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Important Notice.

WE beg to call the attention of the members of the various Divisions to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Grand Division, which was to the effect that unless the sum of \$200 was contributed or guaranteed towards the expenses of *The Son of Temperance*, that its publication be discontinued with the present number. It struck us that \$2 from each Division was not too much to expect for this paper when it has been for nearly two years supplied gratis to all the Divisions; yet such a small number of Divisions have so far responded, that unless the others take up the matter at once and provide the necessary money, the resolution alluded to above will have to be carried out, and we will cease to have a printed organ. We hope the Deputies will see to this matter. If the money cannot be sent on at once to the Grand Scribe, the fact of it having been promised will suffice. Should the paper not be continued, Divisions sending money will be credited on per capita tax account with the amount they may send for this purpose.

The Boulbee Amendment.

WE are pleased to say the second attempt by Mr. Boulbee, member for East York,

to destroy the Scott Act has been frustrated. Last year his bill passed the Commons, but got the six months' hoist in the Senate. This year a majority in the House of Commons shewed their good sense by rejecting it on its second reading. We hope the intelligent electors of East York will shew their good sense at the next election by keeping this man at home. So far he has brought them no honor.

The License Act.

THE Bill amending the License Act, introduced into the Local Legislature by the Hon. Mr. Hardy, has been called for by both the temperance and liquor parties. For some time past difficulties have made themselves manifest in the enforcement of the Crooks' Act, and the proposed amendments will give increased efficiency to the laws regulating licensed liquor traffic, and to make the suppression of the illicit traffic more simple and easy than it now is. In order to do the latter of these two things, the authorities are to be empowered to enter any unlicensed premises and confiscate all spirituous and fermented liquors which they believe to be offered for sale. Heretofore, they had no such power, and when an illicit dealer was brought before the Court and fined, he returned to his premises and resumed the sale of liquor. By taking the liquor away from him, he will be put to greater expense and the difficulty of beginning business over again will be increased. The penalties are to be made greater than they now are in the case of offenders against the Act, the fine

for the second offence being from forty to sixty dollars, and for the third offence three months' imprisonment. Shopkeepers who have been twice convicted of breaking the law during the preceding year are to be refused a license; the commissioners are also empowered to issue licenses at a reduced fee for the sale of lager beer, ale and native wines.

From the Grand Scribe.

Receipts from Divisions from Jan. 15th to Feb. 15th, 1881.

STANDARD, \$1.60; Tilsonburg, 70c; Mount Hurst, \$1.54; Zephyr, \$2.10; East Whitby, \$1.73; Malton, 60c; Exeter, \$3.50; Table Rock, \$3.85; Orono, \$5.32; Arran, \$2.31; Maple Grove, \$3.36; Henderson, \$1.40; Renfrew, \$4.46; Orillia, \$4.34; Quarry, \$3.00; Ravine, \$2.61; Huron Belle, \$1.12; New Edinburgh, \$1.75; Clearwater, \$2.80; Mount Albert, \$4.00; Grantham, \$8.05; Galt, \$6.89; True Love, \$2.36; Manilla, \$4.55; Haydon, \$2.17; Leskard, \$2.45; Allenwood, \$2.03; Oshawa, \$4.90; Cannington, \$2.52; Cardwell, S. G., 63c; Palmerston, \$3.36; Alberta, \$1.54; Paris, 50c; Brougham, \$3.22; Utica, \$1.61; Harvest Home, \$2.10; Horton, \$1.33; Harvest Home, \$1.00; Crystal Spring, \$1.00; Avonbank, \$5.25; Mt. Carswell, \$4.00; Sunbeam, \$1.82; Otterville, \$1.26; Salem Star, \$1.34; Cobourg, \$6.57; Ayer, \$4.90; Crystal Fountain, \$6.33; Lighthouse, \$2.03; Phoenix, \$3.00; Trent Bridge, \$2.17; Maitland, \$1.19; Martintown, \$2.00; Freedom, \$1.82; Pleasant Valley, \$1.47; Smithville, \$2.17; Wild Rose Blossom, \$2.45; Woodham, \$2.87; Wild Rose Blossom, 25c; Rideau Union, \$2.38; Haldimand, \$3.00; Newtonville, \$2.38; W. & P. Grove, \$1.36; Unionist, \$1.54; Pure Retreat, \$1.10; Box Grove, \$1.00; True Love, \$3.10; Byron, \$5.00; Green River, 15c; Thornton, \$4.00; Unity, \$2.10; Avonbank,