

had we a few more such Deputies as our good brother Mealy, the order would not long continue in its present depressed condition. Who will follow Bro. Mealy's good example and arouse another sleeping Division?

—The D. G. W. P. of Lotus, writes: "We are having a great time in our Division, having been ejected by force out of the School House, we purpose building a new Hall, and hope that in next report we will have added considerable to our numbers." We commend the spirit that actuates the members of Lotus Division, and trust that, notwithstanding the interference of the school authorities, they will not be discouraged.

Correspondence.

THE CHILDREN.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR.—I had recently the pleasure of attending a Band of Hope entertainment. The children acquitted themselves remarkably well, going through their usual exercises, questions on total abstinence, etc., and singing their Temperance songs in an earnest and most spirited manner. Bro. G. M. Rose was present, and delighted the young ones with a magic lantern exhibition. The members of our Order can imagine the goodly amount of Temperance which he contrived to instil into their minds at the same time. Many of the scenes represented the downward progress of the drunkard, until he filled a suicide's grave. Mr. Rose was not connected with the juvenile organization just named, but he has a Band of Hope of his own, in connection with the church which he represents. I was greatly pleased to see the Temperance interest manifested by the children, but felt sorry at heart that there is not, in all our city, a single Section of Cadets. Why cannot such societies be formed in connection with our Order as well as outside of it? Then the children would

grow up Sons of Temperance in miniature, and at fourteen years of age would be rejoiced to step over into the adult society. When our Order needs building up, as it does at present, it is surely a short-sighted policy on our part to overlook the little ones.—Yours in L. P. & F.,

A MEMBER.

Toronto, 3rd May, 1880.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—In nearly all our Divisions the members sometimes find it a difficult matter to so combine pleasure with instruction as to interest both young and old. Crystal Fountain Division have recently passed some very pleasant evenings in this manner:—Each member writes a question on a slip of paper, the Conductor collects them and shakes them together in a hat, after which the brothers and sisters draw one apiece. If a member cannot answer the question which has fallen to his lot, he has the privilege of handing it to a friend. There is ample scope here, both for instruction and amusement; but of course the questions should not be of a trivial or foolish nature. The following are a few of those which were drawn from the hat: "How is Prohibition prospering?" "Is Life worth living?" "Why are Scotchmen more clannish than others?" "How can we induce our members to attend more regularly?" "Is the Biblical account of the Creation consistent with the discoveries of Modern Science?" etc. In explanation of the mode of proceeding, I will mention a question of great interest to the Sons of Temperance at large; it was answered by the Deputy.

"Now that the Scott Act has been declared constitutional; wherein lies our duty?" Bro. Rose characterized it as an excellent question for a text, and after some preliminary remarks relating to the liquor-dealers' determination to appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court,

he declared it was our duty to commence to agitate at once. The temperance people of Canada had not allied themselves with either of the great political parties, which was well, as otherwise they would simply have been used as instruments. He would like to see a *third* party formed—the pure Prohibition party. The lower Provinces, New Brunswick especially, had laws already which were ahead of the Scott Act. In the latter Province it was almost impossible for a man to obtain a license so numerous were the restrictions imposed. In several counties the traffic was comparatively unknown, but the new Temperance Act would be a benefit in the large cities. Consequently it had been passed in Frederickton and other places. In regard to Ontario, Lambton is the only county, so far, that has adopted the Scott Act. Mr. Rose hoped it would prove like the measles, very contagious—in short—that it would spread like the plague, and not only be taken up by single counties, but by *blocks* of counties, so that the liquor manufactured there would have to be sold at a considerable distance away. He again repeated that we ought to agitate. "Nothing can be done without agitation; nothing can be done without education." The great trouble with us heretofore has been, that the laws were ahead of public sentiment. We have had excellent laws but could do nothing with them. Perhaps it would be better to leave Prohibition alone, at present, and try the Scott Act in the meantime. This would educate the people for the more sweeping measure. Bro. Rose's able answer to the question was received with well-merited applause.—Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity.—M.

Toronto, April 28th, 1880.

Obituary.

DIED, April 17th, 1880, in Osprey, after a short illness, Bro. William Heron, P.W.P., in his 49th year, leaving a devoted wife and family to mourn his loss. Bro. Heron was a charter mem-