

case, the Order of the Sons of Temperance has mostly had to depend on the contributions of its members to maintain its propagation work; that there are hundreds of persons who sympathise with our objects, many of whom have been members of the Order and who would willingly contribute towards sustaining our lecture and agency work if an opportunity were offered them, there is no doubt. A few years since a system was adopted by which an opportunity was offered for all who approved of our objects to contribute to our Lecture Fund. During the late financial depression, it was found difficult to successfully carry out the system, and although collectors books were forwarded and earnest appeals made but very little was contributed. In the meantime many of our Divisions have become weakened, and a special effort is now needed to revive the interest, awaken the dormant, strengthen the weak, and build up new Divisions. Like all other institutions, financial means are required for that purpose, and during the present month collectors books will be forwarded to each Division. We trust that as soon as the books are received by the Divisions committees will be appointed to make a thorough canvass of the neighbourhood and give every one an opportunity to contribute something. No matter how small the amount raised, let no Division feel they cannot take hold of this work because they cannot raise a large amount. The small amounts, when added together, will create the fund. Let each of our Divisions take a special interest in this work. Many of our Divisions had books sent to them last year which they can now use, and we hope that the members who read this will see that immediate steps are taken to carry out our suggestions. There never was a more favourable opportunity for the propagation work of our Order than the present, and it devolves upon our members to push forward the work. In addition to the collecting system, many of our Divisions

could greatly increase the amount by holding public entertainments, and devote the proceeds to the Lecture Fund. Brothers and Sisters, interest yourselves in this matter, and let us have a liberal response. G. S.

DISTRICT DIVISIONS.

To the Editor,

SIR,—Is it true that the Executive of the Grand Division has been increased by adding the G. W. A and the P. G. W. P. to it? I suppose it is now composed of the G. W. P., G. S. and G. T. with the two added ones. Now is it intended that this Executive should meet once in two or three months? If so, how are the expenses of their meeting to be paid? If they are not to meet how are they to act? Are they to correspond with one another on any matter submitted to them? If so, how are their postage and other necessary expenses to be met?

I notice Rep. Botterell gave notice that at the next session he would move to make it compulsory on Divisions to form District Divisions in their respective counties. I would like to enquire how can we compel them to form these District Divisions for I would like to see a little pressure brought to bear on them now. Ontario County ought to have a District Division or two, one for North Ontario and one for South Ontario. What is the County Deputy doing? We must reduce his salary if he does not do something.—Yours &c. D. G. W. P.

Toronto, 21st January, 1880.

Miscellaneous.

An Enemy made a Friend.

CERTAIN nobleman was implicated in a conspiracy against Peter the Great. The proofs, however, not being strong enough, Peter left him unmolested, and even unconscious of being suspected. Some time after the Czar had occasion to send a skillful and able politician to a court where a great service was to be done, and he immediately fixed upon the nobleman in question.

The latter demurred, and pleaded his incapacity, upon which the Czar, smiling, and tapping him on the shoulder, observed "My dear count, he that is capable of plotting against his own sovereign cannot surely want the ability of doing the same against his sovereign's enemies." The count stood for a while petrified, then accepted the commission, and succeeded to the utmost wishes of Peter.

Not a Safe Test.

LOVE is proverbially blind; but a girl loses nothing if she allows a little common sense to mix with it. Many a girl has had her whole happiness for life destroyed because she obstinately chose to form her estimate of the character of a suitor exclusively by his behaviour towards her, and his professions of love, rather than by his conduct towards others. It is a pretty safe rule that a man's whole life, if but an exemplification of selfishness, will not long continue generous in relation to his wife. Character is seldom revolutionized by marriage. There may be a slight reform temporarily, but it rarely lasts long. And men suffer as well as women from ill-assorted marriages. Many a towering ambition has been crushed, many a cupful of happiness has been converted into the dregs of bitterness, from the neglect of a young man to become thoroughly acquainted with a girl before engaging himself to her. Then be not in too great haste to marry; reflect well before taking this most important step in life.

Elements of Success.

IN nine cases out of ten, a man's life will not be a success if he does not bear burdens in his childhood. If the fondness or the vanity of the father or mother has kept him from hard work; if another always helped him out at the end of the rows; if, instead of taking his turn at pitching off, he stowed all the time—in short, if what was light fell to him, and what was heavy about the work to somebody else; if he has been permitted to shirk, until