

present. Brother Caswell, reported on behalf of the New Dominion Division that it was going on prosperously. Brother G. M. Rose, stated that he had listened attentively to the remarks of Brother McMillan and others, but thought the Order in the old days was in a very different position from what it is now. Temperance was then the question, the burning question of the day. The people have now been educated to such an extent, that they admit all we say on this subject; consequently the programmes in our meetings have undergone a change—a change for the better, for now members are induced to cultivate a taste for reading and their mental powers are developed. Sometimes, however, we were slightly frivolous in the Division room, though healthful amusement should be provided for members. He held that every night, something should be said in regard to Temperance. There was very little that was new on the subject, but, in the Division room something should be said every night. In regard to non-attendance, Brother Rose stated the remedy, "Give our members work to do." He then advocated a series of public meetings all over the city, and a committee was appointed to carry his suggestion into effect. Some further remarks were made by Brothers Pell, Little, McMillan and G. M. Rose, and the meeting adjourned at 10.10 p.m. In L. P. & F.,

A MEMBER.

—The man who drinks, is not always an idiot, as one might suppose. The greatest statesmen have ceased to be great; the best writers in the world have dropped their pens when they were the most useful and brilliant—splendid fellows, whom men admired and women loved—have fallen in their heyday, because of rum. In one word, half the world is a failure, its hopes wrecked, its love an offering on a ruined shrine; its schemes dead failures, its crimes legion; its prisons and charnel houses full, because of "the man who drinks."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Questioner.—Certainly not. A G.W.P. has no authority to suspend any officer of the Grand Division; and to fill the vacancy by a temporary appointment. In such cases the facts should be reported to the Grand Division.

Belle.—Yes; but it would not be wise to insist upon the question being put.

Youth.—A member under eighteen years of age may hold the office of Assistant Recording Scribe.

J. C. O.—No member of our order can be suspended or expelled for any offence against the Laws without a trial and conviction upon charges properly preferred.

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The Annual Session.

WE would beg to remind our readers that the Annual Session of the Grand Division will be held in Oshawa, commencing on Tuesday the 7th of December. Arrangements are being made with the various Railway companies for the usual reduction of fares.

We hope to see a large attendance of representatives present on this occasion. The Oshawa friends have resolved to give all who come a hearty welcome. Therefore let each Division send at least one representative.

The Sons of Temperance.

THIS Order was started in 1842 to supplement and to solidify the results of the Washingtonian reformation. It was evident that something was needed to make permanent the blessings of total abstinence. During a large part of these thirty-eight years, the Order has been increasing in numbers and power, till it is at work

now in nearly every State and Territory of the Union, in Canada, in Great Britain, and in islands, of both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The Division room is an educator. The Women's Crusade and the present systematic and extended organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, are but the legitimate results of the teachings of the Order. Our beautiful ritual—the sublimest portion of which was written by a highly educated and extremely sympathetic deaf and dumb man, by the name of James Nack—is so filled with the spirit of love and self-sacrifice for the welfare of others, that it appeals to the highest faculties of our nature, and seems to possess the real fire of inspiration. Its influence in moulding character has been felt with great power. People wonder that women should be ready, apparently at just the right time, to enter upon the public duties to which many women are called at the present hour. To those who belong to the Order of the Sons of Temperance, there is nothing wonderful in these facts. During the past ten or twelve years, women have been admitted to the same privileges as the men, in our Order. They are elected to office and perform the duties of all the offices in the Division. The business is transacted strictly according to parliamentary practice. The humblest member is able to take part in debates, and women especially show an interest, and take part in the transaction of business, and speak in debates, in such a manner and with such freedom as would astonish any outsiders.