

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*S. of T.*—Asks: "Is it advisable for a person to be a member of the Order of the Sons of Temperance and of the Good Templars at the same time?" *Reply.*—We would not like to speak for others, but for our own part we always thought it best to belong to only one of these Orders. The one we choose give us all the work we could faithfully perform.

*M.*—Says: "The Worthy Patriarch of a country Division sent word that he was going to try to establish a reading-room in connection with his Division. He inquired to whom he should send in Toronto for suitable books; but did not mention what kind he wanted. I told him that the firm of Messrs Hunter, Rose & Co., could probably furnish him with all that he required. Was not that right?" *Reply.*—That firm could possibly meet his wants, for they have published many books these last few years, but we would like to see a Division Library contain a greater variety than appears in their Catalogue.

*E. S.*—Asks: "Are there sufficient numbers of *The Son of Temperance* published to enable the Grand Scribe to send a dozen or so of copies to any member sending an order for the same?" *Reply.*—Yes. Any number of extra copies can be supplied if the order is given before the 25th of any month.

*Blue Ribbon.*—Asks: "Why is it that members of Reform Clubs never make good Sons of Temperance?" *Reply.*—We cannot answer your question satisfactorily to ourselves, although we have often thought over it. The Order of the "Sons" was first organized by Washingtonians; but these latter-day "reformed" men do not seem to take the same view as those who preceded them. Perhaps, however, they will by and by.

*J. K.*—You will hear from us more fully next number. We are glad you like our little paper so well. We intend to make it a welcome visitor to each of our Divisions.

*Progress.*—Yes. Now is the time to stir up the Divisions. We do not like sleepy institutions.

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### What Are You Doing ?

**B**ELIEVING, as we do, that intemperance is the great source of crime and immorality, the evil of the age, and a hindrance to the spread of a knowledge of the Gospel, it becomes a question of vast importance to us, as *Sons of Temperance*, whether we are doing our best to further the Cause of Temperance. Have we made this cause our cause? Are we standing shoulder to shoulder in this contest, and have

we enlisted for the war? Far be it from us to underrate the work that has already been done by the members of our Order in this land. Our record is one of which we may well be proud—on our banner is blazoned the record of many victories—but the contest is not yet over; there are battles yet to be fought, there are victories yet to be won, and alas the night cometh (for many of us,) when no man can work. And still men die of drink, and mothers wail in anguish of spirit, and children weep in despair, because of this evil in our land. Are you doing your best my brother or sister to uphold our banner in the thickest of the fight? If not, we hope that our word in season will have the effect of inducing you to make greater and more unwearied exertions to rescue the fallen and to uphold the weak. Fill up the broken ranks in your Divisions; shake off the drowsiness that has overtaken you; furbish up anew your weapons for the fight. Let the good influence emanating from the Division Room be felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, and this coming winter inaugurate such a campaign in Ontario, that it shall be remembered not as the winter of our inactivity, but as the season of our most active work and most gratifying results. Remember we work not only for the present but for the future; we work not only for ourselves but for God and humanity. And the God of battles will grant us the victory if we do our duty as Sons of Temperance.

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