

"Beware of seeming truths, that grow on roots of error." — M. Tubber.

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Message from the Most Worthy Patriarch

My Dear Members—
The time is not far distant when our National Division Session will be held in Halifax N. S. (July 10-11-12) In making my appeal to you for your whole-hearted support and attendance at this Session your presence and influence is required. Do not forget that we have not had the pleasure of seeing you since our last session in Moncton, New Brunswick in 1941 our offices, have carried on the work of the order successfully and admirably. We need your exchange of viewpoints and influence in a grand post war programme for the up-building of Our Noble Order—
The Grand Division of Nova Scotia is already planning to receive you. Arrange to take your vacation at this time and I am sure you will spend a very pleasant and profitable time. Think it over seriously and come. With best wishes to you all and don't forget—"('I'll be seeing you in Halifax.)
Yours in L.P. & F
Charles T. Montgomery
M.W.P.

Philadelphia
May 4th 1946

TO ALL GRAND SCRIBES

Please have your returns, P.C. tax and credentials in as soon as possible, as books have to close about June 10th.
In sending credentials, the N. D. is composed of ALL Grand Worthy Patriarchs, Grand Worthy Associates, Grand Scribes and Patrons, also such Past Grand Officers, with one Representative at large for the Grand Division and one for every 500 members or fraction thereof. Those who have been elected for three consecutive years, and attended any two sessions become past Representatives at Large, and permanent members Subject to annual election with others representatives.
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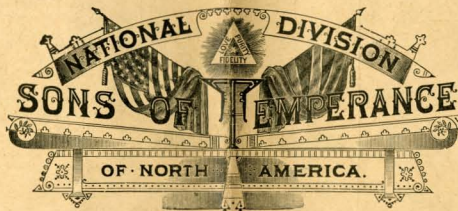
E. R. Nickerson
M.W.S.

VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP FEES

The M.W. Scribe acknowledges with thanks the following, received since last acknowledgment.
NEW JERSEY. Mrs. F.W. Womeldorf, Miss Millie Nichols
IN MEMORIAM, Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Ralph N. MacCaull
NOVA SCOTIA Rev. Edward Morris.

Three Boys In Trouble

In one week three boys, each 20 years of age, were in trouble through drink. One is unable to stop drinking once he starts. If he enters a beer room he stays till closing time, gets home with difficulty and is not in good form for the next morning. The second boy drank with a gang—a car was stolen. In a pursuit chase police fired. The car overturned at a curve. The boy is distrustful of himself and his future. The third boy was charged with stealing and wrecking a motor car. He had been drinking and stated that his memory of events was a blank. He had no recollection of having driven the car or having been in an accident. His family spent nearly one thousand dollars in his defence, yet he was found guilty.
All three boys had been in the army and had been beer drinkers in the army.



THE NINETY EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE

NATIONAL DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF NORTH AMERICA

Will be held in the City of Halifax

Opening at 10 a. m. on Wednesday morning, July 10th.

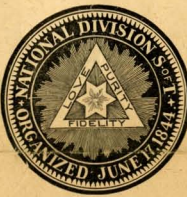
In Moriarty Hall, Y.M.C.A. Building, Barrington St. War conditions having prevented any session being held since 1941 all who possibly can are requested to be present this year. Members of the Order in good standing, not eligible to membership in the N.D. will be admitted as visitors.

By order of the Most Worthy Patriarch

CHAS. T. MONTGOMERY,

E. R. NICKERSON, M. W. S.

Attest:



WILL BE SEEING YOU IN HALIFAX

On July 10th, we look forward to once again meeting in the annual reunion of the National Division. What happy memories cluster around past sessions, and what lifelong friendships have been formed!

War conditions have prevented our meeting for five years, and so many of our leaders and constant attendees have passed away, but we must rebuild, and to all members a cordial invitation is extended to attend the 98th session at Halifax, Nova Scotia, opening at 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning, July 10th.

Owing to the still unsettled conditions, the committee of arrangements have not been able to secure just the places they hoped for or do all they would, like, but they will do their best, and assure you of a hearty welcome from the membership in Halifax and Nova Scotia. The chairman of the reception committee is the Grand Worthy Patriarch H.W. MacDonald, 310 Gittington St. The Secretary is Harold E. Nickerson P.G.W.P. 5 Murray Place.

LOCATION The session will be held in Moriarty Hall, Y.M.C.A. Bldg. Barrington St. For strangers to Halifax, this is easy to find, Barrington St. is one of the main shopping districts, one block West from the Ry. station, and a few blocks North brings you to the Y.M.C.A. It is near Spring Garden Road where the tram cars turn into Barrington St. and in the next block North to the Capital Theatre. Entering the Y.M.C.A. go upstairs, turn left, and Moriarty Hall is at the end of the corridor. This is the hall where the annual sessions of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia are usually held.

HOTELS THE NOVA SCOTIAN, owned and operated by the Canadian National Railways, is connected with the Union Station by an arcade. It has 150 guest rooms with bath, Rooms European plan (rooms only) single from \$4.00 up, double from \$6.50 up. THE LORD NELSON, on Spring

Garden Road, opposite the Public Gardens, a modern and comfortable hotel, single rooms from \$3.50 up double from \$7.00

THE CARLETON, well furnished and comfortable, single rooms from \$2.25, double from \$3.50. This hotel has long been a resort for temperance travellers.

These hotels are all good, and within five minutes walk of the Y.M.C.A. Rooms outside can be procured for from \$1.50 or \$1.75 single up, \$3.50 for two people.

Write the Secy. of the reception committee and make your reservation as early as possible. The hotel people say they can take care of all who apply, if reservation is made about two weeks ahead, and rooms can be arranged, if you write ahead, and say about how much you want to pay.

There are a number of restaurants near the hall, or meals are served in all the hotels.

AGENDA Halifax is the Eastern gateway of Canada, and the terminus of many of its trains. Consulting with your local ticket office will give you time of arrival here, depending on when you leave home. Trains from a distance arrive about 10 to 10:30 p.m. N.B. or P.E.I. people could be in about 6 p.m.

We do not know how many will be here for Tuesday evening, but a reception is planned for Tuesday evening in Moriarty Hall, and we hope as many as possible will be here then. There will be a get together, a chance to get acquainted, some programme and refreshments.

The Government of Nova Scotia is sending to every member of the National Division outside the Province, a booklet with material regarding Nova Scotia, and also a personal letter of invitation to visit us, and we hope as many as possible will respond. The session will open at 10 a.m. sharp, Wednesday morning. The registration committee will be on hand to take your name, and give you the

PERSONAL

Rev. A.A. MacLeod, P.M.W.A. who served during the war as Chaplain in the Canadian Army, is now located as pastor of a Church in West Buxton, Maine. Bro. MacLeod was the efficient Field Secy. and organizer for the Nova Scotia Grand Division for several years, and does not intend to get out of practice, for he assures us, he will organize a Division there, as soon as he gets settled in his work. There is a big opportunity for organization work in Maine, and we may look for results when A.A. gets going.

Congratulations are extended to all concerned on the arrival of a new grandson to Bro. Chas. T. Montgomery M.W.P. at the home of his daughter Sister Mrs. Dorothea Rigdon, on April 3rd, in Philadelphia.

A new Assistant Grand Scribe arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Macaulay on April 8th. Since the death of her father, Bro. D.M. Turner, who was G.S. of Pennsylvania for many years, Sister Mrs. Florence Macaulay P.W.M. Conductor, has efficiently filled that position.

We trust that Miss Judith Florence will grow up to be a loyal member of the Sons of Temperance, as two generations before her have been.

session badge.

All candidates for initiation will please be in attendance that morning. Officers and various reports will take much of that day with other business.

Wednesday evening a banquet will be tendered the members at the Lord Nelson Hotel, which it is expected will be an enjoyable social event. Thursday afternoon, if the weather man co-operates, a drive is planned to an interesting place, and other features will be announced later, as arrangements are made.

It is proposed to incorporate with the report of the Committee on Obituaries, a short memorial service, similar to that used by the Grand Division of N.S. at their annual sessions, for members who have passed away during the last five years.

Greetings from Grand Division of N. S.



H. W. MacDonald

To members of Our Order:

Many things have happened, since the first plans for our Centenary in July 1942 were made. Even in 1943 we were unable to carry through the plans so hopefully postponed. Our motto however has ever been try, try, try again and this year, 1946, we hope to bring the long delayed plans to fruition with the meetings in Halifax in July.

You are most cordially invited to be present at that time. We will do everything in our power to make your visit here of interest and profit so that you may go forth again refreshed and strengthened in your determination to fight this enemy of all mankind to a complete finish.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity
H.W. MacDonald, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Halifax N.S.

COPY OF LETTER Wm. E. FRANKLIN

Copy of letter sent by Bro. Wm. E. Franklin D.M.W.P. to Secy. of Agriculture, Washington D.C.

2532 Canby Street
Harrisburg, Pa. May 12, 1946.
Hon. Clinton P. Anderson,
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir— We wrote you recently in protest over your reduction of quantity of grain you allowed for cereals and flour to feed the children of the U.S.A. so that it could be shipped to countries where they are using their own grain for alcoholic beverages. (which is not food)

We see by the A.P. News that you are asking farmers to produce 10 per cent fewer pigs next fall because of a shortage of grain to feed them, so that you will have sufficient grain to turn over to the brewers and distillers to produce "alop" for the human hogs.

We do not expect any consideration or explanation from our liquor controlled National Administration, for we will be "small fry" in their estimation, but we are the original temperance Order in America and the only Order that Abraham Lincoln belonged to with many other STATESMEN.

DO YOU EXPECT LOYAL CHRISTIAN CITIZENS TO RESPECT YOUR REQUEST TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC WHEN MILLIONS ARE STARVING?

Very respectfully yours
Wm. E. Franklin
Deputy M.W.P.

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Forward

Love



Purity

Fidelity

Published the second and fourth Saturdays of each month by the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia. Subscription price: \$1.00 per year. Foreign Subscriptions \$1.25 per year, in advance. We aim to abolish the use of alcoholic beverages through education and legislation. We instruct and train the children in a threefold promise to abstain from alcoholic beverages, the use of bad language, and the use of tobacco in any form, through our juvenile organization, the Band of Hope. In our Divisions we pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating beverages, and to fight the liquor traffic. Persons interested in the forming of Bands of Hope or Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in their communities are urged to write this paper for full information.

Divisions are urged to insert Division Cards in Forward at the special rate of \$3.00 per year.

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EDITORIAL

SAFETY FIRST

In this morning's Halifax Chronicle is an article headed "Annual Massacre under way", pointing out that there has been an increase of 35 per cent in Nova Scotia road accidents during the past five months, over the corresponding five months a year ago. In the past five months 781 accidents occurred compared with 578 a year ago. Every month has shown an increase in the toll. This is an evidence that we are rapidly approaching the peak of pre-arranging days of 1940.

It is interesting to note that reports of this kind from the Department of Highways or other government sources are an appeal is made to drivers and pedestrians to use greater caution and care on the highways. But no reference is made to the cause of it, or by whom or more of there being the result of drinking by driver or pedestrian, and in such cases all sense of caution and care has gone with the wind. There is a deliberate and studied evasion of the real menace on highways by government departments, where the blame is placed on a profitable source of revenue the liquor trade is the source.

The article referred to states that drivers of vehicles are responsible for 60 to 70 per cent of the total accidents. It is true that drivers are responsible for that large share of accidents, but are they all together to blame? What of the Government that is solely responsible for the sale of liquor and beverage alcohol? So long as men and women who have created an appetite for liquor, or more correctly, have become diseased by alcoholism, can get the stuff for which they are known to drink it, unable to take the necessary caution of the inevitable result that follow.

Where we stop to think of human responsibilities, we find ourselves face to face with an age of utter selfishness. The motive of our day, in all relations of life, whether by governments, business, labor, and individuals, the question uppermost in most minds is, what are we going to get out of this? How can we gratify our own purposes and ends. And so the best interests and protection of others is entirely lost sight of. And possibly in no field of human relations is there more evil result than from the consumption of liquor.

We cannot stress too much the motto "If you Drive, Don't Drink!"

If you Drink, Don't Drive!

From the National Safety Council of the U.S.A. comes the following in the Foundation Says for March-April issue.

"During the war, deaths and injuries from accidents on the home

front exceeded battle casualties among the American forces. Last year alone 96,000 Americans, including 20,000 children, lost their lives through accidents of all types. At least 10,300,000 persons were injured accidentally in America during the year—a total approximating the peak war strength of our armed forces. Economic loss during the 12 months was estimated at \$5,000,000.

"There is no more sense in our suffering such an accident toll every year than there would be in our tolerating the typhoid rate of fifty years ago. We know just as definitely how to prevent accidents as the medical profession knows how to prevent typhoid. The public must be educated in the ways of safety. The entire community suffers when one adult or child is injured or killed."

President Truman said: "It is unthinkable that the nation will let the war against accidents after winning the war against the Axis. This must not and shall not happen."

6) Day Accident Record Forecast 38,000 Traffic Deaths

"On the basis of the February record, the Council stood out on its prediction of a near-record toll of 38,000 traffic deaths in 1946—unless the drivers and pedestrians decide to do something about it."

"While mileage figures for February are not yet available, latest information indicates that January mileage on rural highways increased sharply—even exceeding the pre-war year of 1941 by 7 per cent.

"If 30 per cent total mileage went up about 30 per cent in January over a year ago."

"This indicates," said the Council, "That the nation—ties or no ties, cars or no cars—is going on a travel binge and paying for it in human life."

What is liquor's part in this ghastly record? The answer is found in the National Safety Council's official publication, "Accident Facts" which in its latest issue says, page 39: "Drinking is reported in one out of four fatal accidents", and adds: "There is good reason for believing that the official report of figures underestimates the true importance of alcohol as a traffic accident factor."

In some parts of this North American continent the liquor trade boasts of its allocation of liquor revenue to Hospitals, Schools, Soldiers pensions and other charitable causes. But the question still stands, When will liquor "Pay for its wicks?" It is the most destructive government approved and defended evil in the world.

Prohibition Again Discussed In U. S.

By D. Harold Oliver

WASHINGTON, April 28—(AP)—The weekly "clipshet" of the United States Methodist Board of Temperance, which promoted the cause of prohibition for years but was abandoned in 1933, reappeared Saturday with a declaration that repeal

settled no problem." "The time has come," wrote Deets Pickett, 60-year-old editor, "for the problem and the present policies of dealing with that problem to be reviewed. No harm can be done and much good may result from the discovery and publication of the facts."

"The people have a right to know

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Victory Fund \$5000

Congratulations to committee and all membership for the success and response to this special effort, and sincere thanks to those kind friends, who, though not members of the S. of T. so liberally subscribed and helped. We believed they did so, because they felt that the S. of T. existed for a real national service in fight the liquor evil. The motto was "We shall not Fall." The chairman of the "Fund" has asked that our next objective should be an increase in membership in 1946, of 1,000 new members. Let every Division contact the old members, non-attending and suspended and invite them back. Set yourselves for an increase of 10 members for each Division, and let your motto be "We shall not Fall." "It can be done," Why not do it?

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF AMERICA RESEARCH SERVICE WHEAT FORBREAD, NOT WHISKY OR BEER SAYS TRUENAM

President Truman issued a statement on the world food crisis on February 6, 1946, saying, among other things:

"The use of wheat in the direct production of alcohol and beer will be discontinued; the use of other grains for the production of beverage alcohol will be limited, beginning March 1, to five days' consumption a month; and limit to an aggregate quantity equal to that used for this purpose in 1940, which was 30% less than the quantity used in 1945. This will save for food about 20 million bushels of grain by June 30, 1946." (N.Y. Times, 2-7-46)

The report of the Secretary of Agriculture for 1944 states: "The war has increased the use of United States wheat tremendously from an annual average of 720,000,000 bushels for the period 1932-41 to nearly 1,300,000,000 bushels in 1943-44. Large quantities have been utilized for feed and industrial alcohol, and the food use has increased moderately. . . . Before the war, about 115,000,000 bushels were used for animal feed, most of it on the farms where it was grown."

The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that a total of 90,577,000 bushels of malt, corn, rice, barley and wheat were used in the manufacture of beer in the fiscal year 1944.

The Chief Scout Still Speaks

"Our idea is to induce each boy, in his own interest and as his duty to his Creator, to be individually responsible for his own health and to carry out his physical development by personal exercise and practice on his own. To do that he must keep off liquor from the very first and make up his mind to have nothing to do with it."—B.P.

why there is so much drunkenness, so much drunken driving, so much crime, so much juvenile delinquency—why alcohol has become our "fourth greatest health problem."

Meantime, in the United States Congress, representative Joseph Bryson (Dem.-S.C.) is rewriting an old prohibition bill of his to base it on the need for grain for food. Formerly it was based on manpower shortages during the war.

Rep. Terry Voorhis (Dem.-Calif.) urged a complete stoppage of production of distilled liquors for the next 90 to 120 days "if we are really to do everything that we can to feed the starving."

The Prohibition Party has reappeared in Pennsylvania. It polled enough votes in the State's last general election to win standing as a party. In the May primaries, it will have candidates for governor and other state offices.

Ch'town Guardian 4/29/46

Rev. G. W. Schurman, Billtown, Kings Co., N. S., a subscriber since 1930, writes:

"The Forward" to my mind, was never better than now, especially never more informing.

Thank you

THE VICTORY FUND

From the Fund Chairman.

Dear Brothers & Sisters—

A few brief months have passed away since we gathered together in our Annual Session and plans were made for a Victory Fund drive of five thousand dollars.

It seemed almost a forlorn hope, that such an amount could be obtained from the faithful members of our order all over our fair Province.

I am still very conscious of the gathering together of our Committees at that session and the deep spirit of earnestness and consecration so evident as we outlined our plan and planned our campaign. It seemed as if the Scriptural injunction, "Cast thy net out into the deep," was heard once again. And never did a Committee have such unanimous support from our membership not one minute was wasted in discussion on "ways and means" of raising this allocation. Instead there was a clear decision mandate from the Brothers and Sisters assembled there to achieve our purpose.

This was to be our goal for the whole of 1946. Barely six months have passed away and our Victory Fund drive for five thousand dollars has been over subscribed. Not only has the rank and file of our membership responded to our appeal, but men and women outside our order have equally responded most generously as well.

As Chairman, my heart is very full of gratitude first to the loyalty and faithfulness of the committee and also to the Divisions who have made this proud achievement possible.

Nor can I pass over lightly the efforts of our dynamic and indefatigable secretary Bro. D. A. Macdonald, our Vice Chairman, Rev. Bro. A. L. B. for, for me help advice and counsel they gave so freely in this great effort. They have richly earned the thanks of Grand Division.

And now our faces are still towards the Sunrise of new and continued achievement.

While not wishing to impose too heavy a burden on our membership, the committee feels that the victory drive should continue.

Important as the materialistic conception of our achievement may be yet fundamentally we will have failed if in so doing we have not succeeded in deepening the Spiritual Concept of our work in the redemption and prevention of the terrible ravages of the Liquor evil and a substantial increase in the Membership of our order.

And so Brothers and Sisters, I would again appeal to you to continue our Victory drive campaign, and at the same time increase our membership. Our slogan—"We shall not fall" is still nailed to the masthead, and under the care and blessing of God we will go on for ever and ever.

As yet your Grand Executive has not succeeded in getting the services of a Field Sec'y. The choice of the right kind of individual for our work is no easy task.

I doubt not that eventually the right man will be found and then may we fervently hope and pray, that the dawn of a better day may come, and our order accomplish great things for God and humanity.

In Love Purity & Fidelity

Bro. A. W. Leslie (chairman)

The Bride said "NO!"

By Ethel May Hall

(in Canadian White Ribbon Tidings)

The wedding march rang out through the church as the guests watched the beautiful bride on her father's arm take her place beside the bridegroom.

The clergyman's voice seemed deep and impressive as he repeated the words: "Dearly beloved, we are met together before God and these witnesses to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, an estate instituted by God. . . . If any here present can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare the same. . . . I require and charge you both as you will answer at the day of judgment, if you know any impediment, you do now confess it."

"Margaret Rose, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband? To have and to hold to this man for ever; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness or health; and forsaking all others, clinging only unto him, so long as you both shall live?"

The clergyman paused for Margaret Rose's answer. John Clinton turned toward his bride. As he did so a strong whiff of whiskey came directly into the bride's face. She paused, astounded. Never before had she had this experience with John. There was only a split second to decide, but it seemed as though her dead mother stood beside her and she spoke her word "No."

The clergyman thought she had misunderstood his question and repeated it saying: "Just say, 'I will.'"

She gave John one anguished look, then John saw the face of her pastor she said: "Oh, I cannot."

John was stunned. The preacher leaned over and spoke to her quietly, to be sure that she knew what she had done. "Why?" he asked.

"I did not know that John drank," she said sobbingly. "I promised my mother when she was dying that I would never marry anyone who drank. I would be afraid to break my promise. I am so sorry to have caused this embarrassment for John, but I had only a second to decide for a lifetime."

Then John Clinton spoke: "I promise you, Margaret Rose, and you Mr. Chalmers, before these witnesses, that I will never taste alcohol in any form again."

It was a solemn moment. The clergyman took John's hand and held it as

he placed that of Margaret Rose above it and uttered this prayer: "Father in Heaven, whose Son, Jesus Christ blessed the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee, hear the vow which these people have witnessed today, and give Thy strength to this man that he may keep it inviolate."

Without any other notice he resumed the service, repeating as before, addressing Margaret Rose: "Wilt thou take this man to be thy wedded husband?"

When he reached the end Margaret Rose looked first at John, then into the clergyman's face and answered clearly: "I will."

Tears stood in the eyes of her father as he saw her place her hand in John's.

They repeated together: "With this ring I do thee wed. A token of the love and covenant betwixt me and thee."

Rev. Mr. Chalmers raised his voice and said distinctly: "I declare you man and wife, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That which God hath joined together let no evil created by man ever put asunder."

Into the vestry as the pastor registered the marriage, he said to Margaret Rose: "That was the bravest thing I ever heard of. It is the only interrupted marriage at which I have officiated."

"I was not consciously brave," answered Margaret Rose. "I had no time to reason. The act was a culmination of life decisions as a result of the training I received from my mother and father. I could not have done otherwise."

"I shall always love her better for her decision," said John. "At the very beginning of our married life she forced me to take a rock-like stand. Now I know I must follow my vow until death us do part."

"That was the place for the decision, said the clergyman. "So many couples do not realize the significance of the words of the service: 'If there be any just cause why these two should not be joined together let them now speak, or forever afterwards hold their peace.'"

John and Margaret Rose drove to their new bungalow before leaving on their wedding journey. John carried Margaret Rose across the threshold and said: "Dear Margaret Rose this is always a happy home in the trust sense."

At the airport, watching the plane disappear, the guests said to each other: "There flies the happiest couple we have seen—they go away with no shadow hanging over them."

Among the Divisions

MURRAY DIVISION NO. 451.

The Halifax District Council paid a visit to Murray Division on Wed. May, 15th at the regular Division meeting. The officers were installed by past G.W.P. Bro. H. Nickerson. Addresses were given by G.W.P. Bro. Leslie, Bro. P. Prowse, Chas. Della Tore, D.A. Macleod, Lyle, and Grand Scribe Bro. E.R. Nickerson. Expenses paid the highest report on our late Bro. Smithers whose connection with the S. of T. had been so valuable and loyal. Recitations were given by Sister Mrs. E.R. Nickerson, and Bro. Lyde. Bro. D.A. Macleod reported that the Victory Campaign Fund for \$5,000, had been over subscribed and other Divisions yet to be heard from. The amount being \$5,242.00. The membership of the S. of T. and the many friends outside the Order who have so generously contributed are sincerely thanked by the Grand Executive and Bro. D.A. Macleod as campaign secretary, to be sincerely congratulated for so great success.

Mrs. Mary Roney, 96

TEMPERANCE PIONEER

GRANVILLE CENTRE, March 31—The sudden death of Mrs. Mary Roney, 96, Granville Centre's "Grand Old Lady" as she was familiarly known, many, occurred at her late residence, Granville Centre, on Tuesday afternoon, March 26. She was the oldest resident of the community.

In days when doctors and nurses were not as numerous as at the present day, she was ever ready to leave her home and care for those in sickness and in sorrow. She was known best in her home, which she loved, where she cared for her family and her husband's invalid sister for 34 years.

In her 25th year she married Henry Roney, Granville Centre and lived for 71 years at the residence where she died.

It was here in the early years of her married life that she and Mr. Roney worked diligently for the cause of Temperance and Mr. Roney built a hall for the purpose of organizing Seymour Division No. 505 and the Band of Hope for the training of the youth of the community in the right paths of Love, Purity and Fidelity.

Later the Sons of Temperance purchased a piece of land from Mr. Roney and erected there the Temperance Hall, which still stands where Seymour Division meets regularly once a week.

In religion, Mrs. Roney was a staunch Presbyterian.

Funeral services were held from her late residence on Thursday afternoon conducted by Rev. Wright of United Baptist Church, Annapolis Royal. Mr. Wright spoke very comforting words from John 10th Chapter and ninth verse, "Jesus said I am the door."

The music was in charge of Mrs. Orland Daniels and the choir sang hymns Safe in the Arms of Jesus and Rock of Ages. A duet, "In the Beautiful Garden of Prayer," was rendered by Rev. L. Wright and Blair Hatfield.

Pallbearers were Messrs. H.J. Daniels, LeBaron Troop, Blair Hatfield, Grant Eaton. Interment took place in Wadville cemetery.

Liquor and V.D.

Two years ago the Ministry of Health reported that venereal diseases had increased since the war began by 50 per cent among the civil population, and by 75 per cent if the armed forces were included.

A man is responsible for what goes down his throat.—Haven Emerson.

Chronic alcoholism is a medical problem rather than a police problem.

She Knows

"Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other poison weapon by far, even except its death-dealing wings across the World"—Evangeline Booth.

CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

LIFE OR DEATH?

"And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I set before you THE WAY OF LIFE and THE WAY OF DEATH—

Jeremiah 21:8

The unbelievable has happened. Not only have the people of Halifax voted by an overwhelmingly large majority for beverage rooms, but in Toronto we are told that de luxe liquor lounges are to be erected, also beer and wine to be sold in restaurants! While millions in Europe and China perish from starvation, the women in grain and fruits must be **KILLED TO POISON** our own people! Science teaches that alcohol is never found in nature. To manufacture beer or wine nutritious substances must be changed from **FOOD TO POISON**. It is sad enough to realize that largely because this process has been going on for years we cannot supply food to starving millions, but it is even sadder to learn that greed for gold has turned human hearts to a metal too hard to consider suffering and we, has blinded leaders to the thing of protecting those whom they represent, and deadened obligation to our returning heroes. Ill-gotten wealth can be lavishly spent on de luxe liquor lounges to pollute our people and multiply drunkards, but our returning men look in vain for desperately needed homes.

People of Canada, are you satisfied with this ever increasing Deluge of Alcohol? Is Canada a Democracy, truly representing you and my wishes or a **DICTATORSHIP** under **THE WORLD'S OLDEST AND GREATEST TYRANT, ALCOHOL?**

"A Democracy without political parties is impossible, as the history of democracy shows. A real political party is organized around a central idea... The Republican Party was born on the proposition that human slavery was **WRONG**, and should be abolished. This naturally brought into the party those who hated slavery, and with Abraham Lincoln elected on that proposition human slavery **DIED** in less than four years."

Rev. E.W. Lough, The Nat. Voice, Feb. 7, 1946.

With all political parties obviously not only willing, but eager to better the health, morals and spirituality of our citizens of all ages surely the time has come for a **NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM** party that will emphasize that it is wrong to poison present and future generations, and that this **CRIMINAL SYSTEM MUST BE ABOLISHED**.

AWAKE CANADA AND TURN TO GOD, GOD WANTS CANADA TO ABOLISH THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, SALE AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL AS A BEVERAGE.

NOW IN OUR FATHER'S TASK

Bessie MacMillan Miller (Mrs. V.L.)

Record Baby Crop Expected in U.S.

WASHINGTON—Statistical experts expect a record crop of more than three million babies in the United States this year.

Though no definite predictions can be made this early in the year, it is pointed out that the birth rate follows the marriage rate rather closely and that since VE Day the marriage rate has jumped sharply. U.S. marriages in January and February of this year were 67 per cent above those for the same months in 1945.

The record in U.S. births was set in 1943, with approximately 3,118,000 new Americans born. For the next two years, 1944 and 1945, the birth rate dropped slightly.

Figures for the last five years, based on estimates made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company from census records of recorded births, are as follows: 1941, 2,670,000; 1942, 2,984,000; 1943, 3,118,000; 1944, 2,969,000; 1945, 2,900,000.

CHELMSFORD, England—Two hundred employees of a ball-bearing factory here recently received free X-ray examinations. In all, 3,000 will be tested. Object, says welfare officer M. H. Cobbold is to see how many are suffering from effects of heavy war work.

Our Program Poem

In this space each issue will appear a poem suitable to be used on your Division Programmes. The Editor welcomes contributions to this column.

Women and Wine

Pop went the gay cork flying,
Sparkled the bright champagne;
By the light of day that was dying,
He filled up the goblet again.
Let the last, best toast be woman,
"Woman, dear woman," said he,
"Empty your glass, my darling,
When you drink to your sex with me.
But she caught his strong, brown fingers,
And held them tight as in fear;
And through the gathering twilight
Her clear voice fell on his ear:
"Nay, ere you drink, I implore you,
By all that you hold divine,
Pledge to a woman in tear-drops,
Rather by far than in wine."

"By the woes of the drunkard's mother,
By the children that beg for bread,
By the face of her, whose beloved one,
Looks on the wine when 'tis red,
By the kisses changed to curses,
By the tears more bitter than brine,
By many a fond heart broken,
Pledge no woman in wine."

"What has this wine brought to a woman?
Nothing but tears and pain,
It has torn from her heart her lover,
And proved her prayer in vain
And her household goods all scattered,
Lie tangled up in the vine;

O, prithee, pledge not to woman,
In the curse of so many—'wine' Selected."

Which shall it be Food or Drink?

Ebel Hubler
Editor, The National Voice

There is much talk about methods of "ending hunger." Congressmen Voorhis of California told Congress recently that the distillers and brewers are using 225,000 tons of scarce cereals—corn, rice, wheat, barley, etc.—per month which are suitable for food and food.

The Congressman declared that, "... the \$8,000,000 bushels allocated to liquor and beer production so far this year could have prevented starvation of 45,000,000 persons, a high price to pay for such utterly unnecessary production."

The Resolution introduced by Representative Voorhis, to prevent the use of grain for the manufacture of liquors so long as the shortage lasts, is known as H. J. Res. 325. All temperance friends should write their Congressman to support this measure.

Food or Liquor

The New York Times is authority that President Truman issued a statement on the world food crisis on Feb. 6th, 1946 in which he said,

"The use of wheat in the direct production of alcohol and beer will be discontinued; the use of other grains for the production of alcohol will be limited beginning March 1st, to five days consumption a month, and the use of other grains for the production of beer will be limited to a quantity equal to that used for this purpose in 1940, which was 30 per cent less than the quantity used in 1945."

This will save for food about 20 million bushels of grain by June 30th, 1946."

The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the U.S. shows a total of 90,567,069 bushels of malt, corn, rice, barley and wheat were used in the manufacture of beer in the fiscal year 1944.

IN ENGLAND Dr. Edith Summerskill, parliamentary secy. for the Ministry of Food told an applauding House of Commons that "food is more important than whiskey" and so distilleries would only get 130,000 tons of grain this year.

ONLY 130,000 tons of grain when the Famine Emergency Committee headed by Ex-President Herbert Hoover has appealed to the American people to eat 40 per cent less food. He says that 500,000 people face

Programme Helps

By Aunt Jane

Your Temperance Program.

There is a tendency, in some Divisions, to slip over the Temperance portion of the program in sort of a haphazard fashion and hurry on to the lighter entertainment. This is not the right attitude to take. In doing this we defeat our purpose.—The instructing and training of the young people—and older ones, as well—in the principles of Temperance. We can have a very instructive, helpful twenty minutes either in discussion of current events, study of the Lesson in Forward or short peppy talks by members. There are many happenings, daily, which could be discussed in the meeting. Some helpful suggestions for the Temperance cause might be gleaned from such talks. After this period we are then ready for our social hour. And this should be a happy time for both young and old.

Do not drag your Temperance period. Make every word count. Then enter wholeheartedly into the remainder of the program.

Speed Contest

In ten minutes from the signal go see how many words you can write containing the word rat. In each case the letters must follow consecutively, ex: rate or congratulate. A prize could be offered for the greatest number of words. Other three letter words could be used as a lead word for another time, such as can, rap, pan, and others.

True or False Literature Contest

Is it true that:
1. Milton wrote Pilgrim's Progress?
2. The Author of Ben Hur was Matthew Arnold?
3. Shakespeare wrote these words: "A rose by any other name would be as sweet?"
4. George Elliot was a woman?
5. Rudyard Kipling wrote, "Kim"?
6. Tennyson wrote the poem, "A Psalm of Life"?
7. Stratford on Avon was John Milton's home?
8. Charlotte Bronte wrote "Quenton Durward"?
9. Charles G.D. Roberts was a Canadian?
10. Tennyson penned these words: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of?"
11. Longfellow wrote "The Barefoot Boy"?
12. "Kidnapped" is an adventure of the Scottish Highlands?
Answers: 1. F. (John Bunyan)
2. F. (Lewis Wallace)
3. T. (Monte de Arthur)
4. T.
5. T.
6. F. (Longfellow)
7. F. (Shakespeare)
8. F. (Sir Walter Scott)
9. T. (Born in F'ion, N.B.)
10. T. (Monte de Arthur)
11. F. (Whittier)
12. T.
Did you have a perfect score? We hope you did.

A COUPLE OF BEERS

E. A. BLAKESLEY

"A couple of beers won't hurt you!"
His red-nose neighbor said;
But there lies his car demolished,
His wife and baby dead.

"A couple of beers will help you,
Can't do you any harm!"
But he caught his hand in a pulley
That jerked off his right arm.

"Just a couple of beers? That's TEMPERANCE!"
But there lies his corpse charred through.

His plane went into a tailspin,
And he couldn't think what to do.

famine but can survive if we provide a minimum of bread. If we fail we shall see a world of disorder which will paralyze every effort to recovery and peace."

"Food or Liquor," which asked Representative Rees of Kansas in Congress in March of this year.

"The 101, 759,877 bushels of grain, consumed in the manufacture of distilled spirits and beer during the past year, would go a long way in providing food for the starving people of other countries."

Band of Hope Corner

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THE ENEMY

We must defeat him because Intoxicants hurt the body. They spoil the mind, Hinder progress, Injure the state, and Never uplift; always degrade.

Our savings may be needed, so Useless spending is sinful. Real wealth is health and happiness.

God is on our side. Alcohol must go. True patriotism demands abstinence. Engage in Temperance Work. Success is sure.

DON'T BE CAUGHT

Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? No little children here, Because they will not touch his bait Of cocktails, gin and beer. They will not smoke his old cigars, Cigarettes, too, they shun, And things that lead to sinful ways. Which the Big Bad Wolf calls fun. He calls it fun to smoke and drink, And shock our parents, too, By acting wild and being out. For any harm we do. But the Big Bad Wolf—Old Alcohol Himself will get the shock, Him, we refuse to listen to, Or by his wiles be caught.

—Janet Pollock Graham.

How You Can Help Your Country

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He puts his foot on the first rung of the ladder of progress, and determines to win his way in life.
He gains success, and begins to think of having a home of his own.
One Band of Hope girl keeps her pledge, and becomes a capable and lovable woman.
The two meet, and by their marriage form an ideal and happy home.
They are blessed with children, who, following the example of their parents, are healthy young teetotalers.
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Dis is the amount of work you vos do Where is the fallacy?	
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If YOU, make up your mind not to have a Drink Big of your own—you will not only be safe yourselves, but set other people an example which may save them also.—Facts.

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Evangelical Bishops.

Liquor Industry (In Protestant Voice)

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(RNS)—Accusing the liquor industry of "planned propaganda to interpret the word temperance as applying to all things, whether useful or harmful," the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical Church stated here that such interpretation "is not the historic Christian meaning of the word temperance."

The board said there was a clear distinction between the temperate use of non-harmful articles and those known to be detrimental.

"With regard to things harmful, the rule of the Church is total abstinence," The bishops declared. "The unanimous and abiding conviction of the Evangelical Church is that alcoholic beverage is useless, unsafe and hurtful . . . There is only one attitude concerning such things that is reasonable and Christian, and that is total abstinence."

Pointing out that liquor advertising has gained a prominent position, the bishops asserted that "the use of alcoholic beverage is popularized through increased social sanctions. Every possible effort is made to hide its economic waste, and to deal lightly with its blight of character and destruction of virtue."

The board also charged the industry with making a determined effort "to obliterate all differences between this traffic and other business by introducing it into every possible business relationship."

To combat this tendency "a quickening of Christian convictions" is necessary, the bishops said. "The facts concerning the evils of alcoholic beverage must be taught in the home, in the school, and in the church . . . Unless the Church will face this task realistically and with courage, alcoholic beverages will destroy our homes, churches and nation."

JUDGE IN TIP TO BARKEEPS

Barkeepers should heed the pleas of wives to refuse their husbands drinks, Judge Frankland W. Miles declared in Roxbury District Court yesterday after hearing a case involving a tavern owner and bartender.

"These bartenders should stop feeding husbands so much liquor that they fall off the stools and pay some attention to their wives when they ask them to stop serving their husbands," Miles said.

Judge Miles gave a suspended sentence to a 50-year-old man arrested for drunkenness after evidence showed that the man's wife had requested the bartender not to serve him. The bartender served the man while his money lasted and then extended credit to him.

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