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MOTTO—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do for the good of mankind, do quickly."

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DRUNK IN THE STREET.

Drunk in the street!
A woman arrested to-day in the city!
Comely and young, the paper said;
Scarcely twenty, the item read;
A woman and wife—kind angels pity.
Drunk in the street!

Drunk in the street!
Yes, crazy with liquor; her brain on fire;
Reeling, plunging, staggering along,
Singing a strain of a childish song;
At last she stumbles and falls in the mire—
Drunk in the street!

Drunk in the street!
What news to send the dear ones at home,
Who're wondering what has detained so long
The wife and mother, yet think no wrong.
The day is waning, the night is come—
Drunk in the street!

Drunk in the street!
Drag her away to a station-bed;
Helpless, senseless, take her away;
Shut her up from the light of day; [dead.
Would, for the sake of her friends, she were
Drunk in the street!

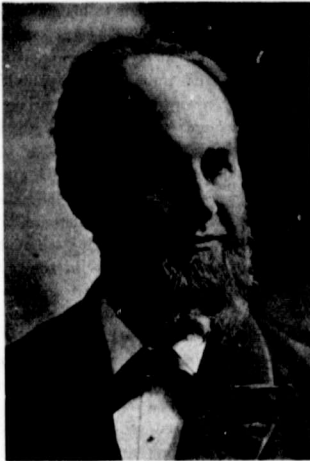
Draw nigh and look
On a couch of straw in a station cell
Is lying a form of a matchless mould,
With hair dishevelled, so pale and cold,
Yet tainting the air with the fumes of hell.
Draw nigh and look!

How sad the sight!
The sunlight is streaming across the floor,
It rouses the sleeper to life again;
But, oh! the anguish, the grief, the pain,
As thoughts of her shame come crowding o'er—
How sad the sight!

But hark the sound!
The bolt flies back, she is told to rise;
Her friends are waiting to take her home.
They knew it all, yet in love they come;
But with speechless lips and tearless eyes—
The lost one's found!

Behold her now!
She goes all trembling with shame away,
Her brain still clouded with fumes of rum.
And turns her tottering feet towards home,
And the hearts she left but yesterday—
How different now.

Close we the scene!
Fall, O night! o'er the saddest sight
That ever appeared to mortal view;
Shield, O skies! with thy vaulted blue;
Shut O gate of memory tight—
Close we the scene!



BRO. A. G. LAWSON, MOST WORTHY PATRIARCH OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICA.

Rev. Albert Gallatin Lawson, M.A., D.D., was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on June 5th, 1842; was educated at the Public schools, the College of New York City and Colgate University. He commenced to preach at Perth, Amboy, N. J., in 1861, and was pastor there from 1862 to 1866; at Poughkeepsie from 1866 to 1867, and of the Greenwood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., from 1867 to 1884. He also resided in Boston when serving as Secretary to the Baptist Foreign Mission Society. In 1891 he moved to Camden, N. J., where he now labors. Bro. Lawson united with the Sons of Temperance in 1861, and was elected G.W.P. of New Jersey and a representative to the National Division in 1867. He has been chairman of committees for calling of five different National Temperance Conventions, and of the Committee of the World's Temperance Convention at Chicago in 1893. He is the author of many temperance leaflets and of many publications on Church work, besides many contributions to the press. For years he was editor of the Temperance Department of *The National*

Baptist, and has been closely identified with the "National Temperance Society and Publication House." Dr. Lawson is a graceful and eloquent speaker and his services as a lecturer are in great demand. He was elected Most Worthy Patriarch at Burlington, Vt., on July 14, 1898.

Bro. Lawson spent from the 20th to the 28th in Toronto, during which time he preached in Jarvis Street Baptist Church. The members of the Order were at great pains to make his visit pleasant. On Monday evening he was tendered a formal reception in the Ontario Division Rooms, and presented with a handsome illuminated address on behalf of the District Division, and an emblematic souvenir of Ontario's Jubilee year by J. M. Walton, G.W.P., on behalf of the G.D. Visits were arranged for him to city and suburban Divisions, and the S. of T. Cycling Union held a run in his honor on Saturday the 27th, ending up at High Park, where an informal meeting was held, and lunch partaken of. Bro. Lawson's visit will be remembered by all who came in contact with him, and it is hoped that he will carry away a pleasant recollection of his visit to Ontario.

EXHIBITION TIME.

Friends visiting Toronto during the Exhibition, will find a welcome in any of the City Divisions on these evenings:—Monday, Ontario Division, at N. E. cor. Yonge and Gerrard Sts.; Tuesday, Coldstream Division, at Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Avenue; Wednesday, Bishop Hawkins Division in B.M.E. Church on Chestnut Street, and Excelsior Division at 169 Bathurst Street; Friday, Orient Division, at cor. Prospect and Ontario Streets, and St. Alban's Division, cor. Queen and O'Hara Ave., McMath's Hall.

Ontario is becoming headquarters for persons desiring information relative to our Order, and its various branches. We have recently received letters from distant points in the United States asking for information, etc., as to N.D., and the other day a communication was received from a Division in Virginia, asking for information and rates as to the S. of T. Mutual Relief Society. We gladly and willingly respond to all such letters, and endeavor to promote the work of our Order all over the continent.