

Quebec Correspondence of Advocate.

SIR,—Since I last wrote you, we have had a gala time of it in this old city. You are aware, no doubt, that on the 8th of Sept., the delegates from the different parts of the country, forming the Grand Division of Canada East, met in Quebec to hold their second quarterly session. The friends here determined that this opportunity should not be lost, but that every effort should at once be put forth, not only to render the reception of our visitors all that they could wish, but also to make such an impression upon the public mind as would redound to the credit of the Order, and to the advancement of our glorious cause. Although at the extremity, I may say, of the province, at least so far as the practicability of extending our beloved Order is concerned, and although shut up for six months of the year, and a bit at each end of them, with snow and ice, the cold being so intense as to almost freeze the life out of the inhabitants, we have nevertheless, as a body, succeeded in preserving a certain amount of warmth in that seat of the affections—the heart—and this warmth was manifested by those who had been entrusted with the reception of the delegates. On the morning upon which they were expected, a committee, known as the “Good and Welfare Committee,” were in attendance at the boat to receive their brethren from a distance. As soon as the usual introductions and compliments had been duly attended, the whole, numbering twenty, marched to the residence of Brother Shaw, whose hospitality had provided a breakfast for them. Breakfast concluded, the friends from a distance were conducted to the houses of the brethren, whose hospitable abodes are always open for the reception of the friend and brother. I presume, sir, that the Grand Division were engaged in session during the whole of that day, and the fore part of the next; I shall, therefore, pass over this part of the proceedings, being, as they are, a sealed book to all but the duly initiated.

On the Thursday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, numbers of persons, dressed in holiday attire, could be seen flocking to the Masonic buildings, where evidently some more than ordinary matter was being transacted. This, sir, was no less a matter than the presentation of the Quebec petitions, which were numerous signed, to the Legislature, for the passage of the Maine Liquor Law. The Governor General had kindly signified his intention to receive the Petition from the hands of the Sons themselves. Accordingly the Grand Division deputed their officers to wait upon His Excellency, on arriving at the Government House, they were almost immediately introduced, when the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Mr. J. C. Becket of Montreal, read the petition and then handed it to His Excellency, who received it very kindly, and made a short and encouraging reply. On the return of the deputation to the Division Room, about 3 o'clock, the procession, composed of the Cadets, the Gough and St. Lawrence Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, and the Grand Division, sallied forth, the precious document being carried by the Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Order in this section of the Province. The procession, with banners flying, made a circuit of the city, so arranging it as to pass by the establishments of those men of “good moral character,” who are licensed for the especial benefit of the community to pour the liquid fire down the throats of unwary victims. I mean, sir, the respectable venders. Arrived at the Parliament House, where our city members were in waiting, one of whom has pledged himself to the unflinching support of the Maine Law, and the other of whom has given a partial assent, and I think may be relied upon. The petitions having been presented, and an appropriate answer returned,

three cheers were given for the members, Messrs. Stuart and Dubord, and three for the Maine Law. The procession then proceeded to the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, when one of the best temperance sermons to which I have ever listened was preached by the Rev. Mr. Borland. To attempt to you even a most remote idea of the subject matter of the discourse would be impossible, in a communication necessarily limited in length. In the evening, a Temperance meeting was held in Russell's Concert Hall, which was very well attended;—it was addressed by the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, J. W. Rose, Esq., M.P.P. for Dundas, the Rev. Mr. Wood, Congregational Minister of this city, and Mr. Thomas White, jr., all of whom touched more or less upon the subject of the Maine Law, and the many frivolous and absurd arguments which are brought against it, completely demolishing every vestige of an argument, and leaving the opponents of the measure, not even a leg to stand upon. On Friday evening another meeting was held, which, however, owing to the unpropitious weather—it raining hard at the time the meeting should commence—was not so fully attended. This second meeting was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Marsh and Borland of this city, and the Rev. Mr. Macgregor of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The delegates left Quebec by the steamer on Friday night, and, so far as we have been able to learn, were very much delighted with their trip, and pleasingly disappointed with our ancient metropolis. I believe the meeting of the Grand Division has been a most harmonious one, likely to result in good to the order and advancement to the cause of Temperance.

I had almost omitted to mention the Sons of Temperance Orchestra, who enlivened the meetings with their music. This was their first appearance in public, and I can assure you that they rather “astonished the natives” by the progress which they had made. They are likely to prove a most efficient auxiliary to our meetings in the winter season.

I had intended, in this communication, to say something in reference to the progress of our cause in the Assembly, but I have already extended my letter longer than I anticipated, and shall, therefore, merely mention that the Maine Law has been introduced by the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, seconded by no less a personage than Col. Prince. Promising to take a peep into the Legislature in my next, I remain, yours, &c.,

T. W.

Quebec, 11th Sept., 1852.

(From our Kingston Correspondent.)

Kingston, August 28, 1852.

I have great pleasure in informing you of a fresh impetus given to the cause of temperance in this city. For some time past the friends have been desirous of having a meeting for a free expression of sentiment, relative to a protective law against the evils of the manufacture and sale of liquors. At length it was unanimously decided by the Temperance Societies, yea, urgently determined that we would not be behind our sister cities, and it was deemed prudent to have a meeting under the protection of the Mayor, and a requisition to that effect was signed by several Ministers of the Gospel, physicians, and other citizens. As soon as publicity was given to this request, (to which the Mayor assented, and at once called the meeting, promising to preside, or provide, a senior Alderman, in his absence), the great champion of grog, Dr. Barker, of the *Whig*, sounded the alarm, and urged upon the rumocracy to put down, what he called, fanaticism, and bigotry, and endeavored to intimidate the lovers of peace, to prevent their attendance. Bills were posted up, and printed circulars for caucus meetings to be