

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M.—The more meetings the better. The National Division has always recommended the brotherhood throughout the country to support public temperance meetings.

Degrees.—The National Division expressed an opinion years ago, that the introduction of Degrees would not prove beneficial to the Order, and time has proved the correctness of their views. It has been tried and found wanting.

D.—Yes, you are correct in your view of the law; but we fail to see what good it will do to stir up the matter in the Division. We always like to see brethren dwell together in unity.

K.—The mourning badge of the Order should be black crape on the left arm, and a tri-colored ribbon (red, white and blue,) in the button hole of the left breast.

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To the Members of the Order.

THE Grand Scribe informs us that he will, on receipt of fifteen cents, supply any member of the Order with a copy of the "Book of Laws," which contains the Constitutions of the National, Grand, and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance of North America, together with the Code of Laws, Digest of Decisions of the National and Grand Divisions, Forms for Trial and Appeal, Order of Processions and Funerals, Regalia, etc.; also the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Division of Ontario, to which is appended the Acts incorporating the Order in Ontario. This being the case, no one has an excuse for not being thoroughly posted upon all matters relating to the working of our institution.

We would suggest that all Recording Scribes canvas the

members, and have them send for a supply, and thus save the many wranglings and useless discussions which take place where the law is not understood.

Each Division, too, should have lots of tracts bearing on the temperance question for distribution by its members to those outside the Order. We believe in the power of printers' ink, and intend shortly to issue a series intended for Sons of Temperance.

The Work and the Workers.

— On the occasion of Bro. D. R. McDougall severing his connection with the St. Lawrence Division, of Quebec City, to seek another field of usefulness, the members presented him with a resolution expressing their regrets at his departure, and wishing him God speed in his future journeys through life.

— Sons of Temperance remember the idea of prohibitory laws is not to sober men, but it is to abolish all laws which make men drunk, and prevent them from getting drunk. How can a man get sober unless he has been drunk?

— It is claimed that 2,800 cases of intemperance have been cured by a Chicago doctor by the use of red Peruvian bark. Prohibition could do it much better. An ounce of "prevention" is better than tons of Peruvian bark.

— Temperance societies dwindle and die; temperance papers struggle against fate, then go down and are heard of no more—while the bane and curse of society grows in power and influence. United and persistent work alone, will give us the victory.

— The temperance men and women who are in the field often lose sight of the great work in which they are engaged, and

turn their energies against each other, and carry on a senseless and distracting fight between cliques, that gives them no chance for work against the common foe.

— The officers of Rising Sun Division, No. 387, Cainsville, were publicly installed by the Grand Scribe on the 8th inst. Short addresses, recitations and singing by members of Grand River Division, Brantford, constituted the programme. Several initiations are anticipated as the results of the open meeting.

— Lord Coleridge, in his recent charge to the Grand Jury in Bristol, England, before whom two murder cases were to come, said: "Drunkenness is the vice that fills the gaols of England. If we could make England sober, we could shut up nine-tenths of her prisons." The same can be said of Canada. Strong drink is the curse of our country.

— An engine-driver recently called at the shop of a well-known Son of Temperance and asked him if he could show him where Messrs. ———'s spirit vaults were situated. "Yes," replied the teetotalter, "come this way." Taking him through his shop and house, the back of which faces the parish church-yard, he said, pointing to the graves: "There are the vaults, but the spirits are all gone."

— The late William Lloyd Garrison once wrote: It is a cheap device to brand the temperance movement as fanatical. Now I deny that it has a single feature of fanaticism; for it is based upon physiological principle, chemical relations, the welfare of society, the laws of self preservation, the claims of suffering humanity, all that is noble in patriotism, generous in philanthropy, and pure and good in christianity.

— Dr. Norman Kerr, the noted English physician, gives this truthful testimony: "All intoxicating drinks are simply mixtures of an *irritant poison* and *water*; and in a state of perfect health,