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SCRAP OR SCRIP?

Shall we uncover and disappear, or shall we cover our plans, our appearance and forge ahead?

Shall we unframe and destroy or shall we look around, work around, yet verily dispose our forces around the enemy, retaining the writing of our victories?

Of all the questions of recent years, two have not been hard. Can you walk? Will you walk with me? To motor is to save time, but it is to fail to see the details, the beauties of lanes, of shrubs, of flowers, of trees. To walk is to see the color groups, to feel the voiceless appreciation but real, to think along live lines, to meet real people, and to make our impression.

The hour for Division meetings is after dark. All are tired. The home appeals with greatest force when need of presents looms.

The hall where the equipment, the records, the books of ceremony to be opened and to be kept open, where the routine is to be followed with as many short cuts as possible, is some distance away and amid noise and confusion.

We have seen parts of people going to church in family groups. All are happy, proud of kindred, of society connections, receptive for instruction, for inspiration.

Let us see the people as we go. Invite them to join our groups. Provide new resources for fellowship, for tactical plans, for impressive rituals, for new fields, new workers, new report totals.

It is not difficult to imagine that the men who founded the Sons of Temperance had been meeting at round tables, with beverages running over, with plates not empty. We can see them; we can hear their he-man talk. We know well about their plans, their growth, the great service rendered to homes and to communities. They did all that. There was help received from above. That same is available for us. Their story is our reading. Their story is our guide. It is just beyond. To forget the old is to make impossible the new. To bring back the former years is not to make them serve as present annals. We must make our own history, but not read it.

To walk ahead is to see the future, to glimpse the horizon, to seek to line, but not to reach it. It is just beyond us always, always moving as we are nearing, but never too far, never an impossible distance away.

The time for sentiment is now. The time for our planning is now. The hour is the same. The possibilities are there. If we make them, if we endeavor to do it, to lay down the work, to record results and the reasons for failure, the chances go to workers based on new but lasting foundations.

We must seek the quiet room. We must fill the sheets which once were blank, with intelligence reports, with outlines of plans, with lists of our representatives, those of high standing, of business acumen, or recognized social position. We must know everything, but reveal nothing. We shall need to actually meet the opposition, but we need not push them over. They are no more than we unless they stand. It is better if they are friendly. We can bluff them, we can fight them, but we need not antagonize them. We may meet the enemy; but we must make them our friends, and hope to persuade them to yield, to oppose less, to re-inforce more.

Look up the recorded words in volumes not our own. Call to blessed memory Burgoyne and Jarvis of Ontario; Spooner and Hohenthal of Connecticut, call out to those in Nova Scotia who are making representations to governments, who are giving out releases to the press.

What can be done? What must be done? The answers are the same.

We require greater treasury balances. We need a more liberal interpretation of the duties of membership. We must step up the dollar a year subscribers.

We need not insist on eternal vigilance of our sentries. It is all right to admit the members who present themselves at the closed doors. It is all wrong not to open up and speed out fighters for our combat area.

Find the ritual books, read the lines, make the message our own; but by all means close the book and place it aside. For all Divisions, of all ranks, the instruction is to learn, speak from the heart, although coming from memory. At first there will be faltering recitals, but they will become forceful speakers. In the higher Division there will be greater ease, more winning style. In the highest Division will be the greatest poise, the resourceful power, the impressive personality.

You ask if all this effort, this continuing study is worthwhile. The reply is not for now. Try it. To succeed is to erect and hold the most effective barrier against all short cuts, all eliminations, all "without forms."

What of the present? From the very first there have been other organizations with similar aims and with success equal to our own. There were many lines of activities which never met. There was no co-ordination, no united strength, no planned massed operation, no high command.

But now. Features which we have not cared to incorporate in our program have been taken up by others.

The W.C.T.U. have an allied organization of men who have an intelligence bureau, who send out press releases, furnished facts and statistics for advocates, have on file the names of forceful speakers, who are at the call where there is need.

There are people who drink, but who wish to stop. The Alcoholics Anonymous know about them and are ready to stand by. They themselves have struggled. They have slipped. They have tried again. Their hard acquired skill is for all comers.

We rely on sentiment. Some organizations base their efforts on research bureaus. The laboratory of applied physiology at Yale University arranges a centre for conference attended by men of science, social workers, temperance pleaders. The meetings are not for hours but for days.

Our most prominent opponents are strong with trained public relations counsel, with convincing personnel officers.

We have some of these men, but they do not recognize themselves under the above headings. Then too, we can pay but little, if anything. We depend upon volunteers, who do not come forward always. Unity is strength. Knowledge is power. To rest is to stand still. To remain there too long is to fall.

All of this is so and so. We need not despair. We have the goods. We have the men, the women. We have had results of which we are proud. However, we cannot use them again. We must attain to them anew.

Something happened in August of which we must all be proud. It was not in Connecticut, nor in Pennsylvania. It was in Nova Scotia, in the city of Halifax.

The authorities have before them the proposition to open beer parlors. A plebiscite is contemplated. The Grand Division of Nova Scotia is opposed. Their two representatives obtained an appointment with the mayor.

These were some of the words. "We feel the present is not the opportune time..." "We think it not right to spend money on these plebiscites..." "We believe that beer parlors have not been a benefit where they have been established..."

Notice the restraint in language, the polite approach, the tact in presenting the issue. Talk about diplomacy.

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96th Annual Session Prince Edward Island

The 96th Annual Meeting of the Grand Division of Prince Edward Island met with Star of Hope at Cape Wolfe on July 4th, the G.W.P. Rev. John M. Sheen in the chair.

On motion Subordinate Division members were admitted on giving the Sub. Div. Pass Word.

Most Worthy Scribe Bro. E. R. Nickerson of the National Division of North America was given an official welcome. He was introduced by Bro. A. A. MacLeod, P.M.W.A.

The G.W.P. reported as follows: He noted with pleasure that we were meeting with a Division that had been organized in 1886 and was still going strong. He also extended a welcome and greeting to the M.W. Scribe. He referred to the fact that while we were here in peace and seclusion the terrible war was still going on, but that there was another warfare always being fought—that that against the Liquor Traffic. Many commodities were being rationed but very little was being done to ration liquor. He also pointed out that pressure was being put on this province by those who want the selling of intoxicating drink made legal, and that courts seemed loath to punish violators of our Prohibition Law.

Following the G.W.P.'s report that that of the G.S. was given. In it he made reference to the death of Bro. D. N. MacKay, M.P.P. who was with us when the G.D. met last at Cape Wolfe. Bro. MacKay was one of the outstanding men of temperance in P.E.I. and always worked for the Good of the Order, a good example for other members of G.D. to follow.

The G.D. listened with great pleasure to Bro. E. R. Nickerson M.W.S. He expressed pleasure at being at the meeting, it being the first time he had visited the western part of P.E.I.

He appeared to us here to sustain and build up our Temperance organizations and above all to fight to retain our Prohibition Law.

During the Session the G.S. noted with pleasure that two ministers, both outstanding workers in the S. of T.—Rev. J. A. Jardine, and Rev. Geo. MacVicar are now stationed in our province and he hoped that they would render valuable assistance to the temperance cause here on P.E.I.

Officers were elected, with Roderick Locke as G.W.P. and Mr. Irma Stewart, G. Sent. and on motion Bro. Nickerson was asked to install them. He was assisted by Bro. A. A. MacLeod.

Meeting then adjourned to reconvene after supper, which was served in the hall by the members of Star of Hope.

Following supper the G.D. met in Public Session with Bro. J. M. Sheen as chairman.

After calling the meeting to order he asked Bro. Capt. A. A. MacLeod to introduce the speaker of the evening, Bro. E. R. Nickerson M.W.S. of the National Division of North America. He gave a fine address in which he reviewed the history of the Temperance Movement, the Rise and Fall of Prohibition and the Ascendancy of Govt. control. He pointed out how much higher sales of intoxicants are each year where Govt. Control is the law and solemnly warned us once more to fight with all our might to retain our Prohibition Law as it is now in our Statute Books.

Bro. A. A. MacLeod spoke briefly on his work as an Army Chaplain.

The following resolutions were read and adopted: (1) Resolved—That we heartily commend Hon. Horace Wright and those associated with him who voted against the proposal to legalize Beverage General, Fred Large, assuring him of our whole hearted support in enforcing the Prohibition Law.

(2) That we write the newly appointed Attorney General, Fred Large, assuring him of our whole hearted support in enforcing the Prohibition Law.

(3) That we extend to Bro. E. R.

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NOTES OF M. W. SCRIBE

Acknowledgement is made with thanks, of the receipt of the Voluntary Membership Fee from the following members of National Division.

New Jersey, John S. Gensheimer, Charlotte A. Terry.

Pennsylvania, Horace Price, Mrs. Lou E. Jones, Mrs. Kate Anderson, Roland M. Evenson, Elsie M. Judd, Mary Judd, Mrs. Margaret Scatrigar, Mr. & Mrs. Harry S. Goodwin, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. W. Bowen. (2) Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hughes.

Connecticut, Mrs. A. R. Roumer, Mrs. Anna R. Baedor, (2) Caroline Reinman, (2) Wm. C. Dickinson. In Memoriam, Capt. W. G. Dickinson, Bessie M. Dickinson, Maud M. Dickinson.

Rhode Island, Wm. G. Saffa, Sarah C. Saffa, Mrs. C. Saffa, Mrs. Wm. Fellows, Mrs. Myron A. Hawkins, Helen L. Chedell, Nellie L. Quinby.

Massachusetts, Mr. & Mrs. C. Taylor, Henry Harvey Stuart, A. C. Reid, M. E. McKinney.

Nova Scotia, H. W. MacDonald, Mrs. Edna Collett MacLeod, Judson F. Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Nickerson, Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Leslie, Mrs. Bessie Todd, R. H. Reid, Chas. T. Smith, Mrs. D. Moulton, Harold E. Nickerson, Wm. E. Sims, Mrs. Olive M. Nicholson, Silas Taylor, James A. Farris.

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Ontario, Mrs. A. P. Brace, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Walton, Mary Walton, Rev. J. R. Wilkinson, Mrs. S. D. Jarvis, In Memoriam, S. D. Jarvis, Mr. & Mrs. Jas. A. Breckon, Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Clement, Minnie L. Caswell.

Newfoundland, Chas. Forward, Wilson Osborne, Wm. J. B. Emberley.

These are a few. There are many more to be mentioned. If you were at a session, you would all pay the fee, as you always do. You have all received the circular letter regarding it, and many have laid it aside intending to remit, and forgotten it. This issue of Forward goes to every N.D. Member of the G.D. as a reminder, but this is to remind you to tear off the perforated end of the letter, sign your name and address, enclose a dollar bill, and mail in the addressed envelope.

Acknowledgement will be made in the next N.D. issue of Forward in Dec.

The prayer for war time, adopted by the N.D. in 1939 and recommended for use in all subordinate Divisions, was sent to all Divisions in Canada and Newfoundland. When the U.S. entered the war, some Grand Divisions were supplied with this others have not asked for it. To any who have not received it, the number of copies required will be sent on application.

The Division at Arlington, Va. very near Washington D.C. is inactive at present, due to war diversions, but the members write that a strong effort will be made to boost the Order there, as soon as the war ends.

Another diversion there is a Presidential election, and they seem to take their politics seriously. The Deputy is running for Congress, and that body like our Parliaments, needs all the temperance men who can get seats there. We look for some real action from Virginia, later.

Bro. Wm. J. B. Emberley, the always deeply interested Grand Scribe of Newfoundland, writes of a meeting of their propagation committee, and plans to be made to boost the Order there, which we trust will materialize.

We were glad to meet Br. P. Hickman of Grand Bank Division, Nfld. during a recent visit to Halifax. We have many loyal members in that Grand Division who have kept the banner of the Order flying under many difficulties. We trust that any members from that, or any other jurisdiction, who may visit Halifax will make themselves known. Any of the membership here, will be pleased to meet them, and a welcome

will be given them at any of our Divisions.

A member from Nova who has located in California is working for a Division there. Although wine manufacturing interests of that State oppose any total abstinence sentiment he is hopeful of success. Promise of a room for meeting has been obtained, and he has a form to secure signatures for a charter application. Success to your efforts, Bro. Ormiston.

The Executive of the Grand Division of New Brunswick are urged to make every possible effort to revive Howard Division No. 1 organized at St. Stephens on March 8th, 1847. This first Division to work on British soil, was organized by 60 members from Frontier Division No. 22, 22 of Calais, Maine.

Colonel A. J. Armstrong, then Grand Scribe of N.B. some years ago when visiting the G.D. of Nova Scotia, told the story of the institution of this first Division to work under the Union Jack.

As these 60 brethren from Calais, each wearing the white regalia of the S. of T. marched from the wharf where they landed, through the street in St. Stephens to where the Division was to be instituted, they passed a hotel where liquor was sold, on the verandah of which stood a number of men with glasses of liquor in their hands who drank a toast of "confusion to the temperance cranks."

Such was the institution of the Order in British soil, where it has since enrolled millions of members during its long history.

This Division at one time reported 333 members. A glance through old reports, tell of many struggles, with opposition, and sale of liquor but of many men who were with the Division. Eighteen such men being at one time in its membership. Howard Division No. 1 had authority from the N.D. to charter new Divisions; in Nova Scotia, for a time, Union Division No. 6 of Digby was chartered by them.

Deputy Henry Webster, said in one of his reports, "We would feel it a disgrace if Howard No. 1 ever gave up its charter."

This Division should never have been allowed to suspend. It has not been down many years and as the parent of all British Divisions should ever be on the active list. The Propagation Committee of N.D. has offered N.B. every possible assistance for its revival.

We saw the smiling faces of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Fader in Halifax recently. Both were active workers in Geneva Division when living here. The Dr. still wears the emblem pin of the Order, and has an application form for a charter for a new Division at Deer Island N.B. where he is now stationed. We trust the New Brunswick members will back these efforts to success.

So many members write saying how much they miss the annual get together of the National Division, and the reunion of distant friends of many years standing. We all do, but hope before long, we can resume sessions, and meet at Halifax.

National Division of G. B. and Ireland

Like our own National Division, were unable to hold their session this year. Bro. Lewis Forsythe, M.W. Scribe writes.

"We felt reluctantly compelled to cancel the arrangements for holding a session this year. The Normandy invasion has caused a great deal of trouble upon our rail traffic, with the result that passenger traffic to and from any part of the country is not guaranteed."

Our Executive have been actuated purely by National interest; and we feel we have done the right thing.

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Forward

Love



Purity

Fidelity

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Divisions are urged to insert Division Cards in Forward at the special rate of \$3.50 per year.

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EDITORIAL

THE SEVEN MEN OF PRESTON

This issue of the "Forward" comes out just before the 102 Anniversary of the institution of the first Division in New York City, Sept. 29th 1842. Any organization which has carried on over a century has a just claim to a place in history; and when that organization is a temperance one it has a proud and honored place in a nation's life as an agency for human aid and national betterment unequalled by any other except the Christian church.

But 1844 is also a memorable year in the history of total abstinence in England. Your Editor was born and spent the early years of his life in the town of Preston, Lancashire, England. And the name which stands out most prominent in the history of the total abstinence movement is that of Joseph Livesey. One hundred and fifteen years ago, Joseph and his friend, John King, signed the first total abstinence pledge, and so began the temperance movement as it is known to us today. It would be impossible to estimate the value to the nations of the world of the life of this one man who was the inspirer of the temperance cause, the movement has placed a beneficial influence upon the whole human family, giving joy in the place of misery, and increasing the sum of happiness to countless millions. Your Editor can go back to where 50 years ago he signed the temperance pledge and joined the Band of Hope in Preston.

Joseph Livesey was born in the Village of Walton, near Preston, on March 5th, 1794, 150 years ago. After the death of his parents, he was brought up by his grandfather, and, at an early age, began work as a weaver. His work shop was a damp cellar in the basement of his grandfather's house, soon after his marriage, he moved to Preston, where he became a cheese maker.

Drunkenness at this time, was very common, and, to combat it, the Preston Temperance Society was formed. Its pledge was the moderation one, but it failed to carry out its purpose, so Joseph and his friend, John King, signed an abstinence pledge, and, on September 1st, 1832, five others also signed and are now known as the Seven Men of Preston.

We are informed by the Australian Temperance Advocate, as follows: A sound film, entitled "The Seven Men of Preston," depicting the work of Joseph Livesey and showing the signing of the first total abstinence pledge in the Cockpit at Preston, has been purchased by the Queensland Temperance League, for use in Bands of Hope and other meetings. Lady Astor and Dr. Courtney Weeks, delivering addresses at a temperance meeting, also shown in the film. It is a very valuable addition to the Leagues library.

In these days of visual education it might be a wonderful medium of Temperance education. The Dominion Dispenser possessed a moving picture machine and made a collection of Temperance films.

We ought to be proud, however, that we are members of a society with such a history of social, moral and spiritual betterment covering a period of 114 years since the first total abstinence pledge was taken.

THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

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We are all full of hope that the visible crack in the German ranks will widen quickly, and that the victory we have hoped for so long will take shape.

"I have read the Centennial copy of Forward with much interest and pleasure. It serves to remind one of the beginnings of the Order and the glorious traditions of the past years.

It is interesting to know that you have dispatched another case to Sister Sebright, and I can assure you that in these days, she will not have the slightest difficulty in putting its contents to the best possible use. Our people in the Southern part of England are passing through difficult days and nights, but this latest infernal missile, will not win Hitler's war."

Brother J. T. Walker P.G.W.P. of Great Britain will be remembered by all who attended our National Division session at Philadelphia. We were glad to have him with us. In a recent letter he sends messages to several members and as our M.W.S. does not happen to see the Philadelphia members every week, this message is passed on to them through our Official organ, this issue of which at least, they all see.

Bro. Walker writes in part. "I have much pleasure in sending you this message of Greeting and Good Wishes to yourself and to all the Officers and Members of your National Division.

"I shall never forget the glorious time you gave me when you held the Annual Session of 1939 in Philadelphia, and the cordial reception the members gave me to all their functions, and the tour by coaches to the many interesting sights in that City. While there I was invited to visit America's Division, and taken there by a Brother Tucker, and had a very enjoyable evening with the members. If you are in touch with him kindly give him my kindest regards and my address, and tell him I shall be glad to hear from him.

"I enjoy reading your splendid paper Forward, fortnightly, and pass the copies on to the Grand Scribe of our Bishop Auckland Grand Division. You will be interested to know that I have just completed two years service as G.W.P. of this G.D. am on Executive Committee, still Patron of our local section of Cadets of Temperance, and also carrying on as Hon. Secy. of the Durham County Band of Hope Union, a position which I have held for over 25 years.

"Wasn't I delighted to see in the Centennial issue of Forward in June that picture of the Sons of Temperance Ice Water Fountain in Philadelphia with myself standing by the daughter of Mr.

EDITORS COLUMN

ELOUTION CONTEST

Please get busy in selecting and training your contestants for the Grand Division. "DO IT NOW!"

TEMPERANCE BLOTTERS

Are you contacting you: senior grade scholars in the public and high schools on the subject of total abstinence? This is very important. Find a good speaker to visit your schools and send for your quantity of Blotters. These blotters carry a good Temperance message.

We have received a copy of "Prohibition Action" a 48 page booklet by Miss Ethel Hubler, Editor of "The National Voice" 126 West Third St. Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A. This booklet is full of up-to-date ammunition for the temperance worker. It answers many questions and arguments put forth by the liquor interests. Send for a copy. 25 cents each.

SAMUEL D. KERR, D.G.W.P.

The death occurred on Sept. 7th at his home at Milford of Brother S.D. Kerr, aged 62 years. He had been in failing health for two years owing to a heart condition, and had recently been a patient for a few weeks at the Halifax Infirmary.

He was a life long member of Milford Division No. 329, of which he has been the faithful Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch for a number of years and a frequent attendant at annual sessions of Grand Division.

To Sister Mrs. Kerr, FORWARD extends deep sympathy.

THE 7th VICTORY LOAN

Make this the final drive!

During October the Government of Canada will launch the 7th Victory Loan. Compulsory savings has been withdrawn hoping that the citizens of Canada will invest their savings voluntarily. We are now on the final road to Berlin. Very soon our boys will be on their way home. But we must be ready to meet them.

The VIIth is made up of V for Victory and I do our part. We must not let our men in uniform down as they reach the final stretch. Let us join our men in the sacrifice which means final Victory.

Editor.

and Mrs. Chas. T. Montgomery. Will you kindly pass on to them my warmest greetings and kindest regards, also to the daughter and Miss Turner, who were with me. I wish I read some time ago of their weddings.

"On my return from my American trip I married a good lady whom I had known in my home town, but then residing in London. She has been a worker in the Band of Hope from her youthful days and has joined with me in these good wishes to you all. Remembering you always in our prayers,

Fraternally yours in L. P. and
J. T. Walker,
14 Alexandra St.,
Shildon, County Durham, England.

LESSONS OF EXPERIENCE

1. That the licensed liquor trade and unlawful liquor traffic thrive side by side.
2. That you can't make men sober by acts of Parliament, but you can make acts of Parliament that make for sobriety.
3. That men can't drink and expect women to abstain.
4. That the liquor trade will sell to anyone who will buy.
5. That the better liquor is, according to the standard of the connoisseurs, the worse its effects.
6. That the encouragement of beer or wine drinking does not lessen the use of spirits.
7. That the drinking customs of society do not say much for its intelligence.
8. That in regard to liquor the old proverb that "there are none so blind as those who won't see," is absolutely true.—Everybody's Monthly.

As I remarked in my sermon, said the new vicar "One half of the world does not know how the other half lives," A voice, "Ah, you are new to this village, sir."

TEMPERANCE STUDY COURSE

By Rev. R. C. Chalmers, B.A., B.D., P.G. Chaplain

18. Let Us Know The Truth About Alcohol.
Read John 8:32. 32: 光明

There lies on the desk before me a group of short articles culled from various journals and they are all bits of propaganda sent out by the Brewers, a subtle mode of advertising their nefarious trade. The one thing that comes first to my eye is called "Making Temperance Easy" and above this title there is a picture of an ancient lamp, the symbol of truth. Here is the second sentence of the advertisement: "We—the Brewing Industry—submit that the path of moderation is the way to true Temperance." But what is moderation? Moderation for one man is not moderation for another man. Moreover, even moderate drinking is harmful. If you wish proof for this latter statement I would ask you to read parts of Dr. Haven Emerson's book, "Alcohol and Man."

We live in a scientific age and it is one of the boasts of men of science that they speak for the truth and when they find it they let factual truth speak for itself. Over every hall of Science might be written these words of Jesus: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Facts are always liberating for they release us from the shackles of superstition, ignorance and false propaganda.

To-day the cause of true Temperance has a great ally in Medical Science and in facts of various descriptions which reveal the harmful effects of alcohol on personal and social life. So when the Brewers advertise, "Beer is Best," as they have been doing in Great Britain, we know statement is false, unless we add—best for breaking up homes, causing poverty, prostitution, insanity and social degradation.

Another of these Brewers' gems on my desk is a letter to the father of a twenty-one year old son. It begins: "If you are a wise father you'll be honest with your son." And then goes on: "If you have brought him up in the British Tradition you can be sure he will want to know both sides. Tell your son that people can't be too drunk: sober by his. Tell him that properly conducted beverage rooms are, the first defence against the bootlegger, the strongest weapon against excessive drinking." Yes, father, tell your son that four hundred years ago the British people called the tavern "the devil's school and the devil's chapel." And you might mention also, how in a play of that early time, called "The Harrowing of Hell," and the souls are released, and how the devil begs to be allowed to keep one, and is finally granted the soul of the Brewer. Give your son the full story of the "British tradition."

It is important that he should know the truth about alcohol. As you read from your morning paper the record of death and mutilation by "moderate drinking" drives, quote to your son the revealing inscription from an ancient Egyptian tomb: "His earthly tenement was shattered by beer and wine and his spirit departed before it was called for." Tell him the whole truth about the beverage rooms. Here is a quotation from a Toronto paper: "When it takes eleven policemen to care for the drunks emitted at midnight from one Toronto beverage room: When sometimes two patrol wagons are required to take the same purpose; when almost statement is false, unless we add—best for breaking up homes, causing poverty, prostitution, insanity and social degradation. It is common knowledge that the Brewers finance many of these places."

(To be continued)

SONS OF TEMPERANCE BRITISH RELIEF WORK

The two sewing groups in Halifax, which have kept up their meetings and work all summer, are now strengthened by the return of members who have been out of town, during vacation season.

The reports we have of the damage done by the robot bombs in England indicate that the need for help is as great or more so than during the blitzing years.

The committee are planning to pack and ship another case of clothing by the middle of October. As it takes some time for these shipments to reach their destinations, this may be our last shipment to reach the men before Christmas, so we ask any contributors to send in what they can before Oct. 10th. We hope to have a lot of nice material for a large box.

Any cash contributions are used to purchase articles of clothing at wholesale prices.

Our committee acknowledge with thanks a good sized box of nice clothing from Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson, 210 South, 12th St. Newark, New Jersey.

Sister Williamson who is a Past Grand Worthy Associate of the G.D. of New Jersey writes in part "Hope everything in this box will be of use. All the children's things, I made myself, and my people think it is wonderful, as I am in my eighties. I hope we can hold our National Division session, next year, although I cannot be with you, then, as I cannot travel any more, just have to be content with reading about the men and their needs."

We assure Sister Williamson that the committee appreciate her splendid contribution, and the nice garments she made, and know that some needy children in England will be more comfortable, and happier because of the hours of loving work she has spent for them.

WHO ARE THE WETS

Who are those who patronize the boot-leggers and so create the boot-legging business?

The Wets
Who are the people who opposed enforcement and thus created its difficulties?

The Wets
Who are the people who claim that there was more liquor drunk during prohibition than before?

The Wets
Who are the people who are doing the drinking? The Wets

DEEP ENOUGH IN THE RUM BUSINESS

By resolution of a recent session, Mayflower Division No. 9 of Halifax sent a wire to the General Council of the United Church of Canada, now in session at London, Ontario, expressing the hope that they would not favour the nationalization of the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages in Canada.

The Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia have given much consideration to this nationalization scheme. They recognize the big argument put out in its favour, the political and financial power of the liquor trade, but they do not believe this would be eliminated if the Govt. bought out the manufacturing plants, and ran the business.

The Dominion Cabinet would not personally run the breweries and distilleries, they would need large Boards or Commissions, and their products would have to be sold to Provincial Govt. Liquor Stores, and to Provincial Govt. are cursed with beer palours. Any one who knows aught of political conditions will agree that political pressure of liquor interests would not be eliminated under such conditions.

When we incorporate more revenue from liquor in our national income we make the yoke harder to throw off. Promises, made when Govt. sale came in, and the results should war us against going deeper into the rum and associated business.

We are told that we must be realistic, and practical. We are. We refuse to bite the hand that feeds us, or to believe that as a nation we are to have freedom from want, freedom from fear, or God's blessing on us as a nation, by making and selling booze as a national industry.

We used to be taught that the way to decide a question was not, is it expedient? But IS IT RIGHT? That is the question that we must ask. IS IT RIGHT for us as a nation to go into the manufacture of liquor? With the results of our sin in selling it, our only answer can be NO.

MY PRAYER

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother who is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbour,
And a little less of me.
—Anonymous.

OUR 102nd ANNIVERSARY

Among the Divisions

NORTH SYDNEY DIVISION

The North Sydney Division S. of T. met for their District Visitation, Aug. 22nd, in the Division Hall, with the W.P. in the Chair. One new member was initiated. The Grand W.P. Bro. H. E. Nickerson was present and introduced to the Division members by the D.W.P. Edna MacDonald. The Grand W.P. gave a very interesting address which was enjoyed by all. Other addresses were given by visiting brothers and sisters from Edwarsville, Sydney, Sydney Mines and N. Sydney. A large number was in attendance. The pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close with delicious refreshments served by the sisters.

A CALL TO ACTION—TRUE TO DAY

In one of our jurisdictions a few years ago, when conditions were rather unfavourable, the G.W.P. a medical Doctor, in his report had the following from which we quote, because what he said is equally true today. "After many years of experience in the Order, during which I have been actively engaged in building up its Divisions and endeavoring to promote their welfare, I definitely declare, that in my judgment no other temperance organization is so well fitted as the Order of the SONS OF TEMPERANCE to advance the cause, redeem the inebriate, and preserve him from relapse into his former habits, and at the same time save our country from taking the fatal step that lead to destruction. And I believe there is no means by which we can impress the public mind in any locality so readily and thoroughly as by keeping up in it an active, brave, and faithful Division of the Sons of Temperance, hence I feel that it is of the important duty in our present condition, of once more turning our attention systematically and perseveringly to the recruiting service of the Order, believing, that if we do so, we shall conquer success."

Let us now then upon the Altars of our Noble Order that this shall be done. IF WE WILL IT, AND ACT, WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS AND MORE. Our beloved Order has yet within itself all its former capabilities for good, and high capacities for reform, and only needs to have its members once more aroused and rallied beneath its banners.

To thus arouse and recall to our ranks the inactive is the duty of every member of the Sons of Temperance. Let our Division rooms be thronged again as of yore, and the still hovers in them. Let us gather together as of old.

Nothing so stirs the blood of men to noble deeds, to works of worth and goodness as the co-operation of their fellow men. Nothing so enhances the attraction of the Division Room to members as the presence of fellow members. And this I hold to be one of the great underlying principles for success. Attend the meetings and you will help supply the genial source from which other good will come. Old members will be warmed back and new ones will come to unite and strengthen our work.

Try it Members—try it faithfully. Continuous attendance at your meetings, in the old brotherly cordial way of the Order. Be faithful in bringing in members for protection, and to build up our work.

Let us also revive the weak, and reorganize the dormant Divisions of the Order. This should be the effort of every true Son of Temperance. All who have interest in others good, and who appreciate the importance of our mission, have a work to do.

Do not be discouraged but put faith in good works—and in God. Members may get weary but seasons of refreshing come to all those who earnestly expect and labour for them.

Finally I again appeal to every member of the Order who loves the Cause, "by the memory of the past" "when our very name carried victory with it, "by the dignity of the present" when the conditions of the Order demand the best efforts of every member, and "by the solemnity of the future" in which we must answer at the bar of our own consciences to the Great Patriarch above, for the fate of this Order is in your hands, to go once more heartily and bravely to work.

Go my Brothers and Sisters each and all of you to your Division rooms, re-

On Sept. 29th, 102 years have elapsed since "the immortal sixteen" men met at 71 Division St. New York City, and instituted New York Division No. 1. The pioneer temperance order of this continent.

Likewise probably do those 16 men think as they went home that evening, after founding a rescue and educational temperance fraternity, that their Order would be living more than a century hence, during which it would spread to nearly all parts of the English speaking world, and enroll ten millions of members.

Brief and imperfect sketches of some of its history have been given in the Centennial booklet, and occasionally in Forward, but few realize the work done in the past century.

For the past 70 years, at least, nearly all the temperance leaders of the continent have been trained in Division rooms.

The numerous field agents employed, the publications, literature distributed, the juvenile work, all the educational work used had a great effect in reducing consumption of liquor, and obtaining restrictive laws.

The subordinate Divisions were centres of local activity, members filled with the missionary spirit of bringing in the drinking men and spreading the gospel of total abstinence. The Grand Divisions in every part of this continent, brought the state and provincial leaders together, planning and strengthening of the Order's work, and the prohibition of the sale of drink. The National Division united of action great leaders and members from Canada, the U.S. and Newfoundland.

The real work of the Order is not shown on printed pages, but in the many men who have been redeemed from drink, homes made happier, and the many it has prevented from acquiring the drink habit.

It is unfortunate that when prohibition laws have been secured, so many seem to feel that the objective is secured and temperance organizations do not need support. Such legislation must have public support.

The history of the past century proves, that when the Sons of Temperance have been strong and supported, drink consumption has decreased, and restrictive laws are secured and enforced. We are paying the penalty to day for allowing temperance organizations to weaken.

It is nothing to strengthen temperance work, like organizations devoted to this purpose with regular training. With the experience and success of the past, and the great needs of to day let us observe our 102nd anniversary by every member working for a revival and strengthening of the Order's work. The old motto is still good "EVERY MEMBER BRING A MEMBER".

FROM THE G.W.P. OF NOVA SCOTIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In my last letter I expressed hopes of visiting some divisions during vacation and although there was very short notice for preparation, I did have the pleasure of attending several meetings and interviewing a number of member outside. This was during the hottest weather of the season and shows the loyalty of members in continuing throughout the summer.

After an absence of two years I again found myself in Cape Breton for a stay of ten days. Met with several members of the Cape Breton District Division at the home of Bro. Geo. MacDonald (noted for his poetry) in Sydney, the meeting being presided over by Sis. Edna MacDonald, the interested Dist. W.P. who had come 18 miles by bus. Plans were made to hold a quarterly session of their district at St. Peter's for the end of August as an encouragement towards suitable observance of the 60th anniversary of that division. However this had to be changed later for a meeting at Mira.

Transportation has prevented the splendid fraternal gatherings which characterized this district some years ago, but visitors are arranged and a number of outings held by various divisions. A change in the weather on the night of Star-in-the-East's (Sydney) picnic supper caused it to be held in their hall, where I found Bro. A. S. MacDonald performing most efficiently as chief cook. The following week I visited them and was pleased to find Bro. E. R. MacVicar among those present. He was an active member of Murray while attending College in Halifax and after serving on pastorate in the West is now back in P.E.I., where he hopes to continue his poetry in Sydney.

At Edwarsville, we found King, Edward Div., carrying on regularly with a loyal and efficient group of members, despite many away in the services. Bro. Morrison whose recitation "The Wooden Wedding" is always enjoyed, and Rupert Fraser are among the faithful. Several members were present from other divisions for the visit at North Sydney, and I have presided over by Sis. Mrs. Nelson Hare and one candidate initiated.

Bro. Gordon Parsons had recently been reported a prisoner of war following the sinking of one of our ships and we pray for his return.

After correspondence with the deputy of Denver-Newtown in Guys Co. a special meeting of their division was called on short notice and so I left Sydney two days earlier in order to visit them. Leaving the train at Antigonish I drove on the Sherbrooke mail route to Aspen, then across to New Town with another mail driver, where I met by Bro. Ernest Archibald, the efficient deputy and entertained at his home. That evening over 40 members and about 100 guests, all he termed young people, were at the meeting. Some had driven 10 miles and it was a great gathering. They are fine singers and an interesting group with whom one would like to meet frequently. The work of our Order in promoting total abstinence for better citizenship is surely illustrated by such meetings.

A plentiful supply of ice cream and cake was passed at the conclusion. In fact at all meetings there was an abundance of good things to eat and like other parts of the province, the cookery of our order is second to none.

After an early breakfast next morning, followed by family worship, we drove several miles to connect with the mail car for New Glasgow, enjoying the pretty drive through the Garden of Eden, Rocky Mountains, Blue Mills, etc.

Visits such as these necessarily shorten a vacation and yet the renewing of friendships and making new acquaintances within our Order, give an idea of the possibilities and need of our work.

We must have an Agent in the field and I firmly believe we can increase our membership. I trust my messages have been of some encouragement to the members and thank all for the fraternal spirit and co-operation shown.

While visiting in Wolfville recently I joined Bro. A. W. Leslie, P.G.W.P. to visit Bro. Thos. Borden of Greenwich now in his 92nd year, but fairly active and keenly interested in the Order, with a partial hope that he may get to the annual.

The Mar. Baptist Convention was concluding its session and it was pleasing to note their continued opposition to the liquor traffic and there certainly was no suggestion of supporting the nationalization of the liquor business.

I trust you are looking forward to attending Grand Division in November plan for a successful gathering.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,
H. E. Nickerson,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

OBSERVANCE OF PEACE

As the end of the war seems to be getting nearer, papers and magazines in some parts of this continent, are conducting enquiries, as to how individuals will celebrate the peace.

A not uncommon answer is, "by having a good drunk." Some tell of hoarding up champagne against the great day, and in other cities the Mayors say the liquor stores will be closed.

When we think of what this war has cost humanity, with the price not yet all paid, the murders, tortures, starvation and death inflicted on the occupied countries, people, to say nothing of the loss of all they possessed. Of what it has cost this continent in the sacrifice of life for the freedom of humanity, all well as well the other Allied countries, with a debt that will handicap many generations.

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Our Program Poem

In this space each issue will appear a poem intended to be used by your Division. Contributions to this Editor welcome to this column.

THE APPROACHING CONFLICT

"New occasions teach new duties, time make ancient good unthought;
They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth.
Lo! before us gleam her campfires; we ourselves must Pligrims be,
Launch our Mayflower, and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the futures portals with past's bloodstained key."

Thus wrote Lowell in the days when savery held both church and state; In its iron grasp of power, when the rich and strong and great,
Bowed the knee in meek submission at Moloch's bloody shrine,
And men turned away unheeding from the "still small voice" divine.

Now, thank God, that power is broken. Now thank God, that crime is past! For the call of truth was answered, and the nation rose at last—
Rose to break apart the fetters and give freedom to the slave;
Rose to clear its sullied honor, and lay slavery in the grave.

One reform succeeds another as the ages onward roll,
The slavery of the body;—now the bondage of the soul.
Gone—the lash, the chain, and slave pen, still to go—the curse of drink,
With its crime and want and madness crowding souls o'er hell's dark brink.

Lo! o'er all the land is bending low a dark and threatening cloud,
And the lightning of God's anger, and His curse, as thunders loud,
He directs 'gainst those who traffic in their neighbours grief for gain,
Those who sneer at women's prayers, and dare smile at childhood's pain.

Once again the truth is calling, once again appeal is made
To the nation's heart and conscience to support this new crusade,
And o'erthrow, for once and ever, liquor's trade in others' woe;
Legal sanction of the traffic while the seeds of crime they sow.

God has heard the widow's weeping; He has seen the children's tears; And he hears the cry of anguish and the prayer of faith He hears.
Unto us He now is speaking, unto us we hear sounds deep;
"Child of Mine, the duty calleth. I am with thee, do not fear."

"For the sake of those who suffer, for the little ones who know
All the bitter depth of sorrow, for to us they cry;
Fight this evil, thou shalt conquer, and thy word of praise shall be,
"As unto the least thou didst it, thou hast done it unto me."

Thus the voice of God is calling. Shall we not each one reply?
"Lord behold me for Thy service ready, heart and hand, am I,
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; in Thy name I wage this fight;
And I thank Thee for this summons to do battle for the right."

"Upward still and onward" brothers, There's a victory yet to win,
There's a battle still to carry 'gainst the mustered hosts of sin.
God is with us. He will prosper every effort made for truth,
And will grant his winning soldiers His best gift—immortal youth.

In the conflict now beginning 'twixt the powers of good and ill,
There's no time for hesitation; on, right onward with a will:
Seize the weapons God doth offer—Heaven's truth and strength and light.
Write this watchword on our banners, "For our homes, for God and right."

The only kind of egg that improves with keeping is a nest-egg—in the Savings Bank.

Band of Hope Corner

Mrs. C.H.C. MacLaren, G.P., Elmsdale, Hants Co., N. S.

Statistical Report

For Second Quarter of The Band of Hope Work by the Grand Patron.
No. Bands reported March 31st, 1944..... 26
No. Bands suspended during the Quarter..... 2
No. Bands to report, June 30th, 1944..... 24
Loss in Bands..... 2

Membership
Members reported March 31st, 1944..... 1983
Members for Quarter ending June 30, 1944..... 943
Loss in members..... 40
Gains by added members..... 43
Losses by suspended members..... 57
By withdrawn members..... 16 73
Losses..... 40

Suspended Bands No. of Members
484 Rainbow, Pleasant Lake, Yarmouth Co..... 17
543 Cherry Blossom, Bear River, Digby Co..... 40
Total..... 57

Holding 13 meetings during the Quarter.
475 Starr, Halifax Miss Belle Patriquin, Patron.
Holding 12 meetings.
351 Primrose, Halifax, Mrs. David Moulton, Patron.
536 Amethyst, Wolfville, Kings Co., Miss Vivian Duncanson, Patron.
Two were reported joining Division.
Faithfully submitted in L.P. & F., Bessie Rutherford McLaren, G.P.

Let us remember that our responsibility to the youth is the greatest that faces us and we should never let up in our vigilance to guide them aright. What will it profit us as a nation if we win the war and the peace we are yearning for, and lose the coming generation by our own neglect, and, IT IS MUCH EASIER TO INFORM THAN TO REFORM. Our responsibility to our youth is of primary importance.

If you look up May 27th, 44 issue of "Forward" you will find I dwell at great length on this subject, but one paragraph I would like to bring to your notice again:

"The greatest event in the world is the birth of a child. We all hear so much about protecting our national resources, saving our national forests, protecting our national waterways, husbanding the nation's wealth, BUT WHO SPEAKS FOR THE NATION'S CHILD IN A NATION'S WAY? The child is the largest asset of any nation. The child is the greatest natural resource of the world. All the gold, all the coal and iron and forests, all the improved water ways, all the wealth in the world WILL NOT SAVE THE NATION THAT NEGLECTS THE CHILD."

I had hoped to visit the Bands in Yarmouth Co., while in the States but was closed by correspondence all the bands were closed for the holidays. I did get in touch with a few of the workers and found they were anxious to keep Bands going, but had difficulties in different ways.

I was invited to speak at a Public meeting in Carleton, but as I had plans made to leave before that date I had to refuse. Am hoping to get back some time when I will be able to attend some of these groups.

Had the pleasure of seeing Bro. B. Simms in their home and although the former was up and around I found him very frail, he had many a chat on Division and worthwhile matters. Since returning home I heard Bro. Simms had passed on. He will be sadly missed in many circles. Much sympathy goes out to his widow and near relatives. Bro. and Sis. Simms were always faithful supporters of the Temperance Cause in Yarmouth County.



I was sorry not to be able to attend District Division at Pleasant Lake early in July, but had only just arrived and could not go. It was a keen disappointment.

Attended a W.C.T.U. meeting and called to see many friends of the Temperance cause and found that overlapping societies in Church and Community, with added war duties, prevented many from keeping up atten-

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| Wm. Lamond, Sydney Mines, N.S. | |
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