A large and influential assembly of the representative members of this veteran order was present. This gathering will give an impetus to the agitation in favor of the Scott Act in the county of Ontario. The Grand Worthy Patriarch John McMillan, Esq., of this city, will preside. We shall give a full report of proceedings in a subsequent issue.

The quarterly meeting of the county of Brant District Division takes place in Cainsville Temperance hall on the 5th of June. As usual the meeting of this county organization is looked forward to with considerable interest, composed as it is of the leading temperance workers in the county. The question as to the advisability of submitting the Scott Act will be discussed, and much will depend on the decision of this meeting as to the success of adopting the Act in the county. Being a strong organization it has the means of bringing powerful influence to bear. It was chiefly through the efforts of this order that the Dunkin Act was adopted.

The Grand Division of Nova Scotia met on the 6th inst. in quarterly session. The Grand Scribe thus refers in his report to the state of the Order: "The present condition and prospects of our order in this jurisdiction must be highly gratifying to every true Son of Temperance. The returns from the divisions for the last quarter show an advance all along the line exceeding that of any quarter of which we have any record. Recent events—the temperance legislation of the Dominion Government, the coming into operation of the License Law of 1883, and the recent decision of the judges of this province, no relation to the Canada Temperance Act—have made temperance pre-eminently a "live question," and a strong and general impression as to the necessity of organization in order to resist the terrible encroachments of the liquor traffic. The result is seen in the large accessions which have been made to our membership. Three-fifths of the divisions reporting show an increase of members, and less than one-fourth a decrease; while the divisions organized during the quarter have started with an unusually large number of charter members." The returns for the quarter show the net increase in membership to be 2,030, total membership, 15,450; cash on hand and invested, \$14,200.—*Mail*.

NIAGARA DISTRICT DIVISION, S. OF T.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Niagara District Division, Sons of Temperance, was held in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Welland, on Friday afternoon, May 9th. Robert Coulter, Esq., D. W. P., in the chair. There was a very large attendance of delegates considering the rainy weather.

The first business of importance was receiving the reports of the delegates as to the state of the order in their several Divisions, which were of a very encouraging nature.

The report of the Executive Committee set forth that one new division had been organized during the quarter at Canadaville through the labors of Bro. Rev. Mr. Ward, of St. Davis. The report of the Scribe and Treasurer showed the finances to be in a very healthy condition.

A motion was passed in favor of reducing the per capita tax to the Grand Division from seven to five per cent.

The matter of submitting the Scott Act was discussed and a committee of five appointed to arrange for a general convention

of the temperance people in each county to discuss this question.

The ancient town of Niagara was fixed upon as the place for holding the next District Division, which will meet on the second Friday in August.

In the evening the delegates and members of the Welland Division met at the hall and marched in procession to the Disciples' Church, where a mass meeting was held. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Goderich, Anderson, Cleaver, and Ward, on the temperance questions of the day, and more especially in relation to the work done by the Order under whose auspices the meeting was held.—*Thorold Post*.

Items of Temperance News.

UNITED STATES.—The whisky production of the country fell off 31,000,000 of gallons last year. This means that many stillhouse snakes ceased to hiss and bite. We are gaining ground, and what we gain will be held.—*Exchange*.

MARYLAND.—Fully one-half of the State of Maryland is said to have local prohibitory liquor laws, applying in some places to districts, in others to whole counties. The temperance folk of Maryland attacked the liquor dealers systematically, and have gained their present position inch by inch.

NEW YORK.—The Legislature of New York has passed, and the Governor has approved, the temperance educational bill having special reference to instruction henceforth in the public schools of the State concerning alcohol. It is a step forward of great practical value. Upon the children of the present must needs depend the future of the temperance reformation. Wisely taught in our public schools, as this measure contemplates, they may be surely depended upon to maintain and advance it. To the New York State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, but especially to Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who has addressed a large number of meetings in different parts of the State in its behalf, great credit is due for the success of this important educational measure.

OREGON.—The State Temperance Alliance of Oregon at a large meeting adopted the following: Resolved, That in case both of the prominent political parties, viz: the Democrats and Republicans at their next annual convention to be held this year, both refuse to recognize the claims of the temperance people of this country, in demanding the passage of prohibitory platforms we will assert our rights to sever our connections with those parties and support the candidates of the National Home Protection Prohibition Party, and our Executive Committee is hereby authorized to use their discretion in calling a meeting of this Alliance immediately after the adjournment of those conventions to accomplish that purpose.—*Western Wave*.

DENMARK.—A law has recently been passed in Denmark which provides that all intoxicated persons shall be taken home in carriages at the expense of the landlord who sold them the last glass.

SWEDEN.—Carl Hurtig, G. W. C. T. of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, writing to the R. W. G. T. under date of February 11th says: "The Order is growing very fast in Sweden. Nearly 700 lodges are now unitedly working against King Alcohol in this country. But we have had last year a great controversy and have been fighting most seriously against the "Workers Ring" (Arbetarnes Ring), organized by Mr L. O. Smith, a powerful and extremely rich whisky seller, certainly the mightiest liquor seller in this country. The 'Workers Ring' simulated temperance, attacked and assaulted the companies of detail liquor sellers. These companies are organized at the towns throughout the entire country according to the Gothenburg Liquor Companies Line, (Goteburgs Utskanknings Aklie Bolag). But the 'Workers Ring' did not advocate prohibition, but proclaimed a new system of license with *low prices*. The liquor companies in Sweden are composed of—strange to say—temperance men who by legislative steps and measures, and by *high prices*, endeavored to raise up difficulties and obstacles for the industrious classes to reach the destroying drink. They are kind to Good Templars and have, especially at Gothenburg, established several temperance and reading rooms for Good Templars. About 20,000 kronor (a kronor is about 27 cents, therefore about \$5,400) are bestowed upon these saloons. Besides at several places these Companies have given money to the Good Templars, amounting to several thousand dollars. The liquor traffic is thus bound and confined within—as I may say—certain hedges, the consumption having sunk (1880-1883) from 40,000,000 to 30,000,000 litres one year,