

there was nothing central to gather around, and therefore the Sons of Temperance were formed. Various changes had taken place since then; ladies, who were once excluded, were now admitted to full privileges and gave their assistance. Time was, added Mr. Rose, when we could not speak of prohibition in the Division-Room; but now, we cannot divest our minds of the fact that prohibition is the great political question of the day. He spoke of the good which has been accomplished by our Order, and declared that thousands, yes, tens of thousands, not only of the living but the dead would, in the other world, bless God that the Sons of Temperance had ever existed.

Various plans of work were discussed by Brothers McMillan, Daniel Rose, J. E. Pell, and others. Brother G. M. Rose advocated the immediate commencement of a campaign, stating that the Divisions must first be aroused and then open meetings be held all over the city.

An executive committee was appointed which met for conference a day or two afterwards.

On the 4th November, the District Division held its second meeting in Crystal Fountain Division-room. The D.W.P., Brother G. M. Rose occupied the chair, and stated in his opening address, that we were here to discuss the best method of increasing the strength of our Divisions; and first, how we may induce those persons to attend who are members already. In some of our City Divisions, with a hundred names on their books, the average attendance was comparatively small. Young people will frequently connect themselves with our Order, and, after coming a short time to the Division-room, abandon it altogether. There must be some cause for this. Brother Rose wished to inaugurate a reform and keep the members if possible. He said the very life of the Order depended upon the young men and women, who were growing up, to take our places. The older members attended very faithfully,

which was well, because otherwise some of the Divisions would have gone down long ago. He then called upon the G.W.P., Brother Caswell, for suggestions as to how we can induce our members to attend more regularly. Brother Caswell promptly replied: First, that we ought to have in our Divisions a visiting committee, whose special duty was to look after absentees; second, we should have a good programme announced at the previous meeting. Several of the members made useful suggestions.

After an intermission, during which coffee and cake were served, Brother Pell gave a short address relative to the Churches and Temperance work. It was then moved by Brother Pell and carried, that the District Division request the clergy of our city to preach a Temperance Sermon on the 14th December next (or as near to the Christmas holidays as possible).

Brothers Boyle and Richardson made short speeches, after which Brother James Dilworth, who has been indefatigable in urging absentees to attend, gave an account of the usual excuses made by such non-attendants. Brother G. M. Rose replied that it was impossible to please all parties. The complainants were invariably of that class who never thought of doing good to others, but expected the meetings of the Division to be conducted for their special benefit. He added, this Order has existed for thirty-five years and will continue to exist as long as Almighty God gives it a work to do. The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.—Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity.—S.

Miscellaneous.

A Good Resolve.

IT is related by a Chester (Pa.) lady that when General William Henry Harrison was running for the Presidency of the United States, he stopped at the old Washington House in Chester for dinner. After dinner wine was introduced. It was noticed that the General pledged his toast

in water, and one of the gentlemen from New York in offering another said: "General, will you not favour me by drinking a glass of wine?" The General declined in a very gentlemanly manner. Again he was urged to join them in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from the table, his full form erect, and in the most dignified manner replied: "Gentlemen, I have refused twice to partake of the wine-cup, that should have been sufficient; though you press the cup to my lips not a drop shall pass the portals. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink, and I have never broken it. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated, and the other sixteen fill drunkard's graves, all through the pernicious habit of social wine-drinking. I owe all my health, happiness and prosperity to that resolution. Will you urge me now?"

Informers.

REV. E. F. HOE, referring to liquor detectives, says: "Let me say, frankly and plainly, that I can see no reason why the employment of detectives to obtain evidence against one class of criminals is not as honorable and proper as against another class. I cannot see why men who go among thieves and robbers in order to learn their plans and prevent their crimes are called by the honourable name of 'detectives,' and those who do the same work to prevent the crime of liquor-selling are called by the opprobrious name of 'spies and informers.' I cannot see why men who have nothing but approval for the work and methods of detectives when employed to secure evidence of other crimes, lift up their heads and voices in holy horror so soon as the same methods are employed to prevent the crime of putting vile and polluting literature or pictures into the hands of our youth, or to prevent the crime of helping to make men brutes, to impoverish their families, and beat their wives and children.