

was off after the exhibition." He had actually passed a wash of lamp black in water colour over the whole sky, and utterly spoiled his picture for the time, and so left it through the exhibition, lest it should hurt Lawrences—*Ruskin's Lectures on Architecture and Painting.*

**THE OLD MAN AND THE YOUTH.**—Geron, an old man of eighty years, was sitting at the door of his rural dwelling enjoying the bright autumnal morning. His eye rested by turns on the blue mountains in the distance, from whose summits the mist was ascending like a cloud of incense, and on his sprightly grand-children who were playing around him. Then a youth from town came to the old man and entered into conversation with him. When he heard the number of his years he marvelled at his healthy and vigorous appearance, and asked Geron what he had done to enjoy such strength and serenity in the winter of his life. Then Geron answered, "My son, that is like every good thing, a gift from above, of which we must not boast; nevertheless, we must do something here below to obtain it." After these words the old man arose and took the stranger to the orchard; here he showed the high, splendid trees, laden with delicious fruits, the sight of which gladdened the heart. Then the old man said, "Dost thou marvel now, that I enjoy the fruits of these trees? Behold my son, I planted them in my youth. Here thou hast the mystery of my quiet fruitful old age." The youth bowed his head, for he understood the old man's words, and pondered them in his heart.

**AWKWARDNESS OF OLD GENERALS.**—But perhaps General Knollys was among those generals upon whom I once heard the Iron Duke expend one of his unexpected pleasantries. It was an investiture at Buckingham Palace. The Queen was on her throne—the Prince Consort stood beside her, the great officers of state were ranged around. The Knights in their gorgeous robes, had retired from the throne room, and again the mirrored doors "swung open wide," and the heralds, in their tabards of cloth-of-gold, entered *booming* with all humility as he escorted old general after general up to the footstool of her Majesty. Feebly did those venerable old warriors advance, and slowly and awkwardly did they retire, each man treading upon his long robes, or slipping and tripping upon the smooth Indian matting, as he backed out of the presence. Their retreat was not much accelerated when out spake the Iron Duke as he stood near the throne, "How badly her Majesty's generals walk backwards!" Perhaps no other man in the realm could have made such an observation at such a time, and have been rewarded, as that good old man was, with his Sovereign's smile.—*Aldershot-tana; or, Chinks in My Hut.*

**PROGRESS DOWNWARD.**—It is sad to note the downward progress of many lads and young men of promise, children too of pious parents. Gray hairs are often brought with sorrow to the grave, by the vicés and premature ruin of loved ones in the family circle. The young man stifling the admonitions of conscience, and abandoning himself to a career of sin, can never foresee the fatal termination of his course. A correspondent of the *Western Episcopalian* tells the following sad story: "Last week I saw a young man at the bar of justice. He was sentenced to an imprison-

ment in the penitentiary for fifteen years. His crime was burglary and grand larceny. He was a perfect stranger in our community. I sought an interview with him, and repeated my visit for the three days that he staid, to learn something of his history. He is the son of a minister. He is now 33 years of age! Those only who learned of his abilities, natural and acquired, know how far he has fallen. He has a vigorous mind, is well educated, has a quick perception, and he might have attained to almost any situation of honor or profit if he had conducted himself with propriety. He has, he tells me, learned the printer's trade and the painter's—he has been a reporter for the press. I have now before me a letter which he wrote me just before he left for prison. Its composition, its style, its penmanship, are of the first order. I inquired of him particularly the causes which led him on to his present condition—for this is not the first offence. He gave me substantially the following: 'Wicked associates and companions—trifling with female affection—tippling and intemperance—gambling and neglect of moral and religious duties, and idleness.' He says he commenced the downward career before the age of eighteen years. He followed his wicked course till now he reaps its bitter rewards. Let every youth that reads this account, ponder over the causes which led to this fall, and then let them see the consequences. They are—loss of property, of character, of self-respect, a hardened and desperately wicked heart, a mother weeping over a fallen son, a wife and child desolate, conscience seared, a God offended, the laws of man broken, and a life of fifteen years at hard labor in the State's Prison. Would you avoid the end of this fallen youth? Shun the causes which lead to the end."

#### THE CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

We herewith furnish a copy of the constitution of subordinate Divisions, as last revised. In doing so we comply with the request of some members of the Order, who are desirous of having the document always at hand, and think that this can be best secured by printing it in the *Abstainer*.

#### PREAMBLE.

We, whose name are annexed, desirous of forming a Society to shield us from the evils of Intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our character as men, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and Byelaws:

#### CONSTITUTION.

##### ARTICLE I.

###### NAME.

This Association shall be known as —  
— DIVISION, No. —, Sons of Temperance, of Nova Scotia.

##### ARTICLE II.

###### PLEDGE.

No brother shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.\*

\* The following Resolution, explanatory of the Pledge of the Order, was unanimously adopted at the Fourth Annual Session of the National Division.

RESOLVED, That the National Division here-

#### ARTICLE III.

##### OFFICERS.

The Officers shall consist of a W. P., W. A., R. S., A. R. S., F. S., T., C., A. C., I. S., and O. S., all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz:—Last regular meetings in September, December, March, and June; and installed the first regular meetings in October, January, April and July.†

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preside in the Division, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and exact a compliance to the Rules and usages of the Order; to see that all Officers perform their respective duties; appoint all Committees and Officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Division, when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes; direct the R. S. to call special meetings, when application shall be made in writing by five Members of the Division; draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Division. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair; see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division, and the per centage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Session, certified by him, with the Seal of the Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W. A. to render the W. P. such assistance as he may require of him, and, in the absence of the W. P., the W. A. shall perform his duties.

SEC. 3.—The R. S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Division; write communications; notify all Subordinate Divisions, not more than ten miles of its place of meeting, within four weeks after, of the name, occupation, and residence of every person suspended, rejected, or expelled from this Division. He shall fill up certificates; notify meetings, when ordered by the W. P.; attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out, at the end of his term for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during his term, and also the Quarterly Returns to the Grand Division which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by dispensation, suspended, reinstated, and who have withdrawn during his term; together with the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled, and rejected, with the dates and causes of expulsion, the number who violate the pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate it the second time, the number of deaths, and the whole number of actual members, the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues, with the per centage due the Grand Division, the amount expended for benefits, with the amount on hand, and, with the W. P., certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, pa-

by declare that the true intent and meaning of the Pledge, is to prohibit the manufacture, purchase, sale, and use of alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, whether enumerated by name in the Pledge, or not.

† A. P. W. P. is not a Constitutional Officer.