

—Bro. J. B. Kennedy, D.G.W. P., writing from New Westminster, British Columbia, on 14th Oct., says:—Enclosed you will find my report for the quarter just past. I am sorry to say that it has been the most trying quarter we have yet had. We have wiped all the names off our books of those who will neither attend the Division or pay their dues, and several have resigned as they have left the place, so that our membership is greatly reduced. We have again commenced our monthly entertainments for the public, and our first one was held last Monday and was quite successful. We can't get any one to give us a temperance address, but we occasionally get a temperance reading. None of the clergymen here take any active part in the temperance work except from their own pulpits, and some of them like their port and sherry too well to do even that. I often long for some one like yourself or Bro. Ross, or Manning or even Carswell, to pay us a visit and present the temperance cause in such a light as these people never saw it in, but we are so far out of the way that we can hardly expect anything of that kind for some time yet. I am very much afraid that we will have a hard time to keep our Division alive this winter, but we won't give it up without a tough struggle.

—Bro. Jas. Mealy, Co. Deputy, writes as follows from Oxford Mills:—I wish to inform you that the prospect of our order is brighter in this county than it has been for some time past, and think if we had a lecturer like Bro. Carswell to canvass our county this winter, our order would be raised to its former standing. If the Grand Division will send us a lecturer I will accompany him for one week through our county. I intend this winter to visit all the Divisions in this county. Kemptville Division is moving upwards and our Division is in a flourishing condition at present. There is some openings I think for new divisions, and had I the assistance I might be successful in establish-

ing several. I am bound as far as in me lies to do my duty in connection with our Order, and hope to continue a member of it whilst life lasts. I have been over twenty years connected with it, and find it the most suitable order to recommend to the public. I speak from experience. I have been in connection with other temperance orders, but find none to suit me as well as the Sons of Temperance.

—Bro. Angus McKay, D.G.W. P., writes from Orillia, and says, "We keep adding to our numbers slowly. Our losses are chiefly through suspensions for non-payment of dues. Towards the end of the quarter we discussed the question of submitting the Scott Act to a vote of the people. The Division was of opinion that the Act should be submitted as soon as the necessary preliminary steps could be taken. We also issued circulars to all the Divisions and Lodges in the County informing them of the action of our Division, and inviting them to discuss the question and inform us of the decision they would arrive at on the question."

Correspondence.

THE GRAND DIVISION.

To the Editor,

SIR,—For several years I have not attended the G. D., because of log-rolling for office. Seeing no evidence of this at the semi-annual session, I purpose meeting with you at Oshawa next month. Now, I think some of our members would do well to study the anglican prayer for the removal of "our unhappy divisions" that the usual amount of "chronic grumbling" may not be indulged in. I hope every delegate will come prepared and determined to make our meeting one of pleasurable and harmonious discussion and useful work, that the fault-finding and wrangling which have done so much to disgust many members with our G. D. meetings, shall be avoided, or, if necessary, good naturedly but firmly stamped out.

If this be not done, our G. D. meetings will come to be looked upon more and more as gatherings to be avoided, instead of looked forward to, by many of our most earnest workers. I for one, am not likely to hold with all that the Executive have done, but shall be willing to be "put down" if I should forget to give them credit for being actuated by as sincere a desire as myself to promote the best interests of the Order, and advance the cause, or if I should find undue fault with them over trifling matters of detail. One question I purpose bringing up is, a National Division for Canada, with small G. D. jurisdictions, in lieu of District Divisions which at best fail to reach many localities. —Fraternally, G. H. H.

Orillia, Nov. 10, 1880.

DIFFICULTY OF RETAINING NEW MEMBERS.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—At the last meeting of the District Division, complaints were made as to the difficulty of retaining new members, after we had initiated them. Both men and women will unite with the Order, attend our meetings once or twice, and then stay away for good. The worthy brother who introduced this subject, appeared to think that we ourselves were to blame for it, and perhaps, in part, he may be right. But it is only too evident that many persons join our ranks from no love to the cause whatever, but merely to pass a pleasant evening and have a good time generally. Such persons speedily get tired of our routine work; our simple programmes do not sufficiently entertain them, and they soon drop out of the Order, to which in heart and soul they never belonged at all. We are surely not responsible for the loss of such parties as these. But there is another class, who leave us also and to them some consideration is due. A person will often join a Division, who has only an "how-do-you-do" kind of an acquaintance with one or two, of