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MOTTO—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do for the good of mankind do quickly."

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### HELP THAT COMES TOO LATE.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

'Tis a wearisome world, this world of ours,  
With its tangles small and great,  
Its weeds that smother the spring flowers,  
And its hapless strifes with fate;  
And the darkest day of its desolate days  
Sees the help that comes too late.  
Ah! woe for the word that is never said  
Till the ear is too deaf to hear.  
And woe for the lack to the fainting head  
Of the ringing shout of cheer;  
Ah! woe for the laggard feet that tread  
In the mournful wake of the bier.

What booteth help when the lips are dumb?  
What booteth a broken spar  
Of love thrown out when the heart is numb  
And life's bark drifteth far,  
Oh! far and fast from the alien past,  
Over the moaning bar?  
A pitiful thing the gift to-day  
That is dross and nothing worth,  
Though it had come but yesterday  
It had blimmed with sweet the earth—  
A fading rose in a death-cold hand,  
That perished in want and death.

Who vain would help in this world of ours,  
Where sorrowful steps must fall,  
Bring help in time to the waning powers,  
Ere the bier is spread with the pall,  
Nor send reserves when the flags are furled,  
And the dead beyond your call.  
For baffling most in this weary world,  
With the tangles small and great,  
Its lonesome nights and its weary days,  
And its struggles forlorn with fate,  
Is that bitterest grief, too deep for tears,  
Of the help that comes too late.

### THE RECORD'S MISSION.

Our members may become tired or absorbed in business, and cease to promote their Divisions. The RECORD will not get weary. In the hands and the homes of our members it will work continuously, silently, unflinching. Having the appearance of an up-to-date periodical, it will be read. If it can be made interesting, fresh and forceful, it will surely extend our Order. Every article will be readable and reliable; nothing sectional, sectarian or partizan will be permitted.

News from the field will be published; reports of work; new ideas for Division work will be welcomed, and helpful and effective facts and material for arguments will be presented to our workers.

The RECORD may convince many a person, whom his neighbors can not convince. It will talk quietly to him when he is in his own home,

when he is not busy, when he cannot talk back, and when the personality of the talker cannot interfere with the effect of the talk. It will ply him with facts, arguments and appeals, that will influence, instruct, and benefit him. It will set the people thinking and rouse our workers in the Order. This is its mission. Help it along. If your Division has not already ordered copies for its members, see that this is done at the next meeting of your Division. We want to build up our Divisions, and we hope our friends will help the venture, so that it may be financially successful.

We regret that the first issue was exhausted before the demand was supplied, and so we were unable to fill orders that came in afterwards.

This Order will never be fully equipped until it has at least a monthly paper. The RECORD is sent out as a scout, by December it will report whether the way is clear or not. Don't let your Division by its neglecting to order a few copies, be the lion in the way.

### OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.



NO. 3.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND  
WORTHY PATRIARCH.

During the year past, as citizens of Ontario we have been favored with health, peace and prosperity; as Sons of Temperance we have enjoyed the blessings that follow the practice of virtue and temperance, pure home life, true happiness, honor. Our cause has passed through some important epochs, and while we have not attained what we fondly desire, yet we recognize that our cause, (the cause of all mankind,) has been made to command attention at the hands of the rulers of our nation, and it now only remains for us to fully arouse the public mind to the importance and urgency of our movement for the uplifting of humanity, and the relief of society. In this Province we have had our position advanced and strengthened, and many benefits will come through the curtailment of the liquor traffic just effected.

As dutiful children of the Father, from whose hand we have received all these blessings and mercies, let us render with grateful hearts, our humble and hearty thanks for the same.

All our Sons of Temperance therefore, are enjoined to assemble in their Division rooms, on Sunday, June 20th, or the first convenient

Sunday thereafter, and proceed to some place of worship, as previously arranged, to render thanks for the many benefits we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy word, and to ask that our labors for the good of our fellow men may be blessed and our cause prospered.

Faithfully yours in L., P. & F.,

*J. M. Walton*

### OUR JUBILEE CAMPAIGN.

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### SPECIAL CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF THE G.W.P.

All brethren are most earnestly urged to spread our Order during the next three months. We wish to mark this Jubilee with a record of great accomplishments for the cause. Let us make this the greatest three months Ontario ever saw. We can do it! The past five months have done well for us. If we keep it up for the balance of the year we will have a little Jubilee of our own in December at Toronto. Many local workers write that they have places in view and organization underway. Go ahead and don't let any small matter defer your undertaking. Don't be put off; strike while the iron's hot! Our Order and the cause must prosper for God is with us!

To insure your treasury against a deficit, this year we will curtail our expenditure for propagation work to the very lowest possible figures for the next quarter.

Let it be the purpose of every Son of Temperance to bring in new members and plant a Division in each possible place in Ontario.

To each brother who will, unaided, organize a new Division with twenty members, (paying capitation tax on that number in October), we will present at next Grand Division a D.G.W.P.'s jewel suitably engraved, as a souvenir. Such brother is to apply to the G.W.P. for a special commission, if he is not a Provincial or County