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# The Sons of Temperance.



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### Hold Your Head up Like a Man.

If the stormy winds should rustle,  
While you tread the world's highway,  
Still against them bravely tussel,  
Hope and labour day by day;  
Falter not, no matter whether  
There is sunshine, storm or calm,  
And in every kind of weather,  
Hold your head up like a man.

If a brother should deceive you,  
And should act a traitor's part,  
Never let his treason grieve you,  
Jog along with lightsome heart;  
Fortune seldom follows fawning,  
Boldness is the better plan,  
Hoping for a brighter dawning,  
Hold your head up like a man.

Earth, though e'er so rich and mellow,  
Yields not for the worthless drone,  
But the bold and honest fellow,  
He can shift and stand alone;  
Spurn the knave of every nation,  
Always do the best you can,  
And no matter what your station,  
Hold your head up like a man.

### The Sons of Temperance.

By Theodore Cuyler, D.D., Brooklyn.

HERE is a certain department of Temperance work that can be more effectively conducted by the Sons of Temperance than by our ordinary total abstinence organizations. \* \*

The Division of the Sons renders the same additional service to all other organizations that a cavalry corps renders to a battery of artillery. One can go where the other can not. The "Sons" have a room of their own always at their own command. They meet once a week through the year. They have a committee to look after reformed inebriates—who are breaking out of their bondage—men to visit them, counsel them, deal kindly with them if they have a temporary relapse. Some inebriates have been rescued in this neighbourhood by the "Sons" who could not be so well handled by our Church Society. The sick members too, are looked after by the "Sons" as they never are likely to be by our open or-

ganizations; for the Sons of Temperance have a close, fraternal and social tie, and a personal *kinship* to each other, that never can be reached by the looser style of association formed in ordinary temperance societies. There is a *family feeling* in our "Order," that has great power to bind us together and to influence the newcomers into our household. Our secrecy (so absurdly denounced by many who do not know us) is only the proper privacy of any well-regulated family. We have our public and private meetings. So do families. But what sensible father calls the neighbours in when he wishes to chide an erring son or welcome home an erring daughter?

The influence in all the Divisions I have been connected with for twenty years has been decidedly sound and religious. I find our "Order" to be a valuable auxiliary to the Church; and but seldom is it a rival. The two harmonize completely. Christians can honour their Divine Lord in a Division-room as truly as in a Sunday School. That tie may be used to lead souls to Christ. After twenty years experience in its ranks, I do most earnestly recommend all my brother ministers to come into the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and give a new impetus to one of the most vital "wings" of the grand army of reform!

### Our Membership.

MANY members have been admitted who have been elements of weakness rather than of strength. We want numbers, but we want moral power and moral worth more, and no matter what our numerical strength may be our moral force and character will be the measure of our real power for good.

Let us, however, be clearly understood; while members should

be admitted with care, they should not be excluded without the exercise of still greater care; it were better to admit improper persons than exclude one suitable candidate. The doors of our Order should be open to the whole of the human kind, regardless of creed, colour, race or sex, and none should be excluded, no matter how deep their degradation, provided they give reasonable hope of having an earnest desire for amendment.

Nevertheless, we should take care that we do not allow our beautiful Institution Service to be regarded as a farce by admitting members who join merely to gratify an idle curiosity, or, as some have styled it, "for the fun of the thing." There is no fun in our work. It deals with human joys and sorrows, sins and suffering, crime and poverty; with human hearts and human destinies; and we have no place for mere curiosity-mongers.

### How to Vote.

WE direct the attention of the friends of temperance to the following resolution, adopted by the beer brewers' congress at Cincinnati:

"Resolved, That politicians favouring prohibitory enactment, who offer themselves as candidates for office, be everywhere strenuously opposed, and the more so if it be found that their personal habits do not conform with their public professions."

Here is a splendid opportunity to treat the beer brewers to a dose of their own logic, and we hope that every temperance elector will carry out his principles as well as the brewers do theirs. Every temperance man who is in earnest, who means anything when he says he is opposed to intemperance, should resolve in his own mind "that politicians favouring the sale and use of in-

toxicating liquor, who offer themselves as candidates for office, be everywhere strenuously opposed, and the more so if it be found that their personal habits do not conform with their public professions." He should then be careful to carry out this resolution upon all occasions to the very letter. It sounds nice and encouraging to hear men talk, preach and pray temperance, but after doing all this, it looks decidedly disgusting to see them walk up to the polls and vote for a whiskey man for office.

#### Extending the Order.

"**N**OW can existing Divisions best be used to extend the Order where there are none?"

It must have a good home reputation; it must shed forth the light of good works, consistency, etc.

The Deputy is commissioned to organize, and if he be a member who appreciates that he should do "all in his power," he will soon survey the field to see where the Order can be established.

Let him arrange for a public meeting; then at the time appointed, take a load or two of members, and a speaker to make a rousing speech, and readings and music be the order of exercises. Near the close of the meeting canvass the audience for signers to petition for charter. This method seldom fails.

What Divisions need in order to be useful in this way is life in themselves, a vital earnestness and realization of charity; then the members will hold up the hands of all faithful officers, and by visiting and encouraging new or weak Divisions, be the chief instrument in extending and establishing the Order where it does not exist.

#### Financial Scribe.

"**Y**OU are one of the most important officers of the Division. Upon the faithful discharge of your duties the prosperity and stability of the Division largely depend. Other officers may be ever so zealous

and faithful, but if you fail, the Division must suffer, if not be destroyed. Your duties require you to keep the account of each member, and to faithfully endeavour to collect all dues not voluntarily paid before the end of the quarter. So you are not simply a receiver, as many Financial Scribes seem to suppose, but the collector. If members grow dilatory in attending, and slack in voluntarily paying, it is your duty to see them and require payment, whether they attend or not. Faithfulness in this regard proves the very best means of securing the attendance of this class of members. What they have paid for they will be pretty sure to want to enjoy. Few will refuse outright to pay dues, and it were better far that such as squarely refuse to attend or support the Division should be advised formally to withdraw from the Order entirely. Such members are an injury to the Order, the Cause, and the Division. But it must not be presumed that mere absence indicates any such feeling or desire. If the Financial Scribe do his duty, and personally see and talk with every delinquent, nine out of ten of them will prove true to their allegiance, and a large majority will pay up and attend more promptly. May we not urge our brothers and sisters who are filling this important office to resolve that there shall be no lack of diligence or faithfulness on their part. The sure index of whether you have made and kept this resolve will be found in the size of the delinquent lists you report for suspension. Many Divisions are in need of funds for their work, and simply from the carelessness or inattention of their Financial Scribes. Then follow suspensions for non-payment of dues, decrease in membership, decline, and—death. Shall this, brothers and sisters, be the experience of any of your Divisions? If you have heretofore been a little negligent, try the effect of "turning over a new leaf." And may you be prospered in so doing."

#### Conducting a Division.

"**T**HERE are many things to be considered in conducting the affairs of a Division when a Division is instituted, and the instituting officer has departed, in the majority of cases those who have started out in the work are not familiar with their duties as set forth by the ritual, and established in the by laws.

The first thing is to become familiar with the ritual so that the ceremonial part may be conducted with dignity and precision.

On this depends in a great degree your success, the moment a Division loses its dignity, it loses its influence, and on this rock have foundered and gone to pieces the greater number of societies that are on record as failures.

Rules of order and etiquette, should be as strictly observed as they are in military discipline, and any member who violates either should be promptly called to order.

Keeping the accounts and minutes absolutely correct is essential to your well-being, and will save many a dispute, and a session of controversy, that sooner or later would put your Division in danger. Punctuality is a requisite.

The gavel should fall when the time arrives for the opening, and the ceremonies should be gone through with, not hurriedly, but with despatch.

Be prompt in paying dues and assessments, prompt in inquiring after, and care of, your sick members, prompt in the discharge of every duty.

Mutual forbearance should be your motto. By its exercise you avoid much that is disagreeable, and cement closer the bonds of brotherhood.

Particularly would we enjoin upon you to bear and forbear with the brother, a specimen of which is to be found in every Council, who votes a solitary no on every question that requires a unanimous vote, and who is on hand with criticisms, questions and opinions on every subject; who wearies your patience until you feel as if an assessment levied

for the benefit of his family would be a relief.

Some people have the habit of whispering and talking during the exercises, or while some member is speaking. This is gross rudeness, and merits and should receive the rebuke of the presiding officer at once. Two or three whispering and giggling girls and boys, who are old enough to be ladies and gentlemen, will do more to disturb and break the harmony of a Division than almost any other element.

In discussion always avoid personalities. It is so easy to be ironical, or sarcastic that a glib tongued speaker can seldom resist the temptation. Remember that "a soft answer turneth away wrath," and in all your transactions with each other exercise charity, using the word in its fullest significance.

#### Deputies.

SOMETIMES conflicts arise between the members of the Subordinate Division and the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, which are very unseemly and unwise. Such conflicts would never occur if the position of this important office was properly understood. The following, may perhaps prove of benefit to some members of the Order.

The Division Deputy having charge of a single Division is usually appointed on the recommendation of the Division, and it is advisable that he be a member of the same. The duties required of him are as follow:

1st. To attend the Division under his charge, and see that the laws, usages, and ceremonies of the Order are properly observed.

2nd. To see that the Quarterly returns to the grand Division are promptly and correctly made out, and forwarded to the Grand Scribe without delay, together with the *per capita* tax.

3rd. Communicate the Pass-words after the *capita* tax has been appropriated and lay before the Division all other documents sent him for that purpose by the G.W.P. or G.S.

4th. To give permission to the Division to appear in public with regalia, on proper occasions.

5th. To give decisions on all doubtful or disputed questions that may arise in the Division, involving the laws, rules, and usages of the Order.

6th. To instal the officers elect, and to see that they perform all their duties according to law, as laid down in the B.B., the constitution, and the By.laws.

7th. To promptly report to the G.W.P. or G.S. all irregularities or violations of law or usage, when the Division or its officers neglect or refuse to correct the same.

8th. To make a full report, quarterly or oftener if necessary, of the condition of the Division.

9th. In case a Division, from any cause, ceases to work, he should at once report the fact to the G.S., giving the cause of the same, and in the event of their failing to resume their meetings within three months from the date of their suspension, he should take charge of their Charter, Rituals, and other property, and notify the G.S. of his action, and hold the same subject to the order of the Grand Division.

10th. He is the head of the Order in his jurisdiction, and his decisions are binding upon the Division until reversed by a higher power; hence, there is a necessity that he be firm and impartial, and thoroughly posted in the laws and work of the Order.

#### The Order of the sons of Temperance.

UNDER whose auspices this paper is issued, is an institution which has now been in existence over thirty-five years, and has admitted over two millions of persons into its ranks, and is divided into three classes: Subordinate Divisions, consisting of individual members; Grand Divisions, of representatives from the Subordinates; and the National Division, of representatives from Grand Divisions. Experience has shown that efficient Temperance work depends largely upon organ-

ization; and that without associated effort but slow progress will be made. The Sons of Temperance have been instrumental in spreading broadcast a permanent, healthful sentiment, and have largely contributed to the present determined efforts of good and wise men to destroy the terrible power of the drinking usages of the land. We believe the Division, under proper influences, is better calculated than any other available form of organization for the work now most pressing in our Province. Its mission is to rescue the perishing, lift up the fallen, provide a "Home" for those who have been made homeless by strong drink, and to raise a barrier of Christian sympathy and fraternal love against the temptations and allurements which beset those striving for a better life. To do good by saving our fellow men from intemperance, both by means of prevention and reform, is the great object of our Order, and we earnestly invite you to co-operate in these important efforts. Come, then, and join our Division; any of our members will be glad to receive names of candidates for membership. Should you reside in a locality in which there is no Division, then we invite you to make an effort to have one organized, for which purpose you can receive full instructions by addressing,—THOMAS WEBSTER, Grand Scribe, Brantford, Ont.

PARTIAL legislation against the liquor traffic is like the action of the servant girl who, having left the water tap open, and finding the room flooded on her return proceeded to wipe it up without first closing the faucet.

WHILE many are searching for a panacea for hard times, by inflation, lessening appropriation of public money, and cutting down official salaries, they might more surely find the sought for remedy by cutting off official whisky, and thus lessen the worse than waste of time, save a vast amount of criminal expense, and a world of misery.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*J. B.*—If you write the G. W. P., he will at once attend to the matter.

*Sandy.*—You will find Dr. Mackay's parody on Burns' poem, "a Man's a man for a' that," at page 77 "Rose's Light for the Temperance Platform," part 2. The Grand Scribe can furnish you with the volume.

*Outsider.*—The Order of the Sons admit females to full membership.

*Delegate.*—We advise you strongly to attend the next meeting of the Grand Division. The matter will be fully discussed there.

*Jessie.*—Yes; but you are wrong in supposing it would be against the rules of the Order to have the marriage ceremony performed in the Division-room. Several parties have had this rite performed in open Division, and as a rule the chaplain, who in this case must be a clergyman, does not claim the usual marriage fee.

*Margaret.*—No; but there is a possibility of the law being changed. An effort is now being made in that direction.

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Grand Scribe, BRANTFORD.

To whom all communications must be addressed.

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## NEWS SUMMARY.

WE beg to remind the members of the Divisions that the next Semi-Annual Meeting of the Grand Division of Ontario will be held in the village of Grafton, on the 27th of May. The Grand Scribe has made the necessary arrangements with the various railways for reduced fares. We hope to see present not only all the officers, but a large gathering of representatives. The friends at Grafton promise all who come a right hearty welcome. See official notice on page 7.

THE Division at Bronte had, on the evening of the 23rd inst., an open meeting. The hall was crowded. Addresses were delivered by the G. W. P., Bro. Caswell, P. G. W. P., Bro. G. M. Rose, Mr. McCraney, ex-M.P., and others. Everything passed off pleasantly.

HENDERSON Division, Talbotville, begins to increase in numbers, having added nineteen, last quarter, to its roll of members. This is good. If our members only worked a little harder we could double our numbers within twelve months.

## The Son of Temperance.

AS we venture to offer our humble services "For the Good of the Order," we can readily imagine the expression of surprise and the different exclamations of the members as we for the first time present ourselves to the O. S. and thence to the I. S. and give our first salute to the P. W. P. "What is this?" "Who really has the folly to undertake this speculation?" "Who is the unfortunate, whose ambition is, to run a Temperance paper especially for, and exclusively under the auspices of, the Order of the Sons of Temperance?" "That's plucky," says another, "but it will never pay." Well, we mean to try, though financially, we do not expect it will pay; but, we believe it may in another way turn out a remunerative speculation. We intend to start out on a new system, and will not solicit subscriptions, and consequently give no commissions to agents; will contract no bad debts, make no charge for copies, and therefore have no subscribers in arrears. We will simply adopt the voluntary offering system, and devote receipts to propagation work. "Something new," you will say, "in the newspaper line." Yes, but why not be successful in this as in other lines? In short we propose to furnish this month to each of our Divisions a number of copies for free distribution, and if our efforts to advance the Order and the cause of temperance generally are approved by our friends, we will continue the publication.

All information relating to the

Order of the Sons of Temperance will readily find a place in our columns, and we cordially invite the members of the different Divisions to make our paper a medium of communication between each other.

Now, friends! what do you say to our venture. Give us your opinion of it.

## Correspondence.

## THE MANNING TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to learn that the friends and admirers of Mr. J. W. Manning, of Almonte, P. G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance, have decided on presenting that worthy brother with a testimonial for the valuable services he has rendered the cause of temperance in Canada during the past twenty years, and that subscriptions are now being taken up for that purpose.

I hope the Committee who has the matter in charge will see that no time is lost in bringing it before the members of the Subordinate Divisions, so that as many of the brethren as possible may have the privilege of subscribing, no matter how small a sum, to such a laudable object. —Yours respectfully,

OBSERVER.

Toronto, April 17, 1879.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—Please permit me, as Treasurer of the "Manning Testimonial Fund," to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of \$57.20, through Brother Robertson of Lanark, which sum has been contributed by friends in the North Riding of Lanark for the Manning Testimonial. —Yours, in L. P. & F.,

GEO. MACLEAN ROSE.  
25 Wellington St., Toronto.

## THE LADIES.

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—Can you, or any of your correspondents inform me why it is that the lady mem-

bers of the Order of the Sons of Temperance are not so ambitious for office as the same class of members in the Good Templars? It has been given as a reason and an answer to my question that they have more common sense, care less for exhibiting themselves in front seats, and as a rule are more modest and retiring in their manners. But this, to my mind, is not a sufficient reason, for in my experience in life, I have found human nature about the same all over.—Your obedient servant,

JAMES JONES.

"A MAN'S A MAN FOR A' THAT."

To the Editor,

DEAR SIR,—A few years ago Dr. Charles Mackay, the poet, wrote a beautiful parody on Burns's "A Man's a Man for a' that," a piece very suitable for recitation in a temperance meeting. Having a weakness for Scotch poetry, perhaps you will have the kindness, if you can, to inform me in what book I can find the above named poem, and by so doing you will greatly oblige,

SANDY.

Hamilton, April, 1879.

Sons of Temperance Mutual Life Assurance.

To the Sons of Temperance of Ontario.

YOUR attention is respectfully requested to the consideration of the formation of a Mutual Life Assurance Association of Sons of Temperance for this Province, and it is desirable that the matter should be fully and fairly discussed, so that your representatives at the coming Session of the Grand Division may be prepared to report the result. Divisions which may not be represented at the Grand Division are requested to forward their decision to the Grand Scribe not later than the 20th of May next.

At the Session of the Grand Division held in Bowmanville in 1877, the Grand Scribe recommended the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of forming a Mutual Bene-

fit Association for the Sons of Temperance in Ontario.

A committee was appointed which reported that they thought such an association should be formed in connection with the Order in this Province. A committee appointed to prepare a scheme, reported at the last Session in Galt. In this report they stated, "That we are of opinion an association to insure the lives of the members of this Order on a similar principle to kindred associations in connection with the Oddfellows and other bodies is feasible and worthy of being instituted.

"We recommend that if the members of this Grand Division or Order favour such an Association, this Grand Division should encourage it and recommend it to members of the Order, but incur no financial liability in connection therewith."

Accordingly, a meeting of some members of the Grand Division was held, and we were authorized to prepare a circular, laying the matter fully before the Divisions in the Province, so that at the next Session the Association could be properly formed.

There is no doubt that the number of deaths among 1,000 temperance men will be less than among 1,000 persons taken generally from those who are not pledged teetotallers. This being so, it is not fair that Temperance men should pay for lives shortened through the use of liquors, even when moderately used. Then if the death rate is less among Temperance men, it follows that if a company were formed, composed of thorough and reliable Temperance men, the premiums paid could be less than in existing companies.

From reliable sources it is estimated that not more than seven deaths will take place in one year among 1,000 persons, but to be safe and above the mark we will say ten will probably die in the year out of 1,000 persons. A regular premium is not proposed to be fixed, payable annually, but a sum to be paid to the Association on the death of a member,

the payments are not fixed and are larger or smaller according to the age of the member, the average payment will probably be \$1.20 on the death of each member. If ten die in a year, the other members pay \$12 during the year, about one-third of what they would pay for \$1,000 insurance in the ordinary Life Insurance Companies.

On the death of a member his heirs or devisee would receive 80 per cent. of the assessment, and also 80 per cent. of the sum paid into the Association by the deceased during the time he was a member. For example, on the death of one member in the Association, an assessment would be made over the other members averaging \$1.20 for each person, and thus \$1,200 would be raised. To the heirs of the deceased would be paid 80 per cent. of \$1,200, that is \$960, and in addition if the deceased were ten years a member, and had paid \$12.00 per annum, his heirs would receive 80 per cent. of \$120.00, that is \$96.00. The heirs would thus receive \$1,046.00 for an annual payment of \$12.00, and the insurance would only cost the deceased \$24.00, the difference between the \$120.00 he had paid the Association in ten years and the \$96.00 of the premium received back by his heirs.

Any person can see that such mode of Mutual Life Insurance is practicable, and much cheaper than in existing companies. The expenses of the company will be paid out of the 20 per cent. raised on each assessment over the members, and if at any time there are sufficient moneys on hand to pay the sum payable to the heirs of a deceased member, the assessment for that time will not be made but paid directly from the moneys in hand.

It may be objected to that the Company will not last. Those who undertake to get it up are just as likely to be honest and straight-forward in their conduct as are those who manage ordinary Life Insurance Companies, and is it not likely that Sons of Temperance will be as careful in

managing this matter as they have been in the past in managing the affairs of your Order; and is it not as likely that our members would be as honest and have as great a desire to help and protect the members of our Order as those who manage similar societies in the Masonic, Oddfellow and Forester Orders?


Many say that our Order was better when it had benefit societies in connection with each Division. Be that as it may, the present scheme will supply all that the old benefit system did, and without so much business connected with it as was occasioned in each Division in the past, which thereby hindered the glorious work of pushing on the cause of Temperance.

Personally, the undersigned are not anxious that this Benefit Society shall be formed, they believe it will be for the good of the Order, and *this* is their reason for "writing it up." They also believe if such a scheme is gone into enthusiastically it will materially increase the Order in this Province, and be really a great benefit to the members thereof.

We are anxious to have an honest expression of the wishes of the Order generally in the matter, at Grafton, in May next. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS CASWELL, *Chairman.*  
THOMAS WEBSTER, *Secretary.*

#### Likes and Dislikes.

 We like a Deputy who allows the members of the Division to discuss all matters for themselves, never speaks until asked his decision, and who, in a kind way, reminds the members when something is omitted.

We dislike a Deputy who thinks that no one knows anything but himself; who always bites at every bone of contention; who declares a motion out of order because he does not like it; and, at last, retires because he cannot get his own way.

We like a Worthy Patriarch who is always present at the right time, always cheerful, knows a fair share of parliamentary

rules, and the contents of the constitution, and always endeavours to bring all matters to a successful issue, leaving as little unfinished work as possible.

We dislike a Worthy Patriarch who is only a cat's paw, obeying the above Deputy, who forces his views on the Division, contrary to the wishes of the members, and cannot keep his temper.

We like a Worthy Associate who is a good help to the W.P., and an example of propriety to the Division.

We dislike a Worthy Associate who makes more noise than any other member in the Division, and pays little or no attention to what is going on.

We like a Recording Scribe who reads the minutes himself in a clear, distinct voice.

We dislike a Recording Scribe who chews tobacco, and is obliged to spit every time he opens his mouth.

We like a Financial Scribe who knows the importance of the office, and acts accordingly—the books always in order, with every cent entered.

We dislike a Financial Scribe who is hardly ever at the post of duty, who only takes the money, turns it over to the Treasurer, puts it down on a bit of paper with pencil, that paper gets lost, and at the end of the quarter no one knows who has paid and who has not.

We like a Conductor who is spirited and obliging and never late.

We dislike a Conductor who comes late, shews no disposition to have things in order, and is inattentive to visitors.

We like an Inside Sentinel who pays attention to the raps, informs the party if incorrect in the raps and explanations, opens promptly, unless another member is giving the salute, in that case never opening the door until the salute is given.

We dislike an Inside Sentinel who will take anything for the password.

We like an Outside Sentinel who is civil and obliging.

We dislike an Outside Sentinel who is sulky.

We like a P.W.P. who has his eyes on the members as they enter the door, sees that regalia is on, and never responds unless saluted properly, but who will rise to his feet and show the members when they are wrorg.

We dislike a P.W.P. who will take anything for a Salute.

We like a Division that will dispatch business promptly and effectively.

We dislike a member who is always talking, raising objections, or laying down nearly full length on a bench.

We like a Division that maintains good order generally.

We dislike a member who is happy only when he can get up a fuss.

We like a Division which has always a good programme for the good of the order.

We dislike an officer who is always giggling and laughing.

FIVE thousand patients are now being successfully treated in temperance hospitals in London.

MANY of our citizens are groaning under burdens of taxation, and augur fearful forebodings of the future; yet are willing to vote to license dens of destruction in their own communities. Even temperance men often go blindly along adding financial burden to their own shoulders, unaware that they are reaping the fruit of their own doings.

HOW TO RETAIN OUR MEMBERS.—How to prevent, or, at least considerably decrease our loss from suspending members is a subject deserving the best attention of our Divisions, our own opinion is that if we—1. exercise judicious care in the admission of members; 2. notify all members in arrears every quarter; 3. systematically visit absentees; 4. make our Division-rooms comfortable and cheerful, and our meetings interesting; and 5. set all our members properly to work, finding something for each and all to do—we should have to report but very few suspensions.

**Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Ontario.**

THE Semi-Annual Session of this Grand Division will be held (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Grafton, commencing on TUESDAY, the 27th day of MAY, inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m. Arrangements have been made by which board will be provided at ONE DOLLAR per day.

Representatives are requested to send their names to Brother Wm. Johnston, Grafton, and to report themselves at the Hall immediately on their arrival, when they will be directed to homes by the Committee.

The usual arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Midland, St. Lawrence and Ottawa, and Whitby and Port Perry Railways to convey members for one fare and one-third for the double journey. Certificates for reduced fares should be applied for to the Grand Scribe immediately. A public meeting Wednesday evening. A large attendance of Representatives is earnestly requested.

THOMAS CASWELL, G. W. P.,  
THOMAS WEBSTER, Grand Scribe.  
Office of the Grand Division,  
Brantford, May, 1879.

**To Members of the Order.**

Bro. J. W. Manning, P. G. W. P. of our Order has been an active member and earnest and eloquent advocate of our principles for many years, it has been thought becoming by many of our members in the Province to present a testimonial to him as a slight token of our appreciation of his valuable services.

He has spent the best portion of his life in promoting our cause, and I believe his efforts have been eminently successful. I believe he has no equal, certainly no superior on the temperance platform of Canada.

Will you assist in getting up the testimonial, which I expect will be presented at our Semi-Annual Session at Grafton.

Bro. G. M. Rose, P. G. W. P., acts as Treasurer of the Fund,

and will acknowledge the receipt of all monies. And I am, yours fraternally,

DAVID MILLAR, P. G. W. P.  
Toronto, 24th April, 1879.

**Miscellaneous.**

We believe that one-half the drunkards in this country can look back on the cider mug as the beginning of their intemperance. Now, boys, if you would never be drunkards, keep away from the cider barrel.

*The Irish Temperance Banner* says that a County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary, speaking to a friend the other day, declared the Sunday Closing Act to be "the greatest blessing ever conferred on Ireland by the British Parliament."

OUR widely celebrated and respected Canadian temperance worker, Mrs. Youmans, is now in Boston, where it has been arranged for her to give twenty temperance lectures during the month of April. Wherever she goes in the United States she is warmly received.

OUR excellent law prohibiting the sale of liquor along our public works seems to be in thorough force. A man was recently sent to prison for six months, in default of the payment of a \$200 fine, for selling liquor on the line of the Pacific Railway, between Thunder Bay and Manitoba.

"YOU DIE FASTER."—The actuary of a temperance life insurance company said to a non-abstainer who complained because his class of people had to pay a higher rate of premiums than total abstainers, "the fact is, you die faster than those that don't drink, or they do not die as fast as you."

IN the recent vote to repeal the Dunkin By-Law in the township of Ernestown, Lennox Co., the result was as follows: For Dunkin, 276; for repeal, 202—majority for Dunkin, 74. There was three days' voting, the temperance men leading off each day. The By-Law has been three years in force in the township.

**Words of Wisdom.**

He who gives you fair words feeds you with an empty spoon.

Compliments cost nothing, yet many people pay dearly for them.

Half-witted people have a talent of talking much and saying little.

A wise man is like a spring lock, always more ready to shut than open.

Sweep first before your own door, before you sweep before your neighbour's.

The passion of acquiring riches in order to support a vain expense, corrupts the purest souls.

Take your place modestly at life's banquet, says Knebel, and ask for nothing not in the bill of fare.

Heaven ever renders her dews to the earth, but earth seldom, or never, renders her dues to heaven.

Scandal, like the Nile, is fed by innumerable streams; but it is extremely difficult to trace it to its source.

Four things come not back: the broken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and neglected opportunity.

A man cannot possess anything that is better than a good woman, nor anything that is worse than a bad one.

To maintain a steady and unbroken mind, amidst all the shocks of the world, marks a great and noble spirit.

Wisdom consists not in seeing what is directly before us, but in discerning those things which may come to pass.

Men are sometimes accused of pride because their accusers would be proud themselves if they were in their place.

It is a pretty saying of an old writer, that men, like books, begin and end with blank leaves—infancy and senility.

All men who do anything, must endure a depreciation of their efforts. It is the dirt which their chariot wheels throw up,

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