

"Lord, thou hast here thy ninety-and-nine ;
Are they not enough for thee ?
But the Shepherd made answer : "Thine of mine
Has wandered away from me :
And although the road be rough and steep
I go to the desert to find my sheep."

Our Divisions.

Good Will Division, No. 214.

SAULT STE. MARIE,
Sept. 30, 1880.

OUR valuable little paper the *Son of Temperance* sent to the Sault is read with great interest by myself and other members of our Division. We have often been cheered by reading the glowing accounts of the prosperity of other Divisions in the older settled parts of the Dominion. We are always glad to hear of each other's prosperity, and I thought it might be of interest to some to hear of the success of the temperance cause in this town and the neighbourhood of Sault Ste Marie. Good Will Division, No. 214, was organized on the 13th day of February, 1876, and I can assure you for the first eighteen months it was not all smooth sailing. First, during that period we had a good deal of contention in the Division, which I am now happy to say is a thing of the past ; and secondly King Alcohol-reigned supreme, and as his business was likely to be retarded, all the influence that could be brought to bear against the temperance cause was put in motion by the dealers in, and most of the drinkers of, the fire water (as the Indian terms it) and not a few, amongst whom were some temperance men, predicted that in twelve months Good Will Division would be a thing of the past. But it has not been so, and those who were called "temperance fanatics" then, are "temperance fanatics" still, and just as long as the poison is manufactured I hope they will remain "fanatics." I can here say that the highest expectations of the best temperance men have been more than realized, and the influence of the Division is to-day

being felt for good in the neighbourhood.

Last fall we thought it would make the Division more attractive if we had a good library in connection with it, and with the valuable assistance of the Rev. E. S. Curry, methodist, and Rev. J. R. McLeod, presbyterian, we held open meetings every three weeks during the winter months and at the close of each meeting we took up a collection in behalf of the library fund. The result was that in the month of May last we purchased over fifty dollars worth of excellent books, and now plenty of good reading matter is placed within the reach of every member of the Division.

To add to the interest of our weekly meetings, Bro. Dawson placed an excellent organ in the hall used by the Sons, which has been and is ably presided over by Sister Clara Crispin, who is an indefatigable worker in the temperance cause. Though we have those in the Sault who sneer at the idea of joining a temperance Division, yet we have some noble temperance workers, both male and female amongst us, and as long as we have such workers as Sisters Crispin, Potts, Murton, Flint, Butcharts and others, our cause must prosper, for I can tell you, when the ladies take the noble work in hand, they make their influence felt. Though we have some who never seem to weary in well-doing, yet we have some (what shall I call them ?) "drones." No, I do not like that name for them for most of them appear to be good Christians, attend church, and would not for the world touch or taste intoxicating drink, but some how or other they can only get to the Division meetings about once in six weeks and almost anything will keep them away from their Division. Dear souls, they perhaps think they have done all the good work the Lord expects them to do, and their friends and neighbours may look out for themselves. I often think that if those good Christians only knew what an influence their presence at our weekly meetings would have for good,

they would attend more regularly, and whilst they would be making others happy, they would feel better themselves. However, at the Sault, we have much to be thankful for. We have quite a good entertainment every week. Bro. W. H. Carney, the present W.P., is the right man in the right place, and we are expecting several additions to the Division this winter.

Hoping I am not taking up too much space in your valuable little paper, I remain yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

A SON OF TEMPERANCE.

Toronto District Division.

THE Toronto District Division met in the Temperance Hall on Oct. 12th, Bro. T. Caswell, P.G.W.P., and Dis. Deputy in the chair. After the services of the Chaplain by Bro. Pell, the chairman, in his opening address, urged the necessity of bringing ourselves before the public, as a means of making the Order known. He believed that the organization of the Sons of Temperance was second only in usefulness to that of the Church. Brother Green, gave a short report of Ontario Division, and stated that the members expect a prosperous quarter. Bro. Little reported that Coldstream Division had kept up its attendance more faithfully this last summer, than for several years previous. Our Order lacked life, vitality, in this city, and needed a great revival. When we initiated new members we could not retain them, and our old members were retiring from their posts and losing all interest in the Order. Brother McMillan reported the attendance at Crystal Fountain Division as far below what it ought to be. The real cause why the Sons of Temperance were so weak in the city, was because we did not come to the front. If we had work to do for the cause, our old members would probably be with us to-night. The "programmes" in the early days of the organization consisted almost entirely of Temperance matter, which was far from the case at