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In The Cause.

Are you weary working, working,
Waging battle for the right,
Longing for a break of sunshine
Through the shadows of the night?
Work on yet a little longer
With a courage bold and stronger.
Soon the hard fought way adorning
Where the foemen hotly press,
Soon will come the light of morning,
Hand in hand with sweet success.

Are you waiting, waiting, waiting
With a patience ebbing low,
For the fruit of many seedlings
Planted in the long ago?
Wait and hope a little longer,
Know how richer far and stronger,
Those long hid 'neath winter snowing,
Come to fruit in beauty's prime,
When the fields are rich and glowing
In the golden harvest time.

Are you praying? Still be praying,
Fullest joy will come at last:
Maybe we shall find an answer
When the gates of death are past;
When with wings of faith no longer
Mount we up on pinions stronger,
In eternal freedom flying
From the shadows here that are,
From the working, waiting, sighing,
To the goal that shines afar.

The Grand Division.

THE following synopsis of the proceedings of the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division, held at Grafton, on the 28th May, will, we have no doubt, prove of interest to many of our readers. A full report has been published in pamphlet form and sent to the representatives and deputies:—

The attendance of representatives was not so large as usual, owing, doubtless, to the busy season with many who usually attend from the agricultural districts as well as the many meetings held about the same time in connection with the Provincial elections. The officers present were the G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Conductor, and P. G. W. P., after opening ceremonies and report of committees on credentials, several new representatives were initiated, after which the reports of the Grand Officers were presented, of which we give but a brief synopsis.

The G. W. P. says in reference to the order:—"We have gone through a *crucial* test, and come out victorious. What with scarcity of money, and hard times in our Province, what with a general election last fall and another coming off in a few days, what with a general agitation with our trade relations to other countries, no society has been able to hold its own; and when we remember the recent defeats over Dunkin Act contests, it is almost a wonder to see our Order in the state it is in. You will learn the figures from the Grand Scribe; but let me say here that I have not given up my hopes of seeing the Order doubled in this Province during this year. Some of our Divisions went down last year and are now calling out for us 'to come over and help them'; others are weak and need sympathy and encouragement; some few are temporarily suspended; but in very few places have I heard of a division actually giving up. I like to see that true love for the Order imbuing the members that will cause them to feel encouraged though their Divisions are weak; and, if this feeling is in them, the weak Divisions will flourish as they never did before, and have renewed activity instilled into them."

The report then refers to reports of Deputies:—

"While in some places I may know in what state the Order is without receiving reports from these officers, I don't think this fact is any reason for the Deputy neglecting his duty. Twice a year at least these reports should be sent, and I think if they are or are not sent, it is a fair test of the efficiency of the Deputies in their respective districts. While I cannot refer to the many reports I have received, you will pardon me when I mention a few. The Deputy of Carleton County says:

"The Divisions in my County are in a highly vigorous condition, and their unity of purpose as well as the harmonious feeling everywhere prevailing, convinces me more and more, if such were necessary, that for combined effort the Sons of Temperance is essentially the order which must command the warmest support of those having the amelioration of their fellow-creatures at heart." The Deputy of North Simcoe, in answer to the question: "Have you anything for the good of the Order?" says, "More general introduction of female visiting members." The Deputy of Don Mount Division, in answer to the same question, says, "I think the capitation tax should be lower." Several, in answer to the same question, asked for a Grand Division lecturer, others, a "first-class lecturer;" another, in answer to the same question, says, "A visit from the G.W.P.;" another, that we be careful in submitting Legislative Acts to the people;" another, "A District Division;" another, "Fraternal visiting, thereby getting acquainted, and by this means ascertaining the views of the Temperance people in the county;" another, "Monthly meetings, to which the public are invited." And from all, except one, I learn that the Divisions are harmonious, and in that Division the dispute appears to be between the majority of the members, and not among the members generally. I feel thankful to those Deputies who have made reports, and shall be glad to furnish a list for publication in the proceedings, so that the Divisions can learn those who report and those who do not. I think if a Deputy does not report at least once a year, his commission should be cancelled, and another one appointed in his place."

Reference is made to the ne-

cessity of supporting the official organ :

"I think such a paper is necessary if we wish to prosper, and that money spent for it will be well expended. 'There is that withholdeth more than is meat, but it tendeth to poverty.'"

After giving a list of dispensations granted, and official decisions given, the G. W. P. says :

"I have officially visited eight Subordinate Divisions, and the Peel District Division, and I only regret that my business has not permitted me to extend my visits over a larger field ; but I hope during the summer to slightly make up for this. I must here acknowledge my thanks to P. G. W. P. George M. Rose for his attending with me a public meeting held by Bronte Division, and for visiting with me Laskay Division about a week ago, and for his advice, at all times freely given. I must also return thanks to the Grand Scribe for his readiness to fulfil any appointment of mine where I could not attend.

"Very few District Divisions exist in the Province, so far as I can learn. Where they have been worked properly they have done good, and I think exertions should be made to organize one in each county or riding in the Province. The district should not be too large, and the District Division should see that no Division is allowed to go down, and that every available spot is occupied by our Order. I really think these District Divisions are of as much importance as our semi-annual sessions, and I think the executive should be authorized to send out Provincial or other deputies to organize these when the County Deputies have failed to do so.

"I have had several appeals sent to me during the half year, but they have chiefly been on points of order or on the dancing question, and I think all have been satisfactorily disposed of. You will pardon me for referring to an appeal from the Deputy of Otterville Division. After I had received the appeal and had written to the Deputy for his state-

ment of the case, I received a letter from the appellant asking to withdraw the appeal, because he found it was creating two parties in the Division, and thereby doing harm, and while he felt his position was right, he was willing to drop the appeal rather than to try to seek a temporary advantage over one who was for twenty years an active member of the Order. Thank God for such men. May the Order be filled with such. Let our motto be, 'The Order first, personal advancement and success in it far behind.'

"I am sorry to say that the Cadets department of our work is not being taken hold of. Only one Deputy reports a section to me. This is not as it should be. I fear that other orders taking hold of the young people shall supersede us yet unless we go back to first principles and strive 'by the Order' and 'with the Order' to train up these useful auxiliaries, and thus show that we are more anxious than politicians to work 'for the country.' I think we should spend some money in sending a lecturer or organizer through the Province, who, while working generally for our Order, should be specially instructed to try to institute sections of Cadets."

After referring to the services of lecturers, Revs. J. N. Elliot and E. S. Howard, the report says:—

"My own idea is that we require a staff of organizers to go throughout this Province and visit localities where no temperance organizations exist, and by talking more to the people and lecturing less, show them the benefits of our Order, and then organize Divisions where they have a good prospect of succeeding. We do not want first-class lecturers for this work so much as men of less ability who love our Order, and in private conversation, if not on the public platform, can advocate it as the most efficient means of promoting the cause of temperance.

Reference is then made to the Annual Meeting of the Dominion

Alliance, and the formation of a Provincial Branch for Ontario. The Temperance Act is referred to, and the following amendments suggested :—

"1. The Local Government to appoint a License Inspector and Commissioners in each county where the Act may be adopted as well as in the counties where licenses are issued.

"2. These persons to be specially charged to see that this Act is strictly enforced.

"3. That the County Attorneys in such counties shall be instructed to take charge of cases brought to enforce the Act in the same way as they watch cases of burglary, carrying firearms and other misdemeanors.

"4. That magistrates trying such cases shall be authorized to call upon the County Attorney to watch the case for the prosecution, and if he fails to attend, to call on other legal help, and the expenses thereof to be paid by the county.

"5. To provide a speedy way of investigating charges of neglect or breach of duty that may be brought against the License Inspectors or Commissioners, so that others may be appointed in their places if they fail to perform their duties, and thus let the Act have a fair trial where it may be adopted."

The illness of the Grand Treasurer, Rev. John Finch, is then referred to as follows :

"I am sure you all join with me in expressing my sorrow that our Grand Treasurer is not in his accustomed place to-day. He has been suffering for some years, and during the past winter and spring he has been confined to his bed most of the time, and is too ill to-day to be with us. I know you all miss his pleasant face, his hearty welcome, his keen appreciation of our Order and its needs. I know that I am expressing the thoughts of you all when I say that I trust God in His mysterious providence will give strength for weakness, health for illness, ease for pain, and that He will permit him again to meet us in the Grand Division."

The report concludes with the following pointed suggestions :

"And now, brothers and sisters, let me say, ours is a noble cause, a noble work, and deserves and requires our best and greatest energies. I believe if all our members would but do their duty we could have one hundred thousand members in this Province within five years. While I believe that defeats over Dunkin Act contests have injured us, yet I believe the temperance sentiment in the country was never so strong. While many people are not doing much work in the temperance movement, it is because having suffered defeat in this one line of action they don't see another line open before them, and it is for us not to 'grow weary in well-doing,' but to close up our ranks, to build up our Divisions, to hold lectures and public meetings, and prepare ourselves for a great and decisive battle yet to be fought; and as Troy was not taken in a day or by a single mode of attack, we should remember that if we ever hope to banish the liquor traffic from our land, the surest and safest way to do it is to build up our Order, to increase the number and influence of our Subordinate Divisions, to organize new ones where they can be kept up, throughout the Province, and to attack the traffic, not simply by agitating for prohibition at all times, but with this great aim in view, get members into our Order, get the license laws made stringent, and see that they are carried out, adopt the Temperance Act where practicable, and see that it is thoroughly enforced, see that the law in reference to selling liquor to Indians and minors is not a dead letter, and do all in our power, by our voices, by our pens, by our influence, by our private life and public as well, by our votes and by our prayers, work, and seek, and ask, and knock, and the walls of the citadel of the rum traffic shall be battered down, and the prohibition of the manufacture, and sale and use, as a beverage, of all intoxicating liquors, our object, and

aim, and desire, shall be an accomplished fact. The Lord hasten it in our day!"

This report was referred to the following committee: P.G.W.P.'s Rose and Wilson, and Rep.'s Johnson, Marshall, and T. N. Webster, excepting the reference to the illness of the Grand Treasurer, which was referred to a special committee.

The report of the G. S. was then submitted, and consists mostly of statistics of the work of the Order. After referring to returns received, a synopsis of the annual return to the National Division is given:

Admitted by initiation and by card, 3,267; reinstated, 391; withdrawn, 1,507; suspended, 1,204; expelled for violation of the pledge, 265; expelled from other causes, 631; deaths, 44; violations of pledge, 428; total number of members, 10,149; amount of receipts by subordinates, \$4,678.46; paid for benefits by subordinate Divisions, \$198.26; cash on hand and invested by subordinates, \$28,927.33; per capita tax to Grand Division, \$2,129.42; per capita to Grand Division, \$2,129.42; per capita tax N. D., 5 cents each member, \$597.45; representatives in Grand Division, 304; representatives in National Division, 8; public temperance meetings held, 367; temperance tracts distributed, 8,514.

Delinquent Divisions have been duly notified, and in several instances in reply an earnest assurance that, though meetings had not been held and returns not forwarded, they hoped shortly to revive. Under these circumstances I do not submit a list of Divisions which might be reported as suspended. Fourteen have been reported dormant by Deputies, or have surrendered their charters.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties which have prevented our work from prospering as we would desire, the work of organizing has progressed, and 19 Divisions have been organized and resuscitated.

Nothing special was reported

in regard to Cadets of Temperance and District Divisions.

Reference was made to lecture work similar to that in the G.W.P.'s report, and also to the illness of the G. Treasurer and to the death of Bro. Daniel Hersey, P. W. P. of Kingston. Reference was made to the necessity of titles to halls and real estate belonging to dormant Divisions being perfected to the Order. The report closes as follows:

"I have now laid before you a statement of the affairs and work of the Order for the past term; and in reviewing it I feel that we have much to be thankful to Him from whom comes 'every good and perfect gift.' Our country is passing through a trying financial crisis, which has been the means in many ways of testing the stability of our members. Many have been compelled to remove to new homes to better their condition; others, thrown out of employment, and financially embarrassed, have withdrawn their interest in the work; thus many of our Divisions have become weakened. But notwithstanding discouragements of this and other kinds, such as the repeal of the Dunkin Act in most of the counties where it had been adopted, and where large amounts of money and much time had been spent in sustaining and enforcing it, we stand to-day as an Order on the aggressive, ready to meet our 'common foe' by the victorious power of organization. Thirty years since on the 12th day of April last, this Grand Division was organized, and in reviewing its work during that time we have the history of the great temperance reformation and prohibitory legislation in this Province. Who of those who were present on that 12th day of April are with us to-day. Nearly all have passed away; others have removed from our jurisdiction, and the responsibilities have been placed on us who have succeeded them. Let each one remember that the prosperity of the Order depends upon himself or herself, and be determined to do their duty. If each member of the

Order will feel that he or she is responsible for their subordinate Division and the good of the whole, the Order will be built up and the cause extended beyond our most sanguine expectations.

"I have received no appeals to be presented at this session. Those received during the recess have been forwarded to our Grand Worthy Patriarch, and through his prompt attention and timely advice, have been satisfactorily disposed of."

The receipts of the past term were :

Per capita tax, \$1,016.39 ; supplies, \$102.97 ; lecture fund, \$137.66.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Rep.'s Bliss, McEvers, McCarty, and Merrills ; and the financial part referred, with report of G. Treasurer, to Committee on Finance.

After reading officers' reports, several communications were read and referred to committees to report on. The committee to whom was referred the reference in the Grand Officers' Reports to the illness of the Grand Treasurer, submitted the following, which was adopted :—

"That we regret to learn that the absence of our esteemed brother and Grand Treasurer from this session is occasioned by serious illness ; that we desire to convey to our brother our deep sympathy with him in his affliction, assuring him that it would have afforded us much pleasure to have had his wise counsel with us in this session ; but we trust and pray that around him may be the arms of the everlasting love, and though absent from us, he may abundantly realize the presence of the source of all comfort and the God of all grace ; that it will rejoice our hearts to know that in the providence of God our brother has been permitted to resume his labours in this and other departments of Christian work ; but, should an all-wise Providence have otherwise decreed, we pray our brother may have the grace to enable him to say, 'Thy will be done ;' that we tender to Mrs. Finch and

family our heartfelt sympathy with them in their trouble, and the expression of our hope that they may enjoy the presence of the Comforter."

After filling vacancies on committees, fixing the hours of meeting, and other preliminaries, P. G. W. P. Rose submitted the report of the committee on the G. W. P.'s report. The report was considered in Committee of the Whole, and the several points fully discussed. Dispensations granted were confirmed, and suggestions made that no Subordinate Division, if it can possibly be avoided, elect a person to the chair unless he or she be of the age required by the Constitution.

The decisions given by the G. W. P. were also confirmed, and pleasure expressed that the G. W. P. and other officers had paid several visits to Subordinate Divisions. Hope was expressed that such visits might be continued and a greater number visited during the next few months.

The matter of Cadets and District Divisions were also referred to, as well as the necessity of lecture work, and the branch of the Dominion Alliance for Ontario commended to the hearty support of the members.

During the discussion on this report, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the committee rose, reported, and, on resuming sitting after opening of the G. D. on the following morning, the report was adopted as submitted.

On motion of P. G. W. P. Manning, National Division Regalia were ordered to be presented to P. G. W. P.'s Wilson and Finch, in consideration of their long and faithful services to the Order.

P. G. W. P. Manning presented two reports from the committee on appeals, which were adopted.

Committee on Finance submitted their report, which, after being considered in committee of the whole, was adopted.

An invitation was here extended to the Grand Division to attend a public meeting in their honor, and requested to appoint speakers. P. G. W. P.'s Manning,

Millar, and Rose were subsequently appointed as speakers.

The committee on the report of the G. S. submitted their report. This was also considered in Committee of the Whole. The different points in the report were commented on, and recommended to the consideration of the Order.

In regard to the difficulty of obtaining suitable persons to take charge of Sections of Cadets, it was suggested that the G. W. P. authorize a Patron to take charge of such Sections until suitable resident Patrons may be appointed.

The Lecture Committee submitted their report, giving a synopsis of the work of lectures during the past six months. Rev. J. N. Elliot visited one hundred and fourteen localities, delivered one hundred and sixty lectures, and organized and resuscitated eight Divisions. Rev. E. S. Howard had devoted a portion of his time, and delivered nineteen lectures in the Ottawa district. The report proposed that a number of organizing agents should be employed, to give their special attention to organizing work, and urged upon Divisions to interest themselves in raising funds to sustain this department of our work.

The rest of the session was taken up by the adoption of several resolutions, among which we may note instructions to our representatives to invite the National Division to hold its annual session for 1880 in the city of Toronto ; to move amendment to Art. 2 constitution of National Division, so that representatives to N. D. may be elected by open vote, as formerly.

The G. S. was instructed to prepare printed ballots for election of representatives to National Division, and to have the usual number of proceedings of this session printed.

Votes of thanks were presented Reps. Platt Hinman, W. E. Johnson and the members of Haldimand Division, No. 56, and Grafton Division, No. 80, for the hearty welcome given, and entertainment provided ; and also to

Sister M. S. Hinman for her valuable services in presiding at the organ and conducting the musical part of the ceremonies during the session.

Notice of motion was given for the reduction of *per capita* tax from 7 to 5 cents, to be moved at the annual session.

After the initiation of new representatives who had been merely obligated, the Grand Division adjourned.

The public meeting in the evening was well attended, the large Town Hall being crowded with a large and interested audience. The chair was occupied by the G. W. P., Thomas Caswell, who opened the proceedings with a short address, setting forth the work and objects of the Order, and its claims on every lover of Christianity and philanthropy. Addresses were delivered by Bros. G. M. Rose, J. W. Manning, and Thomas Webster, which were interspersed with enlivening music by the 40th Battalion Silver Cornet Band. During the evening the G. W. P., on behalf of the Grand Division, presented a National Division Regalia to Bro. John Wilson, P.G.W.P. of the Order. The presentation was accompanied with a short address by the G. W. P., acknowledging the faithful services of the recipient and his long and uninterrupted connection with the Order. Bro. Wilson briefly acknowledged the presentation. He is in his 79th year, and is still as active as a great many of our young men. He has been serving under the temperance banner for over 39 years. The presentation took the old veteran so much by surprise that he could hardly reply. The proceedings closed by the band playing "God Save the Queen," after which the Rev. Mr. Smith pronounced the benediction, and then ended another of our semi-annual re-unions.

WHISKEY, is the only enemy, man has succeeded in loving.

AN idle reason lessens the weight of the good ones you gave before.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. B.—You are mistaken. The emblem on the Conductor's regalia is not intended to represent a whiskey or wine glass turned upside down, but a goblet out of which all good Sons of Temperance quaff bright, pure, sparkling water, and should not appear on the regalia bottom up.

G.—The National Division was at first organized by representatives from Grand Divisions of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

J. McM.—The regalia of the National Division was at first a blue velvet collar, border of *silver* lace, rosette blue, white and red, and two *silver* tassels; but afterwards *gold* lace and *gold* tassels were substituted for silver.

D. M.—The emblems for officers of the National Division are the same as for Grand Divisions, with the exception that they are set on rays of silver.

J. H.—Yes, but it would, in our opinion, be wiser for you to submit the question to the G. W. P. before proceeding further.

D.—Funds come in slowly, but in our next number we hope to be in a position to publish the subscription list in full.

Jessie B.—Fine clothes are good in their way, but we prefer a kindly loving heart.

John B.—We beg of you not to embark in the undertaking. There may be money in it, but what is money compared to a "good name." Remember,

"Just as the broadest rivers run
From small and distant springs,
The greatest crimes that men have done,
Have grown from little things."

J. B.—We cannot undertake to return rejected communications, nor do we undertake to publish any more than a short summary of news relating to the work and the workers. Our space, as you will perceive, is very limited, and if we can give the cream of what is transpiring we think we will do very well.

Mary.—We are now too old to consider the question. You will have to consult some younger man.

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The Son of Temperance :

Its Objects and how to Make it Useful.

OUR first number of the *Son of Temperance* was issued as a specimen sheet, and we are pleased to say it has been well received by the members of the Order.

At the semi-annual session of the Grand Division, held lately at Grafton, the Grand Worthy Patriarch and the Grand Scribe both alluded to it in their reports,

and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the representatives then present. The result was that the scheme was looked upon with favor, and Bros. G. M. Rose, Thos. Webster, J. W. Manning, J. McMillan and the Grand Worthy Patriarch, were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of carrying on the work.

The Committee having decided that it was absolutely necessary for the good of the Order to have such a publication, *The Son* will now appear monthly, and each Division will be supplied *gratis* with a certain number of copies for distribution among its members. The Committee, however, at present cannot undertake to supply each member of a Division with a copy, but until this is done it is hoped the Recording Scribe will see that those received be so handled that not only persons attending the usual meetings, but others may have an opportunity of reading them.

We intend making *The Son* a first-class paper, although a small one, and will gladly insert all matters of news relating to the Order that may be sent us. Correspondence will always be welcomed, and we trust if any matters of dispute with regard to law or usage should come up, and there is a difficulty in arriving at the truth, that we will be consulted, when we will give all the light we can on the subject.

The Grand Scribe will in future publish all his official circulars, and acknowledge the receipt of all moneys for per capita tax or supplies sent him, in these

columns, and by this means each member can at once see everything that is going on, and thus become really interested in the working of not only his own Division, but of the whole Order.

While it is not intended to name any stated price as a subscription per annum for *The Son*, yet we invite our friends to give us some financial assistance. If each Division only contribute \$1.00 a year to it, the paper will, with the saving we propose to make the Grand Division in the way of circulating its correspondence and saving postage, become a boon to the entire Order, and a burden to none.

The Work and the Workers.

THE District Division of the County of Peel held a meeting on the 9th of May. There was a good attendance of members present at the day session, and in the evening a very successful public meeting took place.

— Union Star Division, located at Enterprise, County of Durham, held a demonstration on Queen's Birthday; one of its chief features being the dedication of its new hall, by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

— Bro. Edward Carswell, we are pleased to note, has now entirely recovered from his late sickness, and is again in the lecture field. His new lecture, "Laughter," takes well.

— The members of old St. Lawrence Division, City of Quebec, have been lately bestirring themselves by holding public temperance meetings in various parts of the "ancient Capital," and with the most gratifying results. Through their means a goodly number have been induced to take the Total Abstinence pledge.

— The District Division of the County of Waterloo, held its quarterly meeting, in the village

of Ayr, on the 2nd ult., and as usual proved a success. Four places were named where new divisions might be started, and a committee were appointed to hold meetings. The evening meeting was well attended, and several addresses, interspersed with music, were delivered.

— One of our correspondents suggests that great good might be done if Divisions were to devote a few dollars annually to the purchase and distribution of temperance literature among persons in positions of influence, such as members of Parliament, and others who do not possess the advantages of being connected with our Order. We like the suggestion, and would recommend it to the favourable consideration of the members of all Subordinate Divisions. If a copy of Hoyle's book, "Our National Resources, and how they are Wasted" were in the hands of our public men, and Dr. Richardson's "Temperance Lesson Book" in the hands of our school-teachers, much good would accrue to our country.

Can it be Done?

THE Grand Worthy Patriarch, in his semi-annual address, delivered at Grafton, says:—"I believe if all our members would but do their duty, we could have one hundred thousand members in this Province within five years." Although these figures seem large, we think the G. W. P. is right, and it can be done if our members are rightly imbued with the principles of the Order. Cannot each member, during each month or quarter, by a very slight effort, induce some one of their friends to join a division, and by this means alone double the membership in three or less months. This being an individual matter, it is not necessary to wait for a lecturer to visit a place. Let each one give his or her own experience as a teetotaler, in such a way as may to him or her seem best, to individuals singly or collectively. More real work can be done in this way than by listening to even Gough.

Now is the time for action. Take advantage of the rising tide of temperance sentiment existing at this moment in Ontario, and let our Order lead in all good words and deeds for Love, Purity and Fidelity.

To the Members of the Order.

IF any of you know a locality where a Division of the Sons of Temperance can, by a little effort, be established, do not hesitate but bring the matter before your Division, and have a committee appointed to canvass for a sufficiency of names to fill an application for a Charter and supplies. When twelve names are procured, send the document to the Grand Scribe, who will at once give you all necessary information as how to further proceed. It costs very little time and money to organize a Division, but the profits to the young men and women of a district in which such an institution exists are great, both morally and intellectually. Go to work at once.

Correspondence.

THE LADIES.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—In your last number your correspondent, James Jones, asks the question, "Why is it that the lady members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance are not so ambitious for office as the same class of members in the Good Templars?" The answer is, that ever since the Good Templars were instituted certain offices have always been considered, by courtesy, as belonging to the ladies, and consequently, in nearly all cases it is only ladies that are nominated to them. The Good Templars know no distinction of sex except for one office, viz., Vice Templar, that office being filled by a lady entitles her to being eligible for election to Grand Lodge and to receive the Grand Lodge Degree. In the Sons, a lady has to fill the office of W. P. before she receives the same honor. If the office of W. A., when filled by a lady conferred the right of eligibility to

Grand Division, then the Sons of Temperance would be granting equal rights to their ladies as is conferred by the Good Templars. I may say that during a membership of the Good Templars of about 15 years, I have only known of two or three ladies who have filled the office of W. C. T., although all members are eligible for that office.

Yours fraternally,

P. W. P. AND P. W. C. T.

Make Your Division Meetings Interesting.

HERE is nothing more calculated to make Division meetings interesting than a suitable "Programme of Entertainment," and we propose to suggest exercises for each meeting in the quarter. The following is submitted for the quarter, commencing July:—

1st. Meeting—Installation of officers; returns signed by retiring officers, and with *per capita tax*, sent to the Grand Scribe; appointments of standing committees; addresses from newly installed officers.

2nd. Reports of standing committees, and transaction of business; readings and recitations, interspersed with music.

3rd. Discuss what steps can be taken for the organization of a new Division, and appoint a committee for the purpose; singing, readings and recitations.

4th. Has any member a friend whom they wish the other members specially to invite to join the Division, if so give name and let each member make a special effort to have him join the Division. Music; short addresses, on our duty to induce others to join the Division.

5th. Temperance dialogue, readings, recitations and music.

6th. Question, Have we a section of Cadets in connection with our Division; if not, can one be organized? What are we doing to save the young from intemperance? Its importance. Music and singing.

7th. Addresses by members ap-

pointed, on our duties out of the Division room. Music and recitations.

8th. Addresses by members appointed, on our duties in the Division room. Music and readings.

9th. Question for discussion, Would our dues be more successfully collected by making weekly payments in place of the present system of quarterly dues? Singing and recitations.

10th. Dialogues, readings, recitations and music.

11th. Discuss, What steps can be taken for the more rigid and successful enforcement of the present License and Temperance Laws, and what is our duty as Sons of Temperance in this respect?

12th. Discuss the question, Should steps be taken for the adoption of the Temperance Act of 1878, and compare its provisions with those of the License Laws and the Dunkin Act.

13th. Election of Officers, addresses by the W. P., P. W. P. and Chaplain; review the work of the Division for the quarter; intersperse with singing.

The above are merely suggestive, and Divisions may change or vary the exercises as may be considered advisable. After Division business is transacted, friends of members may be admitted during entertainment, the Division taking a recess for the purpose. This plan might be successfully adopted at least monthly.

Work.

WHILE the working members of the Order are hopeful, and back their hopefulness with earnest effort, we need not despond, even though all is not exactly as we would wish. The duty of one and all is to work—work to advance our principles, and with our principles, our Order. work in the Division room and out of it, at all times and in all places, among all people, for the great enemy of mankind is everywhere and ever busy. If we expect to succeed, we, too, must be ever active.

Wit, Humour and Sentiment.

Why is flannel like mahogany? Because it is made into drawers.

"This is a *dead take in*," as the minnow said when he was swallowed by a pike.

Why is house painting like high jumping? Because it is done in the Spring.

"A man can't help what is done *behind his back*," as the loafer said when he was kicked out of doors.

"You're rather touchy," said the priming to the match. "Go off with yourself," said the match, in reply.

Why was Noah's ark like a cat that is a bad mouser? Because it was such a long while before it lit on *any rat*.

A sailor, looking serious in a chapel in Boston, was asked by a minister if he felt any change. "Not a cent," said Jack.

"The world," most admirably remarked Horace Walpole, "is a comedy to those who *think*, and a tragedy to those who *feel*."

An Irish paper says:—"At present the Scotch poor are not fed; they exist on the recollection of what they ate in former years."

A young physician asking permission of a lady to kiss her, she replied, "No, sir, I never like to have a *doctor's bill* stuck in my face."

A dull clergyman once said to some boys in the gallery, "Don't make so much noise up there, or you will awake your parents below."

"You see how bald I am, and I don't wear a wig." "True, sir," replied the servant, "an empty barn requires no thatch!"

"What are you writing such a big hand for, Pat?" "Why, you see, my grandmother's deaf, and I'm writing a loud letter to her."

A Western editor puts up on the door of his sanctum: "Lady visitors are requested to go to the devil when they wish to obtain an interview with the editor."

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