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## NATIONAL DIVISION NUMBER

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### A NOTE FROM THE MOST WORTHY PATRIARCH

Philadelphia, June 10th, 1945  
Dear Members:

In our last issue of the Forward I was obliged with regret to advise you of the postponement of our National Division Session in 1945 for another year.

My hopes for a Session in 1946 become somewhat brighter. With reverence and thanksgiving to our Great God the European War has been declared over. But the battle is not entirely won; we still have the Pacific situation to finish, and there is no doubt in my mind it will be, and our Prayers are that it will be completed soon.

It has seemed like a long time since we had the pleasure of meeting and fraternizing in 1941. When I was elected in 1940 in that lovely City of Providence little did I think I would still be in the M.W.P. office in 1945. The Deputies M.W.P.s, and committee appointments made by me at that time have my sincere thanks and commendation for their labors and loyalty, and I hope their efforts will continue for the balance of my term. With the hope that travelling conditions may improve in time for a grand reunion in July 1946—With best wishes and good health I remain Yours in L. P. and F.  
CHARLES T. MONTGOMERY,  
M.W.P.

### NATIONAL DIVISION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

This National Division was to hold its annual session about the middle of May. We have had no report from it, but acknowledge with thanks the printed report of their Executive Council.

From it we learn the sad news that their Most Worthy Patriarch Brother J. T. Pearson passed away on March 16th, after a short illness.

Extracts from this report say of him "by his death the Order has not only lost its Chief Officer but a worker of rare ability" who had filled National Division offices for 15 years.

"Outside his home, Brother Pearson had many interests, but the Order of the Sons of Temperance claimed his first attention, and the principles of the Order were successfully advocated by him in the Church and Trade Union movement, with both of which he was actively associated."

"His death has removed an outstanding personality from our midst and in every Grand Division, members share the sense of sorrow at the passing of a beloved colleague and friend."

The National Division of North America extends to the N. D. of Great Britain, our deep and fraternal sympathy, in the loss they have sustained.

In spite of the war distractions, they have made a net increase of 274 adults for the year, although having a decrease in the Cadets of 141.

The total membership there now is 325,157.

### DOES ALCOHOL REALLY STIMULATE

Alcohol is reckoned to stimulate the heart. The pulse becomes faster and fuller under its influence. But ask the heart specialist and he tells you a different tale. He prefers foxglove or digitalis, which we used to think a heart depressant, and now known to be a heart stimulant. It makes the pulse slower instead of faster. Alcohol paralyses the nerves that re-in the heart, and so it paces away to exhaustion. Foxglove says, "Steady, now, take your time; more haste, less speed," and saves the patient. Again, alcohol is a "mockery."



### To All Members Of The National Division, Sons Of Temperance Of N. A.

It was hoped that the National Division would be able to hold its annual session in Halifax N.S. in July, this year, but the congestion and many difficulties of travel, and of obtaining suitable accommodations, with so many members engaged in war activities, make it necessary that the session should be again postponed.

THEREFORE, I, Charles T. Montgomery, Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of N.A. do hereby proclaim that the annual session of this National Division, shall be further postponed for one year, until July 1946, to then meet in the city of Halifax, N.S. or until further notice in this official organ.



CHAS. T. MONTGOMERY, M.W.P.,

Philadelphia, Pa. March 10th, 1945.

### TEMPERANCE

"The fundamental principles of the Order and kindred temperance societies are being challenged today in a manner we have not known in recent years." No one can look at life and not feel gravely disturbed at the trend of events. After more than five years of war, the Govt. has failed to take effective steps to control the drink trade in any way. It will in days to come ever remain a charge against the Govt. that whilst it vigorously prosecuted the war, it took no steps to save our young people from an inevitable moral and physical disaster. "Our digest of business makes special mention of this aspect of our National life, which has caused a good deal of concern throughout the country. Growing and indisputable evidence has been brought to light in the daily press, and from many parts of the country it is confirmed by Chief Constables, Magistrates and leading citizens of our towns and cities. The facts have been too flagrant to be concealed. War conditions have rendered easier the brewer's attempt to make the young people of to day the regular customers of the public houses."

"Many changes may confront us in the years that lie ahead, but the future is not without hope. These are days of opportunity, and the security of the Order with its great tradition will be determined by the use we make of the opportunities as they present themselves to us."

It is certain that the nation never stood in greater need of the ministrations of the Order, and we confidently ask our members to respond to the call and play their part in securing in what is so often called "the New Order" those great and glorious principles for which we stand."

Jones— (on a pleasant morning in March), Spring in the air, Mr. Smith, Spring in the air.

Smith— Spring in the air? Why should I eh? why should I?

### NOTES BY THE MOST WORTHY SCRIBE

We can all thank God that since the last quarterly N. D. issue of Forward the European war has been ended, and we trust that ere long the Japs may be so thoroughly trimmed that they will never again be a menace, and that the world may soon be able to enjoy peace.

Among those who are serving in the far East, we think of Brother Frederick Sufia of Rhode Island, who first attended the N. D. sessions as a very small boy with his family, then acted as one of the pages for a number of years, and was our efficient guide, on the touring trip at the session held in Providence, in 1940.

He is now an ensign on one of the largest U. S. battleships which has been in the East for some time, and we all wish him a safe return.

As the authorities have stated that the boys will be brought back from Europe in not more than ten months from close of hostilities, it is expected that travel conditions will permit the holding of the N. D. session next July, in Halifax, where it was invited for the Centennial.

Great changes have taken place since then. War diversions have seriously affected the work of the Order, and war time habits, have, as in the past, increased drinking habits.

We miss so many of our leaders, who have finished their work since we last met. Past Most Worthy Patriarchs, Williams, Lawson, Staver, Brace and Jarvis, and Prof. Rockwood, all of whom had planned to be at the centennial session, have gone since then, together with many active workers in many jurisdictions.

There is a great need at present, and ahead for our work, and we must look for replacements in our ranks.

Now is the time to start the rebuilding of our Divisions, first by the necessary personal work. It is useless to deplore the present drinking customs, and the ruination they are

causing, and then say there are so many other things going on we have not time to devote to the Division. Temperance work of the past has been built up by people who took a total abstinence pledge, and associated themselves to work for its principles. Any successful word of the future, must be on the same lines.

Some of the Grand Divisions have not been very active during wartime; now is the time to plan for growth and carry out the plans. Will you do your part to see that your jurisdiction shows an increase in membership for the reports at Halifax, 1946?

Plan to attend the session. Nova Scotia has been as hard hit by the war and war conditions as any Province or State, but they have tried to keep up the work, and have maintained it fairly well.

The Halifax members will give you a fraternal welcome, and will be glad to see you.

**Voluntary Membership Fee**  
A circular letter will soon go to every member of the N. D. reminding you of the voluntary membership fee. This is entirely voluntary and every member is willing to pay it when the committee calls on them at the session, and to mail it when they do not forget it.

The revenues of the N. D. have been kept up to a minimum, and this fee helps keep up the necessary work. Our fiscal year runs from June 1945 to June 1946.

**To Grand Scribes**  
These quarterly N. D. issues of Forward were arranged to contain many official notices, or suggestions so this is for Grand Scribes only.

In making out your credential sheets, with list of representatives from your G. D. to National Division, please remember.

The National Division membership is composed, in addition to certain Grand and Past Grand Officers, of one Representative at large for the Grand Division, and one additional for each 500 members or fraction thereof, who

### LIMITATIONS OF STATE CONTROL

From Church of England News-paper, Feb. 9, 1945

Carlisle, whose public-houses are state-controlled, stands seventeenth in the list of sober communities in England.

While this does not, of course, prove that the nationalisation of the drink trade is inferior to private ownership for purposes of control of consumption, it does, at least, suggest that nationalisation is not the automatic, magic cure-all which so many of its advocates claim it to be. Carlisle, in spite of the control of its licensed premises by the State, consumes more strong drink than Reading. We congratulate the citizens of Reading upon their sobriety.

We trust that we shall not be accused of levity if we also congratulate the citizens of Carlisle for providing a challenge to the dogma that State control is a universal cure. The time has come to cultivate at least a little scepticism about the alleged virtues of State control and State ownership, merely as State control. We believe there is sound traditional argument against the assumption by the State of control of the drink trade and gambling.

In other respects, the question must be dealt with on the merits of each particular case. State control of monopoly production, for instance, may serve the ends of economic efficiency and convenience—or may not. But we must dismiss the fiction that nationalisation has any power of moral magic; that it represents any short cut to moral or spiritual achievement. Morality in a people depends upon the consensus of personal character, not upon any institutional device or mechanism whatsoever.

### Moderate Drinking

It is admitted that there are, unfortunately, too many moderate drinkers in our churches. Many, undoubtedly very moderate, and indulge only on special occasions such as weddings, jubilee dinners, Christmas, etc.

I say emphatically, that in the light of modern knowledge about drink and the damage the traffic does to the whole community, any compromise with the drink habit, on the part of those who are professing Christians is quite indefensible.

The man who takes a glass of beer, only occasionally is nevertheless providing the brewer with a mite towards financing his advertising campaign, which has the avowed object of making our young people the mainstay of the tavern and beverage room.

I maintain that the support of the liquor trade, however small it may be, cannot be reconciled with the duties of Christian citizenship. The ministers of our churches have a special responsibility in this matter.

It is not sufficient that they be personal abstainers—and I really cannot understand how any minister can tamper with the drink habit—but total abstinence is not enough. They must be vigorous temperance advocates, encouraged by a loyal band of Church officers, determined to do their part in the temperance crusade.

Such enthusiasm will spread to the rank and file.

I heard of a Baptist Church in South Wales, with a membership of 350 that makes total abstinence a definite condition of Church membership. If there were more Churches of that type, there would be a real revival of the spiritual forces of our country.

Every Church in our country needs to strengthen its witness against the liquor traffic. The present attitude of complacency must give way to a righteous determination to de throne

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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 \$3.50 per year.

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## EDITORIAL

### BEER PARLORS UP AGAIN

As we were about to sit down and write an Editorial, word comes over C.H.N.S. Halifax, that representatives of the trades and Labor Council have appeared before the City Fathers with an appeal for Beer parlors. They have now another argument to offer. The V. E. Day riots would not have happened if there had been beer parlors instead of the present system of handling liquor.

Just imagine his satanic majesty saying to The Christian Church, "If you would give me more freedom among men I would not appear, or be all as bad as you think I am. It is because you suspect me that others are afraid of me. But I have many friends in your midst and they are fighting for my freedom." And the Christian church answers, as Jesus answered to the Jews, to the advocates of beer parlors, "Ye are of your Father the devil, and the lusts of your Father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:44.

There is no single trade in the whole industrial world which is more democratic than the liquor business. It is the most lawless, deceptive and destructive thing in our midst. Read these figures from the April 1945 "The American Issue."

#### Lawlessness of Taverns

In its Report for 1944 the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago says: "Our investigation during 1944 of 839 places selling liquor revealed the following:

- 504 places violated the lighting and obstructed view law.
- 461 places provided some form of gambling.
- 292 places were selling liquor to minors.
- 274 places were selling liquor to intoxicated patrons.
- 135 places ignored health and sanitation laws.
- 252 places allowed unescorted women and girls to mingle and drink with men patrons.
- 126 places employed minors.
- 17 places employed hostesses to solicit drinks.
- 16 places permitted entertainers to mingle and drink with patrons.
- 13 places permitted indecent entertainment.
- 8 places allowed prostitutes to solicit on the premises.

To this new suggestion in support of beer parlors that the V. E. Day riots would not have happened if the liquor trade had been handled differently; we say the peace in other parts of Canada under the same and different methods of handling liquor, and the revelations of the Commission now sitting investigating the riots give the lie to their argument. It is only another method which will receive the support of the brewers, sellers, revenue receivers and habitual drinkers, to drag down our young people and citizens in general to a new low in general morals and morale.

There has never been in the history of the liquor trade anyone who would argue for its use and sale, in any form, who has been able to control the evil effects. We remember a very plausible argument set forth for government control, (The system which is now condemned). They told us it would:

Eliminate boot-legging; promote true temperance; eliminate drunkenness; create respect for law and better social and moral conditions; and protect the young.

And yet, year by year, even in a period of world war, the liquor consumption and the resulting evils have been mounting as never in the history of our province or our Dominion. Every one of the promised good things from Government control were just a pack of lies as the past years have demonstrated. And any claimed improvements from beer parlors are either an illusion on the part of its advocates or a deliberate attempt to deceive the people. Let us be sure of one thing. Liquor is something that cannot be controlled. Its indulgence knocks everything and everybody else out of control. And "Believe it or Not," Beer is the worst form of alcoholic use.

Dr. S. H. Burgen says:

"Beer drinkers are absolutely the most dangerous class of subjects a surgeon can operate on. Insignificant scratches are liable to develop a long train of dangerous troubles. Sometimes delirium tremens result from a small hurt. It is dangerous for a beer drinker to even cut his finger. All surgeons hesitate to perform operations on a beer drinker that they would undertake with the greatest confidence on anyone else."

Not a very innocent thing these advocates of beer parlors are asking. In recent years the testimony of medical scientists has been that beer is more dangerous than wine and spirits. Not that we would, for one moment, advocate the free sale of wine and spirits. It's the alcohol in these things which cause the trouble. "It's the Brain That Counts," and there is just as much alcohol in a bottle of beer as in a glass of whiskey.

## EDITORS COLUMN

Please send all renewals and new subscriptions to the Circulation Manager, H. K. Mosher, Box 56, Wolfville, N. S. Do not send these to the editors, this duplicates the work and delays attention. Thank You!

**NATIONALIZATION** advocate please read article on page 1, Column 5, "Nationalization of Steamships." The editorial failed in Carle, England.

Halifax papers report stage set for the re-establishment of the rum-running business in Nova Scotia in pre-war, or even greater dimensions. But that the R.C.M.P. are also preparing, and do not intend the smuggler to get ahead of them. Time will tell.

### THE MINORITY—CHOSEN HEROES OF THIS EARTH

What is a minority?

The chosen heroes of this earth have been in a minority. There is not a social, political or religious privilege that you enjoy today that was not bought for you by the blood and tears and patient sufferings of the minority. It is the minority that have vindicated humanity in every struggle. It is a minority that have stood in the van of every moral conflict, and achieved all that is noble in the history of the world. You will find that each generation has been busy in gathering up the scattered ashes of the martyred heroes of the past, to deposit them in the golden urn of a nation's history.

Look at Scotland, where they are erecting monuments to whom? To the Covenanters. Ah, that was in a minority. Read their history, if you can, without the blood tingling to the tips of your fingers. These were the minority that, through blood and tears, and beatings and scourgings, dyeing the waters of their blood and staining the heather with their gore-fought the glorious battle of religious freedom.

Minority! If a man stand up for the right, though the right be on the scaffold, while the wrong sits in the seat of power, he is a minority. If a man stand up for the right, though he be with the right and truth, a wretched trust; if he walk with obliquity and scorn in the bylanes and streets, while falsehood and wrong ruffe it in silken attire, let him remember that whenever the right and truth are, there are also "Troops of beautiful tall angels," gathered round him, and God Himself stands within the dim future, and keeps watch over His own!

If a man stands for the right and the truth, though every man's finger be pointed at him, though every woman's lip be curled at him in scorn, he stands in a majority; for God and good angels are with him, and greater are they that are for him than all they that are against him.—John B. Gough, quoted in *The United Evangelical American Issue*.

### NOTES BY THE M. W. SCRIBE

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shall be elected from the floor of Grand Division.

When such representative at large shall have been elected for three consecutive years, and have attended any TWO sessions of those three, they become permanent members of the N. D. and are known as Past Representatives at large. In the credential sheets from one or two Grand Scribes during the past year or two, it was noted that certain men had been elected for three years by their G.D.s as Reps. at large, but had never attended a session of the N. D. had been returned as Past Representatives at large.

These credentials had to be returned to these Grand Scribes for correction, so kindly note, that only those Representatives who are elected for three consecutive years, and attend any two, are eligible as Past Reps. at large and thus permanent members of the N. D.

The new pass words for the year beginning October, have gone out on you, as issued by the Most Worthy Patriarch. They are out early, as with present mail service it takes longer than formerly to reach Australia, New Zealand, South Africa etc.

The forms for returns, credentials, officers lists etc., will probably reach you by the time you get this issue of Forward.

I wish to thank all Grand Scribes for the prompt attention to correspondence, and forwarding of returns, which they have so faithfully done.

## TEMPERANCE STUDY COURSE

By Rev. R. C. Chambers, Th.D., P.G. Chaplain

Lesson 32 (continued)

No one can ever take a strong hold on God and have a large faith and at the same time grow weary in well-doing. Discouragement is the result of faithlessness. "I had fainted," wrote the psalmist, "unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord and He shall strengthen thine heart." We must continue to lift our eyes unto the hills of God's righteousness from whence cometh our help. Do not let us concentrate on ourselves or on the power of evil but let us direct our attention to the grace of God which is sufficient for us.

If any disciple of Jesus had good reason for turning back and giving up the fight of faith it was St. Paul. Driven from his own people, looked upon with suspicion by Christian Jews, thrown out of Lystra and stoned, "in perils on land, in perils on the sea," cast into Roman prisons but always marching bravely forward, travelling toward the sunrise because he believed God. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Have we Temperance people an equal faith in our cause.

The story is told that one morning Martin Luther came down to breakfast in a very discouraged mood; the world was very dark for him that day. But his wife gave a new color to his sky when she said, "Martin, is God dead?" He realized that he had been acting as if God were dead or at least at the end of His resources but the searing question of his wife made him see that God does never faint nor grow weary and that "He must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

One of the most inspiring books of the Bible is the last, the Book of Revelation, especially when we consider the situation that is the background. Saint John the Divine was in a concentration camp of the first century, a prisoner for his faith on the Isle of Patmos, which was a penal colony of the Roman Empire where traitors were sent to "rock steady for the famous Roman roads. Certainly this was not a situation to inspire one with hope for the Christian cause. But in his vision there is thefulness of hope. In Chapter 19 he writes, not that Rome or any other power of earth is triumphant, but God: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of many thunderings, saying Alleluia for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Wherefore do we sing?

(Editor's Note: A new series of Lessons will begin next issue on, "Temperance In History." Don't fail to follow these. Our sincere thanks are expressed to Bro. Chalmers for his splendid series of lessons which close this issue. Divisions are urged to preserve all these lessons for future study.)

## SONS OF TEMPERANCE BRITISH RELIEF FUND

"Gifts of clothing and comforts for members and others in the bombed areas in this country, from Nova Scotia have continued to arrive with unfailing regularity, and Sister Mrs. E. Seibrigt P.M.W.P. has been kept busy distributing these to people who, through their misfortune owing to enemy action, These consignments have reached more than generous proportions and the Executive Council desires to acknowledge with gratitude the ever constant solicitude our Brothers and Sisters here have had for the unfortunate people in this country, and the very practical form their concern has taken. The Council is no less grateful to Sister Seibrigt for receiving these consignments on behalf of the Order, and distributing their contents to the people who have needed them most."

Letter from Mrs. Seibrigt written May 11th says, telling of receipt of box No 16.

"The box arrived at 4 p.m., today and have unpacked it, and been delighted again with everything. The flannellette sheets are lovely, also the quilts, as usual. The cot blankets are beautiful, and the knitted things for babies are just lovely."

Shall do my best to get the promised articles out before going to the National Division session next week.

The coats and frocks will be most acceptable. The childrens clothes are nearly all promised. I shall give the things I have left over, (if any) to the people in the Channel Isles. The poor people there have suffered so terribly."

It is encouraging to note that Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and New Jersey, have all made gains in membership in the order named, according to their late returns.

We hope these gains are but the beginning of many more, and that the following Divisionists will "go and do likewise."

### MODERATE DRINKING

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this great social evil from the place it now holds in the life of the nation.—G. B. Wilson, in *Alliance News*.

### THREE SMALL WHISKIES

The jury ignored the medical evidence, found the accused not guilty and he was discharged. The notable point about the case was the plea of the driver, "I was not aware that I was in an unfit condition to drive a car."

Of course he would not be aware. This is the action of alcohol on the brain so well-known to scientific investigators and demonstrated in scores of laboratories by careful controlled experiments on persons doing many kinds

The following letter has been sent to Divisions which have contributed, and attention of any others who may have been intending to help, and individual members, are called to it.

324 South St.,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
June 12, 1945.

To The Worthy Patriarch  
Officers and Members

At the recent quarterly Session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of N.S. held at Wolfville, the following statement was ordered to be sent out.

### BRITISH RELIEF WORK

We regret that owing to Government restrictions, a quota has now been placed on the amount of goods we can send to England for relief work, before Dec. 31st.

As this quota for the year is now largely used up, we shall be compelled, after two or three more shipments, to discontinue this work for the remainder of the year.

If you have any goods on hand for this relief work, you will kindly send them in to reach us not later than June 30th so that we may get them overseas with least possible delay.

The splendid cooperation in this work in to aid the bombed people in Britain, has been much appreciated.

A full and detailed report of shipments made, will be presented at next annual session of Grand Division.

By order of Grand Division, and on behalf of the committee.

E. R. NICKERSON,  
Grand Scribe

of mental work, both without any alcohol, and under the influence of small quantities.

The Report of the Special Committee of the British Medical Association on the Relation of Alcohol to Road Accidents states, "The earliest suppression of functions of the faculties of judgment, concentration, self-criticism, and the power of estimating risk. This is often accompanied by a sense of well-being and of satisfaction."

They are not aware of being unfit on the contrary, an experiment quoted showed that eight men were tested at intervals of 1, 1 1/2, and 2 hours after taking a dose of alcohol corresponding to 3 ounces of whiskey and it was found that on an average their skill was diminished 8, 15, 20 and 15%, at the time interval mentioned.

But what does the average jurymen know of a report of the British Medical Association.

Meantime another home is in mourning and another death is added to the total of 6,000 stated by the Chairman of the Leeds Home and Child Committee to have been killed on the roads during the last five years.—Everybody's

## REMEMBER THE EXTENSION FUND



## Among the Divisions

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE ESSAY CONTEST

The Barrington District Division, Sons of Temperance, recently conducted an Essay Contest in the schools of the Barrington District on the subject "Why Total Abstinence would benefit Canada and Help our War Effort."

The prize list is as follows:  
**Group I (Grades X and XI)**  
1st prize—Anita Crowell, Port La Tour.

2nd prize—Winston Churchill, Barrington Passage.  
3rd prize—Vivian Snow, Barrington Passage.

**Group II (Grades VIII and IX)**  
1st prize—Peggy Fullerton, Barrington Passage.

2nd prize—George Christie, Barrington Passage.  
3rd prize—Elaine Watt, Barrington Passage.

**Group III (Grades up to and including VII)**

1st prize—John Blades, Barrington Passage.

2nd prize—Greta Nickerson, Port La Tour.

3rd prize—Bentley Fullerton, Barrington Passage.

V. B. ALLEN,  
(Sec'y. of Essay Committee)

### INTERESTING INTERDIVISIONAL DEBATE

Despite the heavy rain, a good sized audience filled the Ilesville St. hall on Tuesday evening to listen to a very interesting debate. Resolved, That the human mind acquires more from reading than from observation.

The affirmative side was taken by a team from Chebucto Division consisting of Bros. E. M. Prowse, D. A. Macleod, and Sister Ione MacNeil. The other side was upheld by Bro. Harold E. Nickerson and Sister Mrs. A. H. Cook and Margaret Neilson.

The debate was well maintained by both sides, and well mixed with sparkles of amusement, and a vivid impersonation.

The spokesman for the judges, Rev. Mr. Faraday, Service Chaplain, awarded the decision to Mayflower Division.

A song by the members of Primrose Band of Hope, and an impressive temperance reading by Sister Ione MacNeil, Vicksburg were much enjoyed. Following this, two sound pictures were given, one showing Canada from a different point of view in technicolor, the other our own film "Its the brain that counts."

### THE RITUAL

READ at Grand Division, Wolfville, May 24th by Bro. Chas. Della Torre

At the beginning of this discussion I would like to ask the question, "What are we doing as members, as a division as a whole, about learning the charges in our ritual?"

We have one of the most beautiful pieces of poetry in our ritual work that is one able to find anywhere yet I wonder how many of us take it too lightly; by that I mean we do not attempt nor even try to memorize the different charges.

Perhaps I would not be wrong to say that not more than half of the Past Worthy Patriarchs here tonight would be able to open and close Division without the Blue Book. The number would be less if we asked how many could carry out an initiation, by that I mean to take anyone in the initiation or any other charge without the aid of the Blue Book. I am afraid that the number would be still less if I should ask how many could carry out the installation of the officers in the subordinate Division without the aid of the Blue Book.

I do not think it would be too much to ask or expect that at least every Past Worthy Patriarch be able to perform the above mentioned ritualistic work without the aid of the Blue Book. A number of us may be able to open and close Division without the aid of the Blue Book, but I have seen some terrible blunders and mistakes made when due to circumstances beyond our control they were forced to carry on without the aid of the Blue Book.

Reasons why we be able to carry on without the aid of the Blue Book.

(1) It would add so much more to initiation if people could stand up and give the charges without having to read them. No one likes to go to Church and hear the Minister read his sermon. The listeners do not get any good out of it because they are thinking that he will soon finish. The same may be said of our initiation especially where we wish to make an impression on the new members.

(2) When one knows his or her part and is able to say it from memory he is able to put some emphasis and feeling into the charges and not run along in the same monotone or repeat words or phrases over and over again as one who is not so familiar with it.

(3) It adds to the prestige of the Division and the members as a whole to be able to do these things without the aid of the Blue Book. So much for the longer charges that we might say are used on special occasions, but what about the charges that we use in the Division each week or every time we meet. They are just as important and beautiful as the others. Therefore it should be the pride of each member of the Division to memorize his or her part. The installation into that office as possible. Further it should be the goal of every member to memorize all the charges and thus we may say we could throw away the Blue Book.

Reason for memorizing.  
(4) I think it would add a lot and create much interest in our Division work that we have at the present. The members would be able to see that they have accomplished something.

(2) Members could be coached as it were in learning their charges and thus be familiar with the words and the wording of the charges and thus there would be no stammering or mispronunciation of words as is the case when members come night after night and they are as led to take different offices they go and take the card and read the charges and they would not be read along in the same monotone.

(3) Emphasis could be put into the charges and they would not be read along in the same monotone.  
(4) It would add to the prestige of the Division to be able to carry on meetings without the aid of the Blue Book.

Therefore in view of what has been said shall not each one of us resolve to go back to our Division with a determination that we will take our ritualistic work more serious and also try and do our best to get our Divisions to a point where they will be able to carry on without the aid of the Blue Book.

### A REMARKABLE REPLY TO "A REMARKABLE REPLY"

H. J. Mahwahring

In a recent issue of The Norwood (Massachusetts) Messenger, there appeared a laudatory article evidently supplied to the newspaper by the beer traffic. The writer wrote to the Editor, asking permission to present certain facts about beer which the article had not even implied. His letter was published, to be followed in a short while by a reply from one Mr. Dolence. Mr. Dolence, purportedly signed by four other service men. Pvt. Dolence made a personal attack on the writer, who then replied, as follows:  
Soldiers "Forced" to Drink.

Mr. Dolence says he has never seen a soldier who was forced to drink beer or any other alcoholic drink. I do not doubt his limited observation but I also believe the testimony of several chaplains who have testified differently. Men are "forced" to drink beer when beer only, and not water, is provided.

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## Our Program Poem

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

### WHO WANTS BEER?

By Bessie Lee Cowie

Who wants a drink of poisoned grain to weaken will and deaden brain?  
A drink of froth, and foam, and yeast to make a man act like a beast.

Who wants a drinker at the wheel, where traffic needs the nerves of steel?  
Who wants him mid machinery's power, where death lurks hidden every hour?

Who wants a drinker in the boat to keep a rocking craft afloat?  
Who wants him in the sweet home nest where every man should be his host?

Who wants him with a surgeon's knife to risk a loved and valued life?  
The beer is made from poisoned grain, and poisons body, heart, and brain.

No man is better for the beer. No wife is happier when it's near, no children find a safer way where Barleycorn is holdin' sway.

No soul finds God or heaven's rare gifts; the eer flings down but ne'er uplifts.

Past years of est'g prove it's true, so w'at we want er I don't do you—*Nat. Voice.*

### PLAY THE GAME

When you are on the football field, Unto no wish for cheating yield.

Play the game. Same with hockey and with leket, On the field or at the wicket, Earn your win, don't try to trick it. Play the game.

When you have an occupation, Earn an honest reputation. Play the game. Do your job as loyal worker, Be no mere clock-watching lurker, Life's success comes to no shirker. Play the game.

Be good, be honest, brothers, Do as you desire from others. Play the game. Help the community along, Do the right thing and do no wrong, With warm heart sing your uplift song. Play the game.

In all your efforts help you gain, If from strong drink you will abstain. Play the game. Results of liquor and maligen, Abstainer's pledge 'tis wise to sign, To live your life to God's design. Play the game.

—Geo. Dash, Wainate, N. Z.—  
*Cobbler.*

consumer absolutely nothing of real value for his money.

A man can indeed drink, as Mr. Dolence believes, "without becoming a drunkard." But a drunkard ever became such without drinking, and the great physician Mayo declared that, of every ten "steady" drinkers, three will eventually drink to excess.

Mr. Dolence asks one sensible question: "Why are our superior officers approving this method (drinking beer)? They drink it themselves, don't they?" That question merits an answer. Here it is:

### Beer-Drinking Officers

Putting on a uniform does not change a man's character or his habits. Many officers were drunkards before entering service, and so still drink. The Government is more interested, also, in getting so-called revenue from beer taxes than in the welfare of the people. The brewing "industry" is protected and permitted to waste manpower, materials, foodstuffs, and transportation facilities, while other, useful industry is curtailed and hampered.

**Superior Officers are Abstainers**  
But our more-superior officers do not drink beer. General Marshall is a leading example; General Montgomery another. Many tests have proved that men in membership since the last meeting and that much of the work of the order was now being carried on by W. C. T. U. and Sunday schools and other young people's organizations. It recommended that still greater efforts be made to have the spirit of the membership out in the temperance teachings prescribed for the public schools. It noted also that the Canadian Temperance Federation is growing in power and influence and extending its field of operation.

**Alcohol Unaffected by Opinions**  
The nature and the effects of beer are not changed in the least by our

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## Program Helps

By Aunt Jane

### Mountain Top Program

First draw duplicate numbers for partners, supply each couple with pencil and paper. Answers to the following clues are mountains mentioned in the Bible.

1. The mount on which God's law was given to Moses.
2. The Mount where Abraham planned to offer his son for a sacrifice.
3. The Mount where the Ark rested following the flood.
4. The Mount where Aaron died and his son received his clothing.
5. The Mount from which Moses saw the promised land.
6. The Mount where Elijah offers the sacrifice before the prophets of Baal.
7. The Mount where Jesus abode the night before His crucifixion.

Answers: Sinai, Moriah (or Jehovah-Jurah), Ararat, Her, Nebo (Pisgah Point), Carmel, Olives.

**Discussion**—Twenty minutes on—Resolved "that is a greater evil to allow Service men to roam about Sunday evenings than it is to entertain them with secular amusements and smoking in the church vestry."

### LIQUOR TRAFFIC SCORED BY SPOOKER

Mrs. W. Steadman Smith Addresses Public Meeting Tells of Alcohol Consumption

At the present moment alcohol addition here in Canada and the United States is a cause of psychosomatic sickness on a mass scale. Absolutely nothing is being done about it because alcoholism is the one serious widespread disease from which our governments make enormous profits. This and other quotations were followed by figures covering the consumption of beverage alcohol and the evils resulting from it, in an address before a public meeting under the auspices of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick, by Mrs. W. Steadman Smith, president of the provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union and G.W.A. of Grand Division.

Mrs. Smith is also vice-president of the national W. C. T. U. and convener of education in the Temperance Federation branch. The meeting was held in Victoria Street Baptist Church last evening following the semi-annual convention of the division in the afternoon. Rev. (Captain) A. A. MacLeod introduced the speaker at the evening meeting and the grand worthy patriarch, James McEachern presided over the afternoon session.

### Adopt Resolutions

Several resolutions were passed at the afternoon session, one of which drew attention to the fact that according to the report of the N. B. Liquor Control Board, over two-thirds of the adult population of the province has purchased liquor permits and over \$9,000,000 were "squandered" in the legal sale of liquor alone during the last year.

Another resolution congratulated the Prince Edward Island temperance division on the successful issue of their fight to retain that province's prohibition law. Lieut.-Governor B. W. LePage of P. E. I. was also thanked for his support on the consistent stand which he followed in refusing to sign the proposed amendment which had been passed by the provincial government in direct violation of the will of the people expressed in several plebiscites held in that province during the past years.

**Centennial Plans**  
Plans for the celebration of the order's centennial in 1947 are to be drawn up and submitted for approval at the next annual meeting.

Another resolution expressed pleasure that there had been an increase in the membership since the last meeting and that much of the work of the order was now being carried on by W. C. T. U. and Sunday schools and other young people's organizations. It recommended that still greater efforts be made to have the spirit of the membership out in the temperance teachings prescribed for the public schools. It noted also that the Canadian Temperance Federation is growing in power and influence and extending its field of operation.

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## Band of Hope Corner

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

### A WIDE-AWAKE ALPHABET

T stands for Truth; if young people but knew  
The dangers that lurk in the publicans' brew  
They'd all turn abstainers—it could not but be true  
For in learning the Truth they'd be Wide-Awake! See?

### NEW REASONS FOR OLD RHYMES

Humpty Dumpty climbed on a wall—  
Drinking makes braggarts and clowns of us all—  
Drowned were his senses and drowned were his wits,  
That's why he fell and was smashed into bits.

J. Scott Brown, M.D.

Why should I deny myself  
The things which I enjoy?  
Why not eat good green apples  
Like any other boy?

Or, if chance be to be a girl,  
Why not eat cake and pie,  
Along with lots of pickles,  
Now just why shouldn't I?

And, when a man or woman  
I have begun to be,  
Why may I not have whisky  
And go out on a spree?

I guess I'll think it over  
For green apples cause a pain  
And cake and pie sour stomachs  
And, with whisky, we're insane.  
*National Voice*

### WHAT TO TEACH

Ignorance is the greatest cause of the first downfall in drinking. Thus our aim is that every child in the land should have some accurate teaching on alcohol and its effect on the human body; every child must know what alcohol is and what alcohol does. It is said that man, in his ignorance, puts into his body (about which he knows little) alcohol (about which he knows even less). It is our business to dispel this ignorance. The effect (so far as is known) of alcohol on each part of the body must be taught. One point, however, must be remembered. We must not exaggerate or overdo our point. Young people are critical, observant, honest—*Helen M. Shevell.*

### LEAKAGE

When speaking of the leakage from junior temperance societies, the question is often asked—"What becomes of all our members?" The answer, very bluntly put, is that in great numbers of instances the workers in the societies have never risen to a high sense of their responsibilities.

Two things are essential to stop leakage.

First: A regular system of visitation of absent members. An admirable work for ladies, and one that has most excellent results not only in maintaining membership, but in favourably influencing fathers and mothers towards temperance principles.

Second: A proper system of transference from one society to another. Removals are constant, and very often indeed the member, moving out of one district to another, fails to get associated with a society in the new district. Yes, it means trouble and expense, but it should be done. Whenever you know a member is removing, or a form of transference should be sent to the secretary of a society in the neighbourhood to which the member is going—*Australian Ad.*

### THE BREWERS' BARGAIN COUNTER

Grocers, merchants, craftsmen, farmers serve the people of the land. Since their business gives to others something that good homes demand.

But the liquor dealer ever sells out future want and shame,  
Gives to buyers with his products loss of all that's worth a name.

Dooms the souls of men and women to more grief than they can tell,  
While his coffers swell to bursting, from his sale of liquid hell.  
—Adapted Can. W. R. Tidings



