

of crime, so that by stopping the sale of liquor we should cut up crime by the root, is a position as to which we have our doubts. With regard to Maine, there is, to say the least, a strong conflict of evidence, though in Maine the contraband sale of liquor is so large that the law can hardly be said to be fairly tried, a circumstance which, however, betrays another weak point in the case of Prohibition. But crime is rife enough in Spain, Italy, and parts of France, though the people of these countries are not intemperate: the Spanish people are always described as remarkably temperate, and in days when Madrid was a den of lust and murder, it was regarded as utterly shameful in a Spanish gentleman to get drunk. However, if it really is the fact that crime is to a great extent the offspring of drunkenness, and if nothing can extirpate drunkenness but Prohibition, let us have Prohibition by all means; nobody will refuse to sacrifice a trifling indulgence for so vast a public gain. Only let us do the thing effectually, and not by halves. There is but one way of preventing drink from being sold, and that is to prevent it from being made. If it is made or imported it will find its way, openly or covertly, to the thirsty. Nothing can be more absurd than the mixture of morality and fiscality shown in legislating against drinking, and at the same time raising a revenue from drink. Let us forbid the production or importation of any kind of intoxicating liquor, without regard to its quality or to the class of the consumer. This will be business. To drive the trade into clandestine corners and into bad hands by imperfect interference, giving at the same time to party governments unconstitutional powers which are sure to be abused, seems to us, we must say, to be the most untenable course of all."

Reports from Deputies.

—Bro James B. Halkett, Provincial Deputy, in his quarterly

report, says, "The Divisions in Ottawa and neighbourhood, so far as known to me, are all doing a good work. True, at this season of the year the membership is not being increased as the cause deserves, nor the meetings of Divisions so well attended; but it is gratifying to know the members are true to their pledge of total abstinence, and it is equally pleasing to be able to report that no instance, throughout this section, has occurred of a violation of the pledge."

—Bro. James Dilworth, Deputy, Crystal Fountain Division, Toronto, says his Division is getting on very well. For the past few weeks there has been a marked increase in the attendance of old members, and several new ones have been added to the roll.

—Bro. Macintyre, D. G. W. P., of Bytown Division says, "I have the hope that old Bytown Division will ere long hold the position it once held. I base my hope on the interest the members manifest in our noble Order, and if it only continues victory is certainly ours."

—Bro. G. P. Bliss, P. D. G. W. P., who is sojourning at Moncton, N. B., says in his report, "I am sincerley sorry that, on account of ill health I will be compelled to give up the work I had laid out in and around Ottawa, but please God you will have stronger hands to help you sustain our glorious Order than my feeble assistance. I will keep you posted from time to time on the state of the Order in this part of the Dominion." See report from Bro. Bliss in another part of the paper.

—Bro. John Hebdon, D. G. W. P., sends us several interesting items of news from and around Chippawa. A short time ago he visited Table Division, and found that Division getting on nicely; three candidates were initiated the night of his visit. The late Strawberry Festival held by "Table Rock" did not turn out the success expected, in consequence of bad weather. The brother also lately visited Stam-

ford Division and found it in a flourishing condition. Its Strawberry Festival was a great success, and the sum of forty dollars was cleared by the entertainment. Chippawa Division has not, in consequence of several of its members having been compelled to leave the district in search of employment, made much progress during the past quarter.

Appointments by G. W. P.

Brother J. K. Stewart, to be Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch for Chaudière Division, Ottawa, in place of Brother Wm. Stewart, who has taken up his residence in Toronto.

The Work and the Workers.

—On the evening of the 29th ultimo, Bronte Division held its Annual Strawberry Festival. After the creature comforts were attended to, Bro. W. McCraney, Esq., late M. P., was called to the chair, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Argue, Mr. G. M. Rose, G. W. P., Mr. Caswell, P. G. W. P., Brother Henderson, and others. The members of the Appleby Choir were also in attendance, and charmed the company with their sweet voices.

—On the evening of 7th June, the G. W. P., Bro. Rose, paid an informal visit to Ontario Division, Toronto, and delivered an address on the "Pledge." It being a "Fraternal Night," there was a goodly number of visitors present, and all seemed to be pleased with the speaker and the manner in which he treated his subject.

—On the evening of 8th ult., the G. W. P. paid his first visit to New Dominion Division, Toronto, and installed its officers. There was a good attendance of members present, although this Division has only been in operation for a few months, it has already begun to make its influence felt in the east end of the city.