

## A TEMPERANCE ODE.

BY E. M. MORPHY, TORONTO, A 50 YEAR ABSTAINER.

Tune.—“*Tenting on the old Camp Ground.*”

Come brother, friend, now sign our roll,  
And make this firm resolve,  
To abstain from deadly alcohol,  
With help from One above.

### REFRAIN.

Many are the friends who are willing today  
To lend you a helping hand,  
Many are the friends who are calling you away,  
To join our Temperance band,  
Calling you away, calling you away,  
Calling to the Temperance band.

The curse that follows poisonous drink  
Crime, poverty and shame—  
Brings one and all to ruins brink,  
Our license law's to blame!

Strong drink's a blight to Canada  
Our legislators know  
Yet fear of man still blocks the way  
They shirk the question so.

With friends of Temperance then unite  
To stop the traffic here,  
Let Prohibition be the cry,  
No whiskey, wine or beer.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER.

#### *Fraternal Visitation:*

Divisions are usually much benefited by exchanging visits with sister Divisions. It gives them an opportunity of comparing their work, making acquaintances, promoting sociability, receiving instruction and encouragement. The benefit is mutual.

#### *Duty.*

A SYNOPSIS OF AN ESSAY BY MRS. M. BAKER, SOLIA.

(1) After joining, come to the meetings as regularly as you can and punctually, taking an interest in the work. Whatever office you hold, do the best you can. If you make a mistake and any one should laugh or make light of it don't be disturbed in mind, but remember that even those who laugh have their weak points. Forgive them and stand firm.

(2) Whatever part of the room you are in give good attention; always display a fraternal spirit. If you have anything to offer for the good of the Order, give it with good will and from the heart.

(3) While outside, feel that it is your duty to ask others to join the Order. Talk of the work whatever circle you are in, especially to those who are given to indulgence in drink. Cultivate a love towards the weak and you will be rewarded, ever bearing in mind that your influences will live long after you have departed.

(4) Bear in mind that who ever the W. P. may be, that it is difficult for him to preside over the meeting if you come with nothing prepared. No matter how modest your effort give it promptly and courteously.

(5) Stand firm to your pledge and obligation before your associates and before God, for He watcheth over us always. Be brave in your

resolutions that your labor may not be in vain, ever remembering the cardinal principles of the Order as portrayed in our colors red, white and blue, emblematical of Love, Purity and Fidelity.

#### *Conducting a Division*

There are many things to be considered in conducting a Division when a Division is instituted and the instituting officer has departed. In the majority of cases those who have started out in the work are not familiar with their duties as set forth by the ritual, and established in the by-laws.

The first thing is to become familiar with the ritual so that the ceremonial part may be conducted with dignity and precision.

On this depends in a great degree your success. The moment a Division loses its dignity, it loses its influence, and on this rock have foundered and gone to pieces the greatest number of societies that are on record as failures.

Rules of order and etiquette, should be as strictly observed as they are in military discipline, and any member who violates either should be promptly called to order.

Keeping the accounts and minutes absolutely correct is essential to your well-being, and will save many a dispute, and a session of controversy, that sooner or later would put your Division in danger. Punctuality is a requisite.

The gavel should fall when the time arrives for the opening, and the ceremonies should be gone through with, not hurriedly, but with despatch.

Be prompt in paying dues and assessments, prompt in inquiring after, and care of, your sick members, prompt in the discharge of every duty.

Mutual forbearance should be your motto. By its exercise you avoid much that is disagreeable, and cement closer the bonds of brotherhood.



BRO. F. S. SPENCE, SECRETARY OF THE DOMINION ALLIANCE FOR THE TOTAL SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

During the present Plebiscite campaign no name has been more before the public than that

of the able and indefatigable Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Bro. Francis Stephens Spence, upon whom the brunt of the work has fallen. It is safe to say that there is no abler exponent of prohibition in Canada to-day nor one so thoroughly versed in past and present legislation of this and other countries than the subject of our sketch. He is a temperance vade mecum, encyclopedia and dictionary combined. Not only is Bro. Spence possessed of rare oratorical talents, but also has a strong personality and at various times has withstood virulent attacks by enemies, and what is harder, rank misrepresentation from those in the temperance line. To-day he is esteemed and respected by all for his sterling qualities of character and his splendid abilities command the admiration of friend and foe.

He was born in Donegal, Ireland, March 29th, 1850, and is the third son of the late Jacob Spence. He was Principal of one of the Toronto public schools in 1882 when he devoted himself to journalism. He has edited the "Citizen," "Vanguard" and other journals of moral reform. He was Secretary of the Central Committee conducting the Plebiscite campaign of Ontario in 1894, and since 1886 has been the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. He was deputized by the prohibitionists to accompany the "Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic," in their interests. His compilation from the evidence, "The Facts of the Case" is the hand book of all advocates. In the annals of the temperance movement in Canada no man has earned a higher or more enduring place than Bro. Spence. He is a member of Ontario Division No. 26, Toronto. He was initiated in the National Division at Montreal in 1897.

## ATTENTION ALL!

### GOOD OF THE ORDER PRIZE CONTEST.

To the members of the Order who will give the best answers to the following questions on *Practical Division Work*, a prize of \$5 in cash will be given, (or the winner may have a Grand Division Regalia and Jubilee Jewel if preferred).

(1) The best drafted program for 6 or 7 meetings during the quarter, (not to consume more than one hour each meeting).

(2) The greatest number and best practical suggestions for carrying out the programs in the Division from week to week.

(3) Name twenty of the best up-to-date debates.

(4) Give suggestions for the best method of keeping direct temperance work before the Division.

(5) Name ten of the best temperance choruses and state where they are to be obtained.

The contest is open to all members of the Order. Papers are to be sent to the Grand Scribe of Ontario before 31st Dec. '98; Three judges will be named by Bro. F. C. Ward of Excelsior Div., Toronto, who prepared these questions and who has generously offered the prize. (Names of the Judges will be published in next issue). The best papers received will be published in the Record.