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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Do not fall into the error of imagining that your Division is not exerting an influence. Do your part, and the results will follow as surely as cause precedes effect. The following letters were received by the editor, who is a member of a Division in a little hamlet where it might be expected that its modest work would be confined to a narrow circle.

During its 43 years of existence it has initiated men who have gone into almost every State and Province on the Continent, and their obligations to live lives of virtue and sobriety have surely been beneficial. The influence that goes out can never be estimated. Persevere in Love, Purity and Fidelity!

PROVISIONAL BATTALION,
SHORNCLIFFE, ENG.

Jan. 22st, 1898.

Dear Friend—I suppose you think I am dead, but I am not

After being unsettled for some time, I have joined the Imperial Army. I have enlisted in the Dorsetshire Reg. of Infantry to serve 7 years with the colors, and 3 in the reserve . . . There are two canteens in camp, but they are no temptation to me, as the Order of the Sons of Temperance has instilled a love of temperance in my breast.

I often think of the pleasant times spent in the Division room on Saturday nights . . . Tell the Division that Bro. Nelson is not dead but living, and in a red coat, and that I long once more to be with my old associates. I may be drafted for foreign service very soon, but if not, I'll save my money and come over on furlough . . .

I remain, Yours,

HARRY NELSON.

16 FORSYTH ST.,
ROTHERITHE, LONDON, ENG.,
8th October, 1897.

Dear Sir and Bro.—

I arrived in London after a fourteen days' voyage . . . I shipped on the Montezuma, a large four masted vessel . . . I have been in London a little over two weeks. I am getting along first-rate so far, and I expect to be in South Africa before long . . . My ship will be trading between London and Montreal about April, so I will have a chance of coming back to Kettleby once more and see the folks . . . Is the Division getting on as prosperous as ever? I think I am still in good standing. I don't touch drink, and I hope I never will. Yours truly,

WILLIAM BLOMBERG.

The following circular letter, which is sent out to some Divisions by Bro. Weeks, is so good that we publish it:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA,

Feb. 15th, 1898.

Dear Sisters and Brothers.—

My thoughts go out to your Division very often, and as I see and hear evidences of growing activity along the line of our noble philanthropy, I would like to say a few words to you by way of encouragement.

In a world so full of selfish greed, those favored spots beside the living springs of God's eternal love are like green oases in the barren desert, to refresh the weary traveller and give hope and comfort to the despairing. These cool retreats and happy bowers must not, however, lull us to inglorious sleep. The time for action is upon us, with its opportunities and responsibilities. The cause of Prohibition is meeting new foes in unexpected quarters. This treason within the gates instead of discouraging us should fix more firmly our stern resolve to stand by our guns and fight the enemy to the last ditch.

Upon the Division will fall the first brunt of battle. Every power and gift within the order should be developed and strengthened by exercise. Get up Grant and Lucas discussions (if you can find a Grant), to store up your powder and sharpen your steel.

Hold frequent open meetings and awaken your neighborhood; get what help you can, enlist every influence, distribute literature systematically through appointed committees; let every Division room be at once a campaign centre, a magazine of ammunition, and an impregnable fortress to resist attacks and rally the forces.

Finally brethren, I would urge you to push our Organ, the Sons of Temperance Record, as a means of keeping you posted in matters relating to the Order, as well as a good campaign sheet for influence outside, to give information, preserve the bond of union among the Divisions, and furnish a golden link between the different branches of the Order. With sincere wishes for your continued growth and prosperity, I remain yours in the bonds of L. P. and F.

A. D. WEEKS,
Grand Treas.