

PROPHETIC.

The spirit of Medical intolerance, from the incomprehensible depths of its profoundly scholastic cogitations, has boldly predicted that the "Unfettered Canadian" will soon end its days under the *treatment* of Medical Reformers; and that the Editor will sink into infamy with it, for having dared to shake the tyrant's throne. The prophecy, however, has this saving clause,—"Unless a special arrangement has been made with the printer." Now our arrangement with the printer is simply this, that he shall receive payment for the 1st. number before the 3d. is issued: and for the 2d. before the 4th. is published; and thus in continuance. Fifty dollars in addition to what we have secured will clear the first number. Now, as we are constantly employed in the instruction of our Academic class, and in the discharge of other duties connected with the institution, so that we cannot leave home; our agents and friends, will, for this month, have the special duty to perform of collecting and remitting the above named sum. Remit *quickly* and you will *quickly* see the 3d. number, unfettered by disease or the symptoms of dissolution.

Next month, (D. V.) we shall be with you in the field, and though not even the son of a prophet, we hesitate not to predict, that we will collect one half the printer's monthly claim in addition to conducting the work.—Our friends throughout the province will doubtless accomplish the rest. In the execution of our task we will not shrink from calling personally from house to house, believing that the importance of our object, will fully justify every such open and honorable measure. As we have but a short time to live, (according to prophecy,) we will be diligent.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

STATISTICS.—The last Annual Report of the U. S. National Division, presents the following:

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| Number of Divisions in the U. S., | 2,651 |
| Members initiated during the year, | 68,237 |
| Whole number of members, | 149,372 |
| Whole amount of receipts of sub Div. in the U. S. | \$475,937.57 |
| Whole amount of Benefits paid out, | 140,058.39 |
| " Cash on hand, | 208,666.65 |
| Number of deaths, | 772 |

In New Brunswick, we are happy to observe that the Sons are applying to the Legislature, now in session, for an act of incorporation. One of the Members of the house in recommending the measures, stated that 50 Divisions already existed in the Province, possessing property to the amount of more than £6,000. The Honorable member represented the Order as worthy of all confidence and eminently calculated to promote universal peace and prosperity, among all classes of men.

In Canada West, the first Division was instituted on the 22d of June 1848, in the Town of Brockville. Five others have since been organized; one in each of the following localities; Kingston, North Augusta, Farmersville, Coleman's Corners, and Gananoque. These Divisions are now taking steps to institute a Grand Division for Canada; when, there is good reason to believe, the Order will speedily spread over the whole of Canada, checking vice in its course, establishing habits of sobriety and order, and turning the flowing tide of sociality into the most pleasing and profitable channels.

Decomposition of Light by the Eye.

A correspondent sends us the following:—

"On closing the eyes, after having looked steadfastly at a sheet of white paper held in the sun for about a half a minute, and covering them without pressure, to exclude extraneous light, (a silk handkerchief held in the hand will answer the purpose,) the figure of the paper remains visible for some time. At first it is generally white, and then gradually changes through the colors of the spectrum. All the colors are seldom seen at the same trial; and it rarely happens, when one or more are missed that they afterwards appear.—Thus, when the change is from green to red, yellow or orange are seldom seen. The change from white generally commences with a light indigo or blue, and terminates with red, or some compound of it, but sometimes a deep blue or violet. The colors are generally seen at the edges of the figure first, though this is not always the case; and when they once appear, they often remain mixed up with those that succeed. Many curious modifications and confused mixtures of colors will be perceived at times; but it seldom happens that the colors develop themselves, in the first instance, contrary to the order, in the spectrum, although when the last appeared, they occur in various ways. This is a phenomenon which I have not seen noticed anywhere; and it would seem to arise from the retina decomposing the light that falls upon it, surrendering the rays in the order of refrangibility.—*Athenaeum*."