

are going wrong? And you know you are going wrong. I never knew a man going wrong who was not aware of it. Going wrong! You do not hear them defend it, never—but excuse it. "Oh, it will all come right in the end." What will? "Oh, young men must sow their wild oats." Yes, and they must reap too. "It will be all the same a hundred years hence." What will? Two diverging lines go on widening to all eternity. There is no cross-cut. If you begin wrong, young man, you never can get right till you come back with bleeding feet, and torn flesh, and streaming tears, and broken heart. And many a man has died in the effort to get back. Oh, the beginning! So many go into ruin with all of life before them.

You are like a switchman, as we call him, on the railway. Here comes the locomotive and the train of cars freighted with human life, hopes and happiness; and your hand is on that switch. You can turn that train on to the main track; you can turn it on to the siding; you can turn it down the bank; but, when it has passed by, your control over it is gone for ever. Never will you have another such opportunity; and opportunities are passing you day by day—day by day. By-and-by some will say, as poor Churchill did on his death-bed, "All gone! every opportunity lost! What a fool I have been!"

Young man, is that to be the end of your life, with all its prospects and all its bright hopes?

### Our Divisions.

#### Toronto District Division.

DEAR SIR—The Toronto District Division has just inaugurated a system of weekly fraternal visiting at some one or other of our city Divisions. This appears to be a very good plan; it will assist in keeping alive the interest in our Order during the summer months, and will materially help and encourage weak Divisions. The first meeting of the series was held at Crystal Fountain, on the

11th of May, and was well attended. The first speaker gave a brief address, on the vexed question of "absentees," which had been alluded to by the Worthy Patriarch. He said, that our obligations as Sons of Temperance, was too frequently forgotten. Each member should consider himself *the Division*, and that would ensure his faithful attendance. The speaker felt in that manner, viz.: that *it would not be Crystal Fountain Division if he were away*. Consequently he was if possible invariably present at the meetings. He next spoke of the programmes which are usually presented, and stated that formerly we were accustomed to give our members a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," to use the poet's language; but those days were past, and the entertainments presented now were of a sadly deteriorated character. He felt confident, however, that they could again be elevated in tone. He said most earnestly that the Order must not be suffered to decline, and concluded with the pointed remarks: "When men *feel* that they are going to be something, they *will* be something." He urged Divisions to do likewise. Songs and brief addresses followed. Brother Caswell explained the recent action of the District Division in instituting these weekly fraternal visits, and forcibly added, "Our motto must be 'Excelsior,' like a man determined to succeed. *Come weal, come woe, we determine to succeed!* Although down at present we must not remain so, but at once arise again." A very pleasant evening was spent, and the Division adjourned at ten o'clock P.M. The example of Toronto can be profitably followed by other cities. Fraternal visits never fail to do good. In L., P. and F.

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#### Coldstream Division.

DEAR SIR,—On Wednesday evening, June 3rd, the other city divisions paid a fraternal visit to Coldstream, and were hospitably entertained with ice-cream and cake. With speeches,

songs, and readings, the evening passed very pleasantly. Coldstream Division is in a flourishing state. The Grand Worthy Patriarch, Brother G. M. Rose, concluded a brief address, by claiming the support to which he is justly entitled. He declared that he would not have taken the office of G. W. P. if he had not depended upon his friends in Toronto to help him. "You will often see me," said he to the members of Coldstream, "I will come and stir you up." He was determined that all the Divisions in the city should double their numbers within a reasonable time. Crystal Fountain had promised him this, and Coldstream must do the same. "I am getting up in years," concluded brother Rose, "have worked the greater part of my life for the advancement of the Order, and do not want to go down to my grave without seeing the Sons of Temperance accomplish the work which Providence intended they should do." Every Division throughout the Province must feel greatly encouraged that such a firm hand holds the helm, and must also feel it to be their duty and pleasure to give our leader all the assistance in their power.

—In the Bonds of the Order,

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TORONTO, 3rd June, 1880.

#### Grand Division Sons of Temperance.

From the Casket.

THE semi-annual session of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, of Ontario, was held at Orillia, commencing on Tuesday 25th May. The G. W. P., Mr. J. G. Howe, of Ottawa, was not present because of ill health and pressure of business and his resignation was tendered. G. M. Rose, Esq., of Toronto, was appointed in his stead. Mr. Rose is one of the most zealous and best known members of the Order in Canada. He was while residing in Montreal, in 1861, elected G. W. P., for the Province of Quebec, and since his residence in Toronto, in 1873, and again in 1874, elected G. W. P., for Ontario. This therefore, makes the fourth time of