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### TO READERS AND FRIENDS.

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### THE LIQUOR CONSUMED.

The quantity of alcoholic liquors consumed in Canada each year is much greater than is generally imagined by those who have not given attention to the question. When some temperance men make estimates in regard to the extent and the results of the drink traffic, they are often supposed to be guilty of unmeasurable exaggeration, and yet, in most instances, these calculations are actually under the mark. We propose to give here a few figures bearing directly on this question from the Government official returns of the past year, and all of them supplied by either the makers or the sellers in connection with the business. As it is on the basis of these figures that those supplying them are compelled to pay heavy excise or customs duties it is evident enough that there is no exaggeration in this case. There is every inducement to make the figures as low as they can be possibly accepted, and, of course, they do not include the quantities smuggled, or produced by adulteration, or made by illicit stills at all. Probably one-third more might be added to these figures all round and then not reach the actual quantities as they are consumed. According to the trade and navigation returns of the last fiscal year the total quantity of alcoholic liquors imported for home consumption was one million seven hundred and four thousand five hundred and fifty-five gallons. During the same year, according to the excise returns, the quantity of proof spirits manufactured for home consumption was three million five hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred and eighteen gallons. The quantity of malt liquors manufactured for home consumption was twelve million thirty-six thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine gallons. As the alcohol, or proof spirits, is probably three times as strong as the drinks commonly sold and consumed, the amount of spirituous liquors, as drank, represented by that quantity of proof spirits would be about 10,656,454 gallons. Adding these figures together we have the enormous quantity of

24,397,988 gallons, wine measure, or considerably over a million barrels for last year's home consumption. With a total population in the Dominion of 4,324,810, embracing 2,135,956 females who few of them drink at all, and some hundreds of thousands of men and boys who are teetotallers, the quantity consumed by the balance who do drink would suggest a pretty droughty set of tipplers somewhere in this country. In connection with these facts a word or two may well be said in regard to the great quantity of the products of our soil—a leading source of our national wealth, wasted or worse than wasted in connection with the home manufacture of liquors. The brewers report to the Government that they consumed during the year 37,910,046 lbs of malt, representing, at thirty-three lbs to the bushel, about 1,148,790 bushels of barley. The distillers credit themselves with consuming 70,402,510 lbs of grain in their business, of which nearly three-fourths was corn imported from the United States and paid for in hard cash, and the balance wheat, rye, oats and barley of Canadian growth. With over a million barrels of liquor drunk up last year, and over three million bushels of grain destroyed it will be seen that our drink traffic has a serious financial as well as moral aspect.

### WOMAN'S C. T. UNION.

THROUGH THE LABORS OF MRS. LETITIA YOUNG the Woman's Christian Temperance Union movement in the Province of Quebec has made a good start during the last few weeks. After organizing a Union in Montreal, Mrs. Young went to Quebec, where a Union had previously been formed. Her visit to the ancient capital produced most satisfactory results. The ladies were strengthened and encouraged. They agreed in the meantime to adopt the constitution of the Provincial Union of Ontario, and to favor the formation of a Provincial Union for Quebec. Unions have also been formed at Three Rivers, Danville, Richmond, Sherbrooke, Coaticook, Cowansville, Sutton, East Farnham, Lachute, St. Andrews and Aylmer. Mrs. Young has previously formed a Union in Huntingdon, and there is one at Stanstead formed in connection with the State Union of Vermont. There are, therefore, fifteen Unions in this Province, with openings for several more. The necessity for a Provincial Union will soon be apparent.

### GOSPEL TEMPERANCE WORK.

WATFORD, ONT., has one of the most efficient and successful temperance societies in the Dominion. It is a Gospel Temperance Club, and from the date of its organization, nearly three years ago, has held a public meeting every Sunday afternoon, in addition to a number of week-night meetings. The work has been carried on entirely by laymen, and the interest has never flagged. The meetings are attended as regularly and as well as any church in the town. Quarterly meetings are also held, when all the clergymen of the place are invited to cooperate in a union service, other services

for the evening being withdrawn. Tracts are distributed quite frequently, and the club owns and edits a column for the temperance cause, in one of the local papers. One of the originators of this club was Mr. Haining, of New York, who obtained some notoriety as the station-agent discharged by Manager Broughton, of the Great Western Railway, for talking temperance. His co-worker in the organization of the club is still at the helm—Mr. W. W. Buchanan, a Past National President of the United Temperance Association. We say our respects to the club by sending the Secretary a bundle of this edition of our paper for free distribution.

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

HOWARD DIVISION, MONTREAL, is the oldest Division of the Order in the Province of Quebec. It was organized in March, 1850, and has had a continuous existence ever since, and is now in a prosperous condition. On Friday evening last the thirty-third anniversary was celebrated by a pleasant entertainment in the Division room. The hall was well filled and there was a pleasant entertainment of speeches, readings, recitations and vocal and instrumental music. The Rev. D. Winters gave an excellent address.

MR. THOMAS McMURRAY, well known for many years on the temperance platform, has been engaged for some time past as the lecturer of the Grand Division of Ontario, and in this capacity he appears to be meeting with good success. He has organized new Divisions at Stouffville, Port Perry and Altona, all in the County of Ontario. There are now seventeen divisions in operation in that county.

AT THE RECENT MEETING of the Grand District Division, held on the 22nd ult., the reports of the delegates in regard to the progress of the Order in the County were encouraging. There was an earnest discussion in regard to proposed legislation on the liquor traffic and a decided opposition was manifested in regard to lessening any of the restrictions now found in the Crooks Act.

MR. THOMAS HUTCHINGS, formerly of Montreal, has been for some years a resident of Nova Scotia, and the lecturer of the Grand Division of that Province. The excellent success of the Order in the Mayflower Province during the last few years is largely attributable to his labors. Almost every week he reports the organization or resuscitation of divisions.

MR. J. S. HALL, of Montreal, is probably the oldest Grand Scribe in the world. He is now about eighty years of age and is yet hale and active in the work, attending to the duties of his office every day, and a regular attendant at the weekly meetings of his Division. He is also the M. W. A., of the National Division.

A NEW DIVISION has been organized at Winnipeg and Mr. Geo. P. Bliss, formerly of Moncton, New Brunswick, is the W. P. It receives its charter from the Grand Division of Ontario.

### GOOD TEMPLARS.

In consequence of the great emigration to Manitoba during the last few years, the Lodges in the old Provinces lost many of their valued members. It is evident, however, that most of these workers have not lost their zeal in the cause. About a dozen Lodges have already been instituted, and some of them are very successfully at work, though laboring under most serious disadvantages, consequent to a new and sparsely settled country. Lodges are now at work in the following places: City of Winnipeg, three. One of these, Fort Garry, has been at work for ten years and reports over two hundred members. Thomas Nixon L. D. "City of Winnipeg," No. 15, Thomas Nixon, Jr., L. D.; "Excelsior," Wm. Blackader, L. D.; "Western Star," Minnedosa, J. F. Boyd L. D.; "Western Star," Pomeroy, John Phillips, Jr., L. D.; "Refuge," Carman city, Rev. F. M. Finn, L. D.; "Star," Dominion City, J. W. Ross, L. D. A new one is also established at Emerson, but no particulars of it are yet received. There are also lodges, dormant just now, at Kildonan, Poplar Point, and Selkirk.

ON MONDAY EVENING of last week a new lodge, Prince of Wales, was instituted at St. Johns, Quebec, by Mr. S. A. Lebourveau, G. W. S., with twenty-one charter members. The new lodge is made up of excellent material and promises to be an important help to the temperance work of that locality. W. C. T., W. E. Manson; W. V., Miss Duffy; W. S., D. W. Douglass; F. S., W. H. Allen; T., W. A. Campbell; C., C. A. Ryan; M., J. Patterson; I. G., Miss M. Patterson; O. G., Jas. Webster; L. D., Peter Duffy; R. H. S., Miss A. E. Douglass; L. H. S., Miss M. E. Dewar; D. M., Miss McCarty; A. S., C. C. Stewart.

THE NEXT ANNUAL SESSION of the Grand Lodge of Ontario will be held in the town of Woodstock, commencing Tuesday, June 26th, at ten o'clock, and it will probably continue two or three days. Arrangements will be made with the railways for reduced fares to all delegates and members desiring to attend, and the necessary certificates will be issued in due time by the G. W. S., T. W. Casey, of Napanee.

THE REV. D. W. BRISTOL, one of the pioneers of the Order, and the author of the present Good Templars' ritual, died at his residence, Ithaca, N. Y., the first week in last month. He was a man of education and ability and highly esteemed.

THE GRAND LODGE of Maine will meet at Lewiston on Wednesday, 11th inst. There are now 300 lodges and 20,000 members of the Order in the Pine Tree State. The Order in Maine has been very energetic and prosperous for the past few years.

THE GRAND LODGE of New York reports the institution of thirteen new lodges during the month and nine juvenile temples. The capitation tax is large and a number of active agents are employed with good success.

NORTH STAR LODGE was reorganized at North Coaticook, Quebec, on Friday, March 16th, by W. H. Lamby, G. W. C. T., with twenty-four members.