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### PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

Again we beg to remind our friends of the great desirability of renewing their subscriptions promptly, so as to avoid two unnecessary changes in the books and disagreeable breaks in the receipt of their papers.

There is yet ample time to win or to lose the prizes in our "December Competition," and we would urge all the workers on to their best exertions for the remaining eight or ten days. At least, try to win your own paper for 1884 by four subscriptions at the full price, 50c.

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We hope you have all had a Merry Christmas, and wish you all a Happy New Year.

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### DOMINION ALLIANCE.

At its last meeting the Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance resolved to organize an efficient county alliance in every county of the Province, and to have the whole province brought under the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act during the current year. With a view to accomplishing these grand objects, the Branch resolved to prepare and print a constitution for county alliances, a digest of judgments hitherto delivered upon the Canada Temperance Act and a set of legal blank forms required in enforcing that Act; also to engage a good lawyer to take care of all cases under the Act carried up to the Supreme Court of the Province, and, when necessary, an agent to organize county and auxiliary alliances.

A convention of temperance workers in St. John, N. B., recently started the "St. John City and County Prohibitory Alliance," and appointed a committee to nominate officers and report on the first Friday in January. The "Albert County Prohibitory Alliance," in the same Province, was organized at a convention held at Hillsboro. It is proposed in New Brunswick, which is now almost entirely organized under the Alliance, that the Provincial Branch shall be supplied with funds by annual contributions of not less than \$50 each from the county branches.

### BLUE RIBBON.

The Tabernacle Church, Halifax, has twenty-three pages of its blue ribbon pledge book full.

"A great success" is the report from the movement at Trenton, Ontario.

In Paris, Ontario, the society numbered over a hundred a fortnight ago.

18,510 persons took the ribbon, and 10,240 the pledge, during a four weeks' gospel mission in Sheffield, England.

### WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Union in St. John, N. B., lately celebrated its sixth anniversary with a public meeting. There are now 180 members enrolled, only a few of whom actively engage in the work. One of its newest works is a coffee house, that promises to be successful although it returned a deficit last year. The Union had also established a Wide Awake Club, composed of 50 girls and 80 boys, pledged against drinking, smoking and profanity. In their annual report the ladies complain of the manner in which they were treated respecting a public drinking fountain that the city owes to their efforts. They raised \$844.27 by public subscription for a fountain in King square, and with the money they handed over to the city authorities a design. It was a representation of Moses striking the rock to give water to the wandering Children of Israel. This design the city fathers saw fit to reject, some of them giving very silly reasons for their course, and the one substituted makes a fountain that is described as a monstrosity.

The tenth anniversary of the Montreal Union was celebrated on Sunday last by a public meeting in the American Presbyterian Church in the afternoon. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Wells, Upham and McCaul, and Mr. John Dougall. The origin of the society and an outline of its history were given, and the gentleman last named gave a succinct account of the temperance movement for sixty years, which he divided into periods of ten years, each characterized by some especial development of the cause.

### FRUITS OF THE TRAFFIC.

A man named Calvin Jotham died at his boarding house in Sherbrooke, Quebec, on Sunday before last, from excessive drinking. At the coroner's inquest it was proved that after drinking repeatedly at hotels throughout the previous Saturday afternoon, the deceased went with several companions to a drinking place where they remained drinking till early morning, when Jotham was left lying insensible on the floor. Late in the morning one of his comrades returned to him and rousing him up gave him more liquor, and then had him put in a cold bedroom. There he lay until nine o'clock in the evening, when two of his drinking companions took him in an unconscious state to his boarding house and he never stirred again. It was proved that deceased had received eleven dollars on Saturday, two of which he gave to his son and three were found in his purse after death, leaving six dollars unaccounted for. That is the amount he paid the liquor-sellers for murdering him, no doubt.

In a speech recently delivered in Halifax N. S., the Rev. W. G. Lanesaid a physician of that city told him he had two cases of lead poisoning from gin drinking and four from beer drinking, through the adulteration of liquor. He also told his audience the following story, illustrative of the evils of drinking habits in workmen:—"He was

called in by a doctor on Water street a few days ago, and there in that room had been a sick woman; the doctor had gone in to see her and found the place in flames; she was removed, the flames extinguished, and what had caused it? The workmen in building the chimney had filled in a portion of it with two or three empty liquor flasks, and what should have been solid was not, the damage to the property was not all—that woman's life was lost by the fright of that night."

A man named Robbins, aged about sixty, at Markham, Ontario, lately came home intoxicated and, after a quarrel with his wife, shot himself through the head.

Malcolm Duffy, a farmer, while on his way home from Collingwood with a load of lumber, is supposed to have taken too much liquor at Nottawa, and, his horses running away, he was thrown into a ditch where he was found dead the next day.

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

A short time ago the Rev. E. Crumney organized a Division at Compton, Quebec, with a membership of about eight. There was very little enthusiasm shown at the start, but the Division grew rapidly and now numbers over seventy and is still increasing. Lately a large and successful public meeting was held under its auspices and the temperance sentiment is reported to be growing stronger in the place.

"Atlantic Division," recently instituted at Archville, a suburb of Ottawa, invited P. M. W. P. Hon. Sir Leonard Tilley to attend its weekly meeting, and also requested the city and neighboring Divisions to honor the occasion with their presence. Sir Leonard, with his well known interest in the Order and his readiness to assist the good work in which it is engaged, at once accepted the invitation and visited this flourishing Division on the 17th inst. He was received with all the honors due so highly distinguished a brother and occupied the F. W. P.'s chair. The comfortable, neatly furnished, well lit Division Room was crammed to the door with Sons and Daughters of Temperance, to show how much the brother's kindness in attending was appreciated. The Divisions represented, besides the entertaining Division, were "Bytown," "Chaudiere," "Mount Sherwood" and "Quarry," amongst the more prominent members noticed being W. P.'s. Bros. Bartram, Rea, Kelly, and McGee, as also Bros. Hannum, W. Stewart, Slack, Thompson, Halkett and Alexander. Bro. Campbell, the efficient W. P. of "Atlantic" Division, in an able address, welcomed Sir Leonard and the Divisions present, extending to one and all a very cordial greeting. Sir Leonard's reply occupied an hour, was eloquent and full of words of encouragement, evidencing that length of years but increases his love for total abstinence principles and the Order for which he has so great a love and for which he has done so much. It inspired all with renewed zeal, and good results in advancing the Order here and elsewhere are sure to follow his kindly and brotherly, or rather fatherly, remarks. During the evening

"Atlantic" Division, not at all afraid of the numbers within its walls, hospitably entertained its guests with coffee and cake, bringing a very pleasant and agreeable evening to a close about 10.30. It is a grand invigorator, such a gathering, and now that the baby almost of the Order has shown so good an example, let it repeat the lesson and, while it is preparing to do so, let this Division and that follow its lead, vying with each other in bringing the family together to take sweet counsel together. Well done, "Atlantic;" may your shadow never grow less. BROOKE.

Ottawa, 18th Dec., 1883.

The Order continues to march on in Nova Scotia. New Divisions have been organized at Bayview, Pictou county; Head Pubnico, Yarmouth county; Amherst Point, Cumberland county; South Farmington, Annapolis county; Isaac's Harbor, Tor Bay and New Harbor, Guysboro' county, and a Division reorganized at Cape Island, Shelburne county. A Band of Hope has been organized in connection with the lately resuscitated Division at Guysboro' town. Messrs. Hutchings and Lewis, Grand Division agents, are the authors of most of this remarkable progress.

"Valley" Division, at Portland, a suburb of St. John, N. B., started thirteen months ago with 29 members, has now a membership of about 200 in good standing and lately dedicated a suitable hall for its meetings.

### GOOD TEMPI'RS.

Mr. P. J. Chisholm, G. W. C. T. of the Loyal Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, has organized a Lodge at Lorneville, Londonderry, in that Province, with 44 charter members. It is named "Colchester King" and starts out with excellent prospects of success. Mr. James M. Spence is W.C.T., and Mr. J. W. Williams Lodge Deputy.

Mr. J. C. Underhay, G. W. C. T. of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, has organized a Lodge called "Fidelity" at New Perth in that Province. Mr. Wm. C. West is W. C. T., and Mr. E. L. Lane, Lodge Deputy.

A TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION has been formed in the Episcopal Church at Sherbrooke, Q., with a large membership, including most of the best families in town. Besides those who have pledged themselves to total abstinence about an equal number have agreed to discountenance the custom of treating. This is very encouraging news at this festive season, and we should be glad to record similar movements in all our cities and towns.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS in Norfolk county, Ontario, are organizing to procure the Canada Temperance Act, and are encouraged by the hope that the measure will be adopted by the adjoining county of Oxford.

OVER TWO HUNDRED have signed the pledge through the instrumentality of the Temperance Association of Mitchell, Ontario.