

A WORD FOR THE LADIES.

The winter is now advancing and the nights are getting long. Now is the time to reason and to devise plans to help the cause. But we wish to say a few words for the ladies on this head. When we are helping the temperance cause and thereby helping the ladies also; we must not forget that late hours at the division rooms are a serious inconvenience to females, and also a bad thing for health. One of the most serious objections raised by the women to the members of the Melville Division of Sons, they told us is that the men stay out too late at night. Some ladies would not grumble so much, if their husbands stayed at taverns, or if they in coming home from markets loitered and spent their money at taverns on the road; but with them it is a serious thing for a man to remain until 10 or 11 o'clock at night at a division room, spending nothing and perfectly sober. Ladies who understand the true interests of their families and their sex will never keep their husbands from division rooms or temperance meetings. But on the other hand we have and the ladies have a very great objection to late hours in division rooms. Let all attend, meet early, talk less, quarrel none, and get home always at 10 o'clock, and if possible by 9. In the country, let divisions meet in the winter at six or half-past six o'clock and close at nine. In the cities let divisions uniformly open at 7 and close at half-past nine o'clock. You will find some in division rooms who want to keep them open later, but we are decidedly with the ladies in this matter. Nothing should be allowed to keep divisions in session after ten o'clock. On election and installation nights we advise divisions to meet an hour or half an hour earlier.

JOURNEY DOWN THE LAKE.

VIEW OF TORONTO FROM THE LAKE WHILST PASSING BY THE ISLAND EASTWARDLY.

Those who have not seen Toronto from the water for 20 minutes, whilst rounding the light-house, and going to the eastern end of the peninsula; a distance of four miles; cannot conceive how much better it looks from this view than any other. First the noble block comprising the Asylum buildings and the western end of the city, show to advantage. Then you perceive the great bulk of the city with its numerous churches and shining domes. Suddenly as you pass the trees on the Island and come opposite Privat's Hotel; the whole outlines of the city burst upon the view; showing at once the west end, Asylum, Lawyer's Hall, Churches, middle of the city, St. James' and Necropolis Burying grounds, and the eastern end of the city, with the highlands to the north. You have this broad view for some ten minutes. It is delightful to behold it as we did, on a fine day with a beautiful shining sun above and a blue lake beneath.

SCARBOROUGH HEIGHTS

Next strike the view, with their white banks rising in some places, near a hundred feet from the blue waters. The banks continue quite high for thirty miles until you come to the excellent harbour near Whitby village.

PORT HOPE

Lies quite close to the Lake and contains a much larger population and much better buildings than we expected to see there. The harbour we believe, is now very good. It consists of the Lower Town which lies in a deep hollow, through which a good stream runs; and the Upper Town about half a mile long; consisting principally of neat dwellings, seated among the trees. The Upper Town is very picturesque, neat and comfortable. The soil warm and sandy. In the Lower Town the houses are generally brick, most of them three and four stories high. A remarkably pretty brick building is just going up, four stories high. A neat comfortable looking street runs south towards the lake, with some good dwellings on it. The stream of water tumbles over a rocky bed, which at the same time affords many excellent mill privileges, and fine materials for building. The population of the place is about 3,000. It contains, we are told, five churches, three foundries, three grist mills, two distilleries, a woollen and carding factory, chair and machine and last factory, with other manufactories. There are a great number of fine looking stores, shops and mechanics' shops, and several large good looking taverns; but no temperance house. We are told there were nine distilleries in or near the town a few years ago. It contains also a weekly newspaper. We give merely a general description of this place, and not particulars. James Smith, Esq., the member for the county lives here and seems very popular. His return is said to be certain to the next parliament.

COBBOURG.

Is beautifully situated on the Lake, seven miles from Port Hope, with which it is connected by a good road. Its appearance from the Lake or land is very good, and its site is beautiful and healthy for a city. To the rear of it the lands ascend very much. We would suppose the country in the rear must be very healthy and picturesque. The town is very scattered, occupying a space of ground near two miles one way by near a mile wide. Over this space the town is built, in some places close and in others very scattered. Fine gardens and fine ornamental trees surround the dwellings. There is one long street well built up with neat buildings and stores, showing that Cobourg must be a place of considerable business. Cobourg must be a very pleasant place to live in. Its proximity to the Lake, with the constant arrival and departure of the steam boats at its wharf; render it at once lively and convenient for business and travellers. We observed many very neat private dwellings; also a proper share of well built churches. The Court house stands at the extreme west end of the town upon very high land. We met in the streets here, Ebenezer Perry, Esq., with whom we conversed a few minutes. There was a most striking likeness between him and his late lamented brother. One can see the same business habits energy and independence of character in both. It would delight us to see such a man as Mr. Perry brought out to represent Durham in Parliament. He is very extensively engaged in the mercantile and milling business in this vicinity. The order of the Sons has no better friend in Canada than this worthy brother. Cobourg contains a population of about 4,000, and is surrounded by a fine thriving agricultural country. We did not ex-

pect to find the country so well cultivated, from Bowmanville eastward as we found it. The country from Toronto to Kingston is all settled throughout, as well as it is from Toronto on Yonge Street to the Holland Landing.

THE STREETSVILLE CONVENTION.

All the proceedings that we have received in relation to the holding of a grand meeting of Divisions at Oakville in October, are as follows:

On Wednesday the 10th of Sept., 1851, the call was responded to by a number of divisions, and the following resolutions were re-adopted:

Moved by Bro Dixie, seconded by Bro Street and resolved—That Bro Ward take the Chair.

Moved by Bro Balmer, seconded by Bro Street, and

Resolved—That a great demonstration be made of as many Divisions of Sons of Temperance as can conveniently attend: at some central place between Toronto and Hamilton, on — day of October, 1851

Moved by Bro Jones, seconded by Bro Dixie, and

Resolved—That Oakville be the place of meeting for a demonstration of the Sons of Temperance.

Moved by Bro Jones, seconded by Bro Street, and

Resolved—That the Streetsville, Springfield, Thornby and Oakville Divisions send two members each to form a committee to make preparations for the great demonstration.

Moved by Bro Street, seconded by Bro Watkins, and

Resolved—That the committee meet on Thursday next, at the Temperance Hotel, at five o'clock.

Moved by Bro Street, seconded by Bro Fletcher, and

Resolved—That Bro Jones communicate with, and procure the services of J. B. Gough, Esq.

The Committee met on Thursday, to make preparation and the following was decided. That a dinner be provided at twelve o'clock, consisting of good substantial cold ham, beef, &c., at a charge of 1s. 3d. Tables to be placed in the chestnut grove for the accommodation of six or seven hundred; after dinner a lecture. Tea will be prepared at a charge of 7d.; after tea a lecture in the Hall. The Cooksville Band will be in attendance.

WILLIAM W. JONES.

Secretary.

Oakville, 19th September, 1851.

N. B. — We would suggest that this meeting be held about the 25th instant, if possible.—EDMON SON.

MEETING OF THE GRAND DIVISION—NUMBER OF DIVISIONS AND MEMBERS.

{ Office of Grand Division, S. of T.,
{ Brockville, 3rd October, 1851.

To the Editor of the Son of Temperance.

Sir and Brother.—Yours of the 30th of September last respecting the number of Divisions and members of the order of the Sons of Temperance, &c., duly received. There are 328 divisions numbering about 20,000 members in Canada. The Grand Division meets at Brockville on Wednesday, the 22nd inst.

In L. P. and F.,

W. H. ELLERBECK.

G. S.

ERIN TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.

A spirited temperance meeting was held at Erinville, on Thursday, the 4th of September; at which a large attendance of Sons and friends of Temperance took place, comprising Brothers from Guelph, Georgetown, Orangeville, Caledon, and Esquevas Divisions. Eight Ministers representing as many denominations of Christians were on the platform and everything went off to the joy and satisfaction of all.

DON MILLS SOIREE.

The Division at the Don Mills held a Soiree on the 3rd inst. We will give the full particulars in our next. The attendance was not very large owing to the bad weather.