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A CALL FOR TEMPERANCE.

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Come all who feel the Christian birth,  
Who ought to shine as lights on earth,  
And shun the soul-destroying snare,  
Drinks which disagree  
With holy duties as set forth  
In holy books for thee;

Come all who drunkards' miseries see,  
Or from their cups reclaimed would be,  
Join Sons of Temperance and be free  
From slavery's thrall;  
And drink no more the barley beer  
That ruins all:

Come, hear the call, your hearts incline:  
Strong drinks give o'er, and cider, wine,  
Let all unite 'gainst rum—combine  
To crush old ale-hol's order,  
Because they've raised nought else but din,  
And filled the land with murder.

Come all who know the sin and woe,  
That from these liquors daily flow,  
Degrading man far, far below  
The brute creation,  
No brute will do what he will do  
In his intoxication,

OTAWAKEE, 30th April, 1852.

LONDON SESSION OF THE GRAND DIVISION.

This Body opened its proceedings in the usual way, on the 26th inst., at London Canada West, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Having attended as a delegate, and having been absent nearly all the past week, we can only give a hurried sketch of its doings. The officers present at the opening were, G. W. P., A. B. Pardee; G. W. A., Dr. Sutton, Grand Scribe, Br. Jackson, G. A. R. S., Br. —; Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Br. Wilkinson; Grand Conductor, Br. Thomas Nixon, Grand Inside Sentinel, Br. Jones, of Amherstburgh. The G. W. P., in the absence of the P. G. W. P., Burnham, appointed Br. W. A. Ellerbeck, to fill his place, which he did with much ability. At about 12 o'clock of the first day's Session, upwards of seventy new delegates were initiated and duly constituted members of the body. The initiation and proceedings were very imposing and delightful to a true Son of Temperance. About 30 members of the Grand Division were in the room when the new delegates were introduced. During the following day several new delegates were obligated. The attendance during Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, would amount to about 100 members. Business was immediately gone into, and on Wednesday afternoon the reports of the G. W. P., G. S. and Grand Treasurer, were read, all exhibiting a satisfactory state of the Order, in finances and numbers, and giving omens of cheering future prospects. Several important suggestions were made in these reports.

Sixty-six New Divisions have been organized since last October, all doing well. On the other hand some twenty odd, old Divisions, have either surrendered their charters or ceased to act, and will have to be closed. It is cheering however to reflect, that in the same or localities near by, their places are being filled by new Divisions. Quite a number of Divisions have failed to make any or proper returns, thus making it almost impossible to know the exact strength of the order. There are 354 Divisions in Canada, a few of which are working badly, but there are at least 350 Divisions in good working order. There are upwards of 16,000 contributing members on the returns, and many Divisions have as yet failed to send in their returns. A correct return would probably show the strength of the Order to be 20,000 members. At times it is surprising to see the want of punctuality in sending returns. We noticed that at one time 65 Divisions were in default, some of which really should have known better and been more

strict in their conduct. About 150 Divisions have become incorporated under our act of incorporation. The various Divisions have upwards of £6000 on hand; the percentage to the Grand Division being over £450 annually.

A large surplus fund is in the treasury of the Grand Division. A great accumulation of business is on the Grand Scribes hands. The G. W. P. recommended the granting of an extra sum to compensate him for extra trouble.

The G. W. P. recommended the employment of a Provincial Lecturer, to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Division.

The subjects that came up in the Session, and upon which action was taken during Wednesday, Thursday, and part of Friday, were as follows, with their results.

1st. On vote, the G. D. negatived Quarterly Sessions.  
2nd. By vote, decided that a druggist or chemist might, consistently as a Son, sell wine or alcohol of any kind as a medicine, without a breach of his pledge.

3rd Repealed the By-law restricting subordinate Divisions from admitting candidates the same night of proposition except upon paying 5s., allowing them hereafter to propose and admit the same night, without any dispensation fee.

4th Decided that a vote of expulsion of a member cannot be reconsidered, the matter, by the expulsion, having passed out of the hands of the Division.

5th Located the place of meeting of next Session of Grand Division, in Oshawa, in Wharby, to take place on the 4th Wednesday of October next.

Other matters came up afterwards, of which we have at this date no particulars. G. W. P. Pardee, and G. W. A. Dr. Sutton, go immediately as Delegates to the National Division in Virginia. Further particulars in our next.

GRAND DEMONSTATION IN LONDON.

A grand demonstration of the Sons of Temperance, in which the members of the Grand Division, Cadets, and Daughters of Temperance, joined, took place on the 27th May in London. It was a very well got up affair. About 2000 Sons and Cadets marched in procession, accompanied by about an equal number of spectators.—The Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, by the kind permission of the Colonel of the same stationed in London, headed the procession. There were two other good Bands in attendance. About 20 beautiful banners floated on the breeze. The procession reached over half a mile in length, and marched through the principal streets of the town, and then to a beautiful grove half a mile away, where a platform for speakers was prepared and numerous seats for spectators. The G. W. P. presided over the meeting, and having made some pertinent remarks, gave way to Br. A. S. Gregory, the delegate of the St. Lawrence Division, who spoke for 20 minutes with much ability. Br. J. C. Clure then addressed the audience for two hours and a half with great power and ability. After this the procession returned in order to the town and dispersed all highly gratified. Western Canada never before saw such an imposing procession as this. We merely have time to allude to these few facts in this number:

In Woodstock on the 24th an immense gathering of the Sons took place, numbering over 5000. They were addressed by the Hon. Malcolm Cameron and Br. J. C. Clure.

Errors.—A few errors occur on our literary page—*for form read "forms," for Zoophila read "Zoopytes," for bottom of oceans read "bottoms" before have. A few letters are displaced.*

A NOBLE ACT, WORTHY OF IMITATION.

A Magistrate of this County, and a member Ontario, ordered on the 24th inst., 100 copies of paper, one copy to be sent to each Legislator of the day, for four months to come, at his own private expense. Were we at liberty to do so, we would most gladly mention his name, but this we cannot do. Selfishness we seen an act more significant of the times, and cheering to the friends of Temperance.

ITEMS.

Wellington Square Soiree.—Comes off 8th June. This will be no doubt a fine affair. Sons here are a spirited body of men. The Temperance Band of Hamilton will be in attendance. A piece will take place at 1 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered. We cannot promise but will try to attend. Please attend this good Division.

Rising Star Division.—Intend holding a meeting on the 10th day of June, at or near Reed's Corners, Markham. All surrounding Divisions are invited to attend. We thank the Division for their invitation. We cannot promise certainly to be there. We would it a great pleasure if business would allow. Let all surrounding Divisions show this noble Band of heroes a hearty and numerous attendance,—their sympathies.

A letter from the Rev. J. Moxon of the 23rd April came to hand on the 21st May. It has been delayed in some way. He gives an account of the formation of the Bethesda Division there, and of a recent meeting. The papers ordered are sent on.

A new Division is in contemplation in the near vicinity of Glanford.

LATEST ITEMS.

The Markets are so stationary just now we omit them in this number.

Foreign and Domestic news. A press of temperance extracts keeps out our usual summary.

The friendly discussion the *Guelph Advocate* invites will be taken up in our next.

Our worthy Brother of the *Nepawee* Division visited us on some discussion of the principles laid in an article, copied into this paper from the *New Organ*, on "Bible Temperance." We will refer to our next.

Catherine Hayes has been singing in Toronto.

The people of Goderich have started the project of a railroad to connect that town with Brantford, also with Buffalo.

American Temperance will be referred to in our 12th June.

Grand Temperance Rally in Lincoln and Lenoir Counties. The Divisions and friends of the cause in two counties are to meet in a mass meeting on the 1st of June at Fonthill, Pelham, to devise means to get the Maine Law enacted in Canada.

Salisbury Division 194 meets on Tuesday evening, 56 members.

The Maine Liquor Bill is now in force in Massachusetts, and was finally passed last week with Governor's assent. Neal Dow is lecturing through towns of Maine—120 Towns, and upwards, have elected temperance representatives.

License to Inns to sell liquors is prohibited in Lowell and Auburn. Great congratulatory meetings are held in Massachusetts in favor of the new law.

Latest European Intelligence is unpropitious. Broad staffs are still rather declining.

Burford Soiree.—On the 19th May, the Cayuga Division, had a fine Soiree and a beautiful banquet presided to them by the Ladies. We will give the particulars in our next.

The Sheriff of Picton has convened a Law meeting.

Queen'sville Division.—A Division was organized some two weeks since at Queen'sville.

J. B. Gough lectures in Belleville in June. Says the *Intelligencer*.

The Niagara Mail, and *Palladium* &c. come to hand.