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### PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

In appealing to the public to support this paper we are confident of having full value to offer in return for patronage, so that no apology is necessary for asking everybody who sees a copy to subscribe. At the same time we are truly grateful for every disinterested help given by old friends in recommending the *Weekly Messenger* to their friends and acquaintances far and near. Not desiring, however, to be in debt to our old friends for all that they are able and willing to do in behalf of this paper, we have prepared a scheme of commissions and prizes, which is to be found on another page, whereby a very little work will secure substantial reward, and the five most successful workers will receive handsome MONEY PRESENTS IN ADDITION to what they EARN upon subscriptions. Those who now see the offer for the first time will require to go to work promptly and lively to make a good showing in this competition, as this is the third time the advertisement has appeared; but the commission is sure to every one who gets five subscribers either for a whole year or for the rest of this year. Try!

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department is, we believe, in itself worth the price of the paper to temperance people, and, given in connection with a complete and thorough news and literary journal, marked throughout by high tone and purity of language and sentiment, is the very best periodical ever offered for half a dollar to temperance societies and individuals. To keep it up to the desired mark we have to appeal to temperance people throughout the country, for the favor of information regarding temperance work and progress, and any willing to furnish us with such regularly would oblige by so informing us, so that we may make arrangements to relieve them of the cost of stationery and postage.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The editor of the *Messenger* will be glad to answer through its columns questions of general interest.

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Mr. M. McCollum, Most Worthy Grand Scribe of the National Division, has issued a circular to subordinate Divisions, containing a resume of the transactions of the National Division at its last session at Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Below we give so much of the information as will be useful for reference as well as generally interesting.

### THE SESSION.

One hundred and twenty-nine Representatives were present at the session from twenty-four Grand Divisions.

The reports showed a net gain during the year 1882 of 6,248, which number has been more than doubled since January, 1883.

The National Division confirmed the following

### DECISIONS.

Ball ballots should be used in suspending members of a Subordinate Division.

A druggist or druggist's clerk should become a member of the Order, if otherwise

qualified, provided he sells alcohol only for medicinal or mechanical purposes, but never as a beverage.

A Division has not the right, after suspending a member indefinitely for non-payment of dues, to suspend him for the same offence, for a definite period of time. Nor can it vote to reinstate such suspended member, the reinstatement to take effect only after the lapse of several months—(or at any future time).

Grand Divisions have authority to admit as a member a person whose name does not appear on the credentials from his Division, provided there be competent evidence before the Grand Division that the person was duly elected a representative; and the Grand Scribe shall, at once, return the credentials to said Division for correction.

### AMENDMENTS TO CODE.

Chap. V., Sec. 2. Amended by adding to the word "him" in the fourth line, the words, "or may, after charge and trial, expel him."

Chap. V. The following was added as a new section: Sec. 3. "A vote of suspension shall always be taken by (ball) ballot. Upon the reinstatement of a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, the Financial Scribe shall, in open Division, call the attention of the Worthy Patriarch to the matter, and the Worthy Patriarch shall direct the recording Scribe to note the fact upon the minutes. All Subordinate Divisions that have been notified of the suspension shall be notified of the reinstatement."

Chap. VI. Sec. 2. Amended by adding, "And, should a member retained on such second ballot fail to appear for re-obligation within thirty days after such ballot, then the Worthy Patriarch shall declare the member expelled."

### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS.

Rule XVII., Constitution of Grand Divisions, was amended to read as follows:— "Any Division neglecting to make quarterly returns and payment of per capita tax for two consecutive quarters shall be disqualified from voting in the Grand Division, and the members of such Division shall stand suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order until said returns and payments are made. Provided, that, if any Division neglects to make returns and payment of per capita tax for four consecutive quarters, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Division, shall declare the charter of such Division annulled."

### CADETS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Cadets was discharged. The Most Worthy Scribe was instructed to provide all blanks necessary for the proper work of the Cadets; to give notice, by circular, to the several Grand Divisions that Rituals and other necessary books can be obtained, and urge upon them prompt and persistent efforts for the organization of Sections in their respective jurisdictions; also to report at the next Session.

### PROPAGATION FUND.

The sum of thirteen hundred and thirty-five dollars was pledged by individuals, and on behalf of Grand Divisions, for the National Division Propagation Fund, in addition to three hundred and eleven dollars which had been previously pledged to the Most Worthy Patriarch. Three hundred and ten dollars was paid in on the pledges as they were given.

A recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Order was adopted, as follows: "We also recommend that each Subordinate Division be invited and urged to take a collection for the benefit of the National Division Propagation Fund, on or about the 29th day of September, 1883, the forty-first anniversary of the formation of the Order.

### NATIONAL DIVISION ANNIVERSARY.

The fortieth anniversary of the organization of the National Division occurring on June 17th, 1884, it was voted that Past Most Worthy Patriarch, Sir S. L. Tilley, of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, be invited to prepare an address appropriate to the occasion, to be presented during the next annual session, and that, in case of his inability to accept or comply with this invitation, the Most Worthy Patriarch be authorized to appoint a substitute.

### FOR ACTION NEXT YEAR.

The following resolution, reported by the Committee on the State of the Order, was laid over for action at the next annual session to be held at Halifax:

"Resolved, That two-fifths of the per capita tax received from the Grand Division of British North America be held in the treasury of the Propagation Fund subject to the usual order of the Most Worthy Patriarch, and that it be expended only on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Most Worthy Patriarch for District No. One, as provided in the former report of the Committee." [NOTE.—District No. One is composed of "the Provinces and Territories of British North America."]

The following resolution offered by Representative Thomas Caswell, of Ontario, was referred to the Committee on Constitutions to report for action at the next session:

"Resolved, That Section I, Article III., of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions be amended by striking out all the words from and including the word 'Provided' down to the word 'notice,' and by striking out the words 'And provided further,' in the second paragraph, and inserting the word 'Provided.' Also, by striking out Section 2 of Article III., and all other parts of the Constitution and Code of Laws which provide for or recognize 'Lady Visitors' in the Order."

### FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

The next session will be held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, commencing on such day in the second week of July, 1884, as the Executive Officers may determine.

It will be seen by the above that the Order in the Dominion of Canada has grown to become a most important part of the whole. Canadians will be proud of the selection of a Dominion statesman to deliver the oration of the fortieth anniversary of the National Division, and gratified at having the next annual session of this so-called "American Order" held at the British garrison city of Halifax. The proposition to apportion two-fifths of the capitation tax from the British Provinces to the work of propagation therein is a substantial recognition of the noble work done in these Provinces by those who have borne the standard of "Love, Purity and Fidelity" within their borders from the first. As we said in our former report, also, the Grand Division of Nova Scotia is the largest in the Order, and last but not least of Canada's share in the honors as well as the triumphs of the Sons is the fact that she has frequently furnished chief officers to the National Division, including the present zealous Grand Scribe, Mr. McCollum.

NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM, says the Moncton, N.B., *Times*, have been doubly afflicted with jug taverns ever since the adoption of the Scott Act, and the liquor business is so much divided that the vendors are compelled to make good use of any op-

portunity to get custom. Not a picnic, horse race, boat race, or anything else that will attract a number of people, can come off any where within reach of these towns without waggon loads or boat loads of rum being at hand. The Oddfellows of Chatham had a picnic on Monday, our correspondent writes, and conducted it, as the custom of the order is, on temperance principles. They had hardly reached the landing of the picnic ground when a floating rum shop was moored alongside. The vigorous manner in which the energetic committee enforced the Scott Act was an example worthy of imitation on the part of the constabulary. The boatmen barely saved their stock, and kept their clothes dry, by getting away instantaneously and keeping away.

A GREAT IMPROVEMENT in the working of the Scott Act has been wrought in Halton county, Ontario, through the appointment of the needed second inspector. The man selected as such is described as being a terror to evil-doers, a man of courage and determination, who is likely to seriously disturb the rest of the liquor sellers. Already, besides the direct conquests this Trojan has achieved, his example with some stimulus from another direction has spurred to truly heroic action the first inspector, against whose wilful neglect of duty the Alliance had been bound to protest, and protest to some effect, as the sequel shows. With a Dominion law thrice confirmed and Provincial officials who are not allowed to shirk and a vigilant and influential County Temperance Alliance at the back of it, Halton county ought soon to be comparatively well rid of the liquor traffic and its collaterals.

THE THIRD ANNUAL PICNIC of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance is to be held at Cowansville, Shefford County, this year. The locality is convenient alike to Montreal and the Eastern Townships generally. There are County Alliances in Brome and Shefford, and the surrounding country abounds in temperance societies of one kind and another. Arrangements have been made by a competent committee, in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Gales, and able speakers are being procured for the occasion.

JESSE PEARSON, aged about forty, of Ottawa, is one of the recent victims of the traffic. He called for proof whiskey at McEvoy's Hotel, and was given highwines by mistake. Within a few hours after having drunk four glasses of the fiery fluid, he was found dead in a partly sitting and partly clinging position over a fence.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in Carleton county, N. B., to secure the repeal of the Scott Act. That law is being enforced well in some parts of the county, but poorly in others. We scarcely apprehend the people will take a step backward, however, by repealing the Act.

A STRANGER, crazed with rum, a few days ago ran amuck through the streets of Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, to the great danger of many from the brandishing of the knife he held until the police prevailed against him.