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### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

**ENCOURAGING.**—The Halifax *Watchman*, the official organ of the Order in the Province, speaks thus hopefully:—"The reports coming from all parts of the Province are of an encouraging character. The membership of nearly all the Divisions is increasing, and as new Divisions are every week being organized or resuscitated the membership is increasing quite rapidly. Bro. Hutchings is doing a splendid work in the north, and Bro. Lewis has commenced his campaign in the south.

**RE-ORGANIZED.**—The Division at Tatamagouche, N. S., has been reorganized by Mr. Thomas Hutchings, G. D. lecturer, with fifty-five members. He reports:—"The Division starts again with very favorable prospects of continued success." "Golden Sunset" Division, near Tatamagouche, was also re-organized on the 2nd inst. by Mr. Hutchings with forty-nine members, and good prospects.

**INSTITUTED.**—A new Division was organized on the 5th inst. by Mr. Hutchings at West Tatamagouche Union Church, "under very favorable auspices indeed." Quite a large delegation were present from Wallace, North Shore and other parts of the county.

#### ONTARIO.

Mr. J. H. McMillan, of Toronto, G. W. P., writes:—"Our Order is likely to do very well in this Province this year. Anyhow we are trying as hard as we can to succeed."

### PROHIBITORY ALLIANCE.

**BROME CO.**—A respected correspondent writes:—"The Brome County Alliance appears to be growing into a somewhat active and useful organization. Its membership is reported to number 200. Its Executive Committee embraces some twelve clergymen and as many as fifteen delegates from the different churches. About \$50 have been expended in disseminating temperance literature and in procuring speakers for public meetings during the past two months."

### GOOD TEMPLARS.

#### ONTARIO.

**ESSEX CO.**—The regular session of Essex County Lodge was held on Saturday, 3rd inst., at Essex Centre, and there were seventy-five members and delegates in attendance. The county chief, Bro. Jas. R. Oliver, presented an encouraging report in regard to the work of the Order in county. He had just received returns from thirteen lodges, showing an aggregate membership of 852, with 216 initiations during the last quarter. It was decided to hold the next meeting at South Woodlee the last Saturday in May. The following members were recommended as county deputies, and they have since received commissions of the Grand Lodge:—Henry Atkin, Comet P. O.; W. H. Spargos, Gesto; Jas. Clarke, North Ridge; Go'len Wigle, Ruthven. It was resolved to take immediate steps toward the adoption of the Scott Act and arrangements were made to procure a competent man to oversee the securing of the necessary signatures to the petitions and raising the necessary funds. Mr. J. J. Mason was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Scott Act Committee.

**ALVINSTON.**—A new lodge has just been instituted at Alvinston, Lambton County, with twenty-five charter members. G. W. L. Raine, W. C. T., Mrs. M. Gillespie, W. V., H. Gillespie, W. S., L. Stevens, F. S., F. W. Jacques, P. W., Rev. J. R. Johnston, W. C.

#### MANITOBA.

**NEW LODGE.**—Mr. F. B. Little, D. D. G. W. C. T., has organized a Good Templar's lodge at Emerson with sixty charter members. The officers were duly installed and the lodge put in good working order. Referring to the instituting officer, the *Emerson International* says: "Mr. Little won golden opinions for his courteous manner and the able way in which he performed the installation ceremonies, and it is hoped that this is not the last visit we may have from him. He returns to Winnipeg, carrying with him pleasing recollections of the Emerson friends."

#### QUEBEC.

**COATCOOK.**—On Tuesday evening of last week Mr. W. H. Lambley, G. W. C. T., gave a very interesting temperance lecture in the Baptist Church, Coatcook, after which a lodge was organized with seventy-eight members, including some of the best working material of the place. Col. Crawford, American Consul, W. C. T.; Rev. Mr. McKillop, W. C.; O. M. Moulton, L. D.

**BARNSTON.**—About a month ago a new lodge was instituted at Barnston, and already about sixty members have been initiated, with a number more of proposals. One of the charter members is a member of the Town Council and formerly did not oppose the granting of licenses. Since his initiation, however, he has voted differently and in consequence the Council has refused to grant any licenses in the township this year. This is one of the first fruits.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The Order is making good progress in the "Mayflower Province." Mr. P. J.

Chisholm, the zealous G. W. C. T., writes that no less than sixteen new lodges have been instituted since the last Grand Lodge session.

**AMHERST.**—La Planche Lodge at Amherst was the first instituted in the Province and has always taken a prominent position in the work. The eighteenth anniversary was held recently and it was a grand success—as such meetings in connection with that lodge usually are. The meeting was held in Music Hall. A very excellent supper was first provided and there were about 120 members present and 150 invited guests. The Cornet Band furnished music, and Bro. Chisholm, G. W. C. T., presided. There was an excellent programme of speeches, dialogues, recitations and music.

**HANTS CO.**—A County Lodge for Hants Co. was organized a few weeks ago with over 100 members. There was a rousing public meeting in the evening and much good was the result.

**COR. HICKMAN.**—It has been arranged to have Col. Hickman, of Kentucky, visit Nova Scotia, and address ten public meetings in the principal towns, some time in April. The announcements will be made in due time.

### WOMAN'S C. T. UNION.

The first public meeting in connection with the Montreal Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the American Presbyterian Church in this city on Thursday evening, 15th inst. The congregation was not large but respectable. The Rev. Mr. Wells, pastor of the church, presided, and the speakers were the Rev. Thomas Gales, Secretary of the Alliance, Mr. J. R. Dougall, of the *Witness*, the Rev. Dean Baldwin, the Rev. Mr. Fleck and J. J. MacLaren, Q. C. A neatly printed circular was distributed at the meeting, from which we take the following in regard to the work proposed:—"The main object is the promotion of a strong sentiment in favor of total abstinence in the city of Montreal. The main point is to band together the ladies of the various churches, to present a firm front to the enemy, and to undertake, each in her own way and sphere, to use all her influence against the drinking of intoxicating liquor. It is expected that the union will take active steps in various directions to promote the growth of a healthy public opinion. Among these measures may be mentioned the spread of temperance literature and its introduction into Sunday-schools and public libraries, the offering of prizes in schools for essays on the effects of alcohol and tobacco, the establishment of Gospel temperance meetings, the inviting of popular temperance lecturers to the city, the getting up of Bands of Hope in Sunday-schools where none at present exist, the providing of unintoxicating wine for sacramental use, the encouragement of temperance groceries, the sale of coffee to sailors in summer, &c."

Mrs. Youmans has been lecturing under the auspices of the Union with much success in the Eastern Townships. A Brome County correspondent writes that in connection with her labors, branches have

been formed at Sutton Flat, East Farnham, and Cowansville. Her lectures are spoken very highly of by all who heard them.

### DRINK AND DEATH IN ENGLAND.

At a recent annual meeting of the British Medical Association, Dr. Norman Kerr, one of the most popular and respected medical men in England, read a valuable paper in regard to "the influence of alcohol on the public health," a subject which he has made a careful study for many years. In regard to the number of deaths caused either directly or indirectly by the drinking usage the statements he makes are of a startling nature. The total population of Great Britain is put down at 34,692,705, and it is estimated that the yearly number of deaths caused directly by alcohol is 14,209 and indirectly, 35,522, or 49,731 in all.

Dr. Kerr then says:—"Dr. Hardwicke and other experts had endorsed this estimate as most moderate, and Dr. B. W. Richardson had stated that he thought the deaths in this category were at least 50,000 annually."

But this was not all the mortality from alcohol. Besides those who died from the effects of drinking in their own person, a large number of lives were lost through the indulgence of others in strong drink. There were deaths by violence and by accident; the suffocation of children through the drinking of one or both parents; and a long chain of innocent victims, weak women, and helpless children, either literally starved to death through the intemperance of the husband and father, or with life gradually crushed out of them through the tyranny and brut'ry of him who ought to be their cherisher and protector. This indirect mortality from the intemperance of others than the slain was not only much greater than the direct mortality caused by the lethal influence of alcohol on the person, but was infinitely more difficult to compute. Though he had closely studied the subject for years, and had done his best to reduce the figures to as low a compass as possible, Dr. Kerr could not shut his eyes to the probability that, for every death from personal intemperance, there were about two deaths from the excess of others. The estimate of 49,500 dying every year in the United Kingdom from their own intemperance, and 79,500 dying from disease, violence, accident, or starvation, consequent on the intemperance of others, had been submitted to several representative medical gatherings, and had, he regretted to say, not been seriously disputed. In fact, it had been pronounced moderate and far within the truth by such competent authorities as the late Dr. Hardwicke, and many other coroners and medical officers of health. Dr. Noble, of Manchester, attributed one-third of our disease to intemperance, and Dr. Richardson had given utterance to the opinion that were the British a temperate nation, the national vitality would be increased one-third. Dr. Kerr said he need not point out that estimates based on these deliverances would greatly exceed his own, for a third of the total mortality for 1880 would be 235,775 deaths.