

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Old Maid—Asks: As it is usual to decorate schoolrooms and churches, would it not be well to do so in regard to Division-rooms?
Answer—Yes; we have always had a "weakness" for decorations, and think a few pictures and mottoes on the walls add greatly to the comfort and pleasure of the members. Flowers and shrubs, in their season, could also be used with good effect.

M.S.—Not having heard the reasons given by the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie for wishing the statue of the late Hon. George Brown placed in the New Parliament Buildings, we are not prepared to give an opinion on the subject.

O.K.—Yes; but it would be as well not to say anything more about it. Time will cure the evil.

Minnie—Asks: Why did God make flowers?
Answer—He made flowers for the same reason He made you, viz: that they might be a pleasure and blessing to all around.

Tom—Read Hood's Poems, and you will find what you are in search of in them. Hood, in his lifetime, suffered a great deal from poverty.

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Brother Bliss.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that Brother George P. Bliss, P. D. G. W. P., and one of the officers of the Grand Division, who, some months ago, was obliged to leave Ottawa and go to the seaboard for health, is rapidly recovering, and hopes soon again to visit the west. During Brother B.'s absence, as our readers will see by examining the 2nd page of this number of the "SON," he has not been idle, but has spent a good deal of time visiting Divisions in his native Province. The account he sends with regard to the present state of the Order is very encouraging. May he soon be able to resume again his work in Ottawa.

Deputies' Reports.

WE have received several reports from the deputies, during the past few days, and are sorry we have not received more. It always gives us pleasure to hear from these officers. Firstly, because it is a sure sign that the deputy who keeps the G.W.P. posted up with regard to the state of his Division is a man who understands his duty; and secondly, it is a proof that he is zealous in the good work entrusted to his care, and determined to maintain the principles of the Order. Deputies! remember a great deal depends on you at this moment. It has been said, and we suppose there is some truth in the saying, that the Order has been going back during the past few years; but let us now show there is still life left, and by a hard and steady pull bring it up to its old strength numerically and influentially, and convince the "Old Guard" of the Order, many of whom we hope to meet at Oshawa in December next, that the Order is safe in the hands of our young men and maidens, and will never be permitted to go down.

The Cause in Britain.

THE division in the House of Commons on Sir Wilfrid Lawson's Local Option Resolution is said to have surprised even sanguine local optionists. They expected to win, but were afraid of what Mr. Gladstone might do and say. If they won, a majority of ten were their highest hope. A majority of twenty-six has given them such confidence in their ultimate success as they never had before.

Yet the division list in which Mr. John Bright, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Forster, and Sir Charles Dilke are found in company with them, does not measure their triumph. Though Mr. Gladstone voted with Lord Hartington against them, the Premier invited the House to declare against him and promised a measure at some future day founded upon the abstract resolution, against which he voted because it was abstract, but accepted because it was right. A more complete triumph could not have been achieved. To have won the division would have been a great victory. To have got a promise from the Premier would have been a foretaste of a great victory. But to have the promise and a majority to make the promise binding and to secure its final redemption is enough for the most sanguine member of the Alliance.

The "Bystander" and Prohibition.

THE Editor of the *Bystander* begins to see things in their proper light, and goes in boldly for Prohibition. The following extract from the July number must please our various readers:

"Judge Gowan, whose utterances always command attention, has been delivering himself on several questions of jurisprudence and, among them, on the close connection between intemperance and crime. His words will, no doubt, give a fresh impetus to the Prohibition movement. On this subject we feel as if we were fighting our best friends, so strong is our sympathy with the end, while we retain our misgiving as to the means. That criminals are very often intemperate is beyond dispute; that intemperance is the grand source