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

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JUBILEE SONG—FIFTY YEARS.

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Come rally for the Jubilee,
Come, veterans tried and true;
Put on regalias, girls and boys,
The "white," the "red" or "blue."
Come, rally round the flag again,
With music, songs, and cheers,
The good old "Sons of Temperance" flag,
That's waved for fifty years.

Chorus.

For fifty years, yes, fifty years,
We've fought the hosts of sin;
And if it takes yet fifty years,
We'll battle till we win.

In eighteen hundred, forty-eight
To face the mighty foe,
Our temperance ranks were marshalled,
Just fifty years ago;
And now we come a mighty host
Two hundred thousand strong,
To celebrate our Jubilee
And fight this fearful wrong.

Chorus:

Love, Purity, Fidelity,
Are written on our shield,
Truth, Hope and Charity, the swords
We carried in the field.
We boast not of our thousands slain,
Of ruin, spoils, or tears,
But o'er the rescued we rejoice,
The saved of fifty years.

Chorus:

Of souls regained, of wrecks restored,
Of sunshine to the sad,
Of mothers who rejoice to-night,
Of little ones made glad.
For these we thank the Lord and shout,
Away with doubts and fears,
We still will trust in Him who blest
Our cause for fifty years.

Chorus:

NOTE.—This song can be sung to the air, "Give the Boy a Chance," the following chorus being used:

Yes, for fifty years; yes, for fifty years,
We've fought the battle manfully
With that banner to the breeze.

For God, and home, and native land,
We've fought the hosts of sin,
And if it takes yet fifty years,
We'll battle till we win.

AN INTERESTING GROUP.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers a most interesting group, and we venture to say few Orders in this Province could produce a similar scene. This represents three generations of Sons of Temperance in one Division. The group shown consists of Bros. Platt Hinman, P.G.W.A., age 74; E. B. Hinman (son), age 55; J. P. Hinman (son), age 42; H. H. Hinman (grandson), age 20, and Nellie Gray Hinman (granddaughter), age 18.

Bro. Platt Hinman is D.G.W.P. of Haldimand Division No. 56, and at the beginning of this quarter installed among the officers of that Division those of his own line who appear in the picture. At this time, when we are celebrating the Jubilee of the Order, this picture is of peculiar interest, showing the devotion of our members to the Order, and is a good evidence of its worth. We give a brief sketch of Bro. Hinman, who is one of the oldest members of the Order.

He was born on December 1st, 1824, and still lives at the old home built by his grandfather in 1812, and is now the oldest Hinman of the third generation in the township. He recalls when a little boy going to the pioneer school house to meet a temperance committee to secure some one to lecture on Temperance. He has a vivid recollection of the first temperance speech he heard. One expression of the speaker he frequently recalls, "Any one learning to drink whiskey for the fun of it is no better than getting the itch for the fun of scratching." Several signed the pledge at this first meeting. In 1841 a total abstinence society was organized. In 1848 we find the youthful Hinman secretary of the society, and he still holds the books with more than a thousand names therein, as a memento.

One clause in the annual reports of 1850 reads, "We hail with delight the new Order

called the Sons of Temperance; which we believe is destined to reform the world of drinking ardent spirits as a beverage." On the 19th of January, 1860, Bro. Hinman was a charter member of Haldimand Division No. 56, and he has ever since continued his connection with the Order. He became a member of the G.D. in 1865, and has attended most of its sessions since. In 1880 he was elected G.W.A., 1884 Grand Chaplain, during this year he was also Chaplain of Northumberland D.D. and his own Division. He was initiated into the National Division in 1882, and expects to continue a "Son" as long as he lives.

He has been a member of the Baptist Church for over fifty-five years, and was superintendent of the Sunday School for over forty years. He has been for over thirty-five years a member of

Lodge No. 31, A. F. and A. M., and is one of the oldest Masons in the country. He has held the highest honors in his municipality, and has taken part in many public enterprises, and is prominent in moral, edu-



cational and religious movements in his community. In politics he is Liberal. He is one of those friendly, earnest, genial men you always hope to meet again, whose heart and house are alike open to Sons of Temperance, and who is in every sense a friend of mankind.

After many years of active service in the ranks we find no one with deeper interest in the progress and prosperity of our Order than Bro. Hinman. All who have the privilege of his acquaintance earnestly hope that he will be long spared in health and happiness, enjoying in his declining years the result of his life of activity and devotion to "the cause of mankind."

—The Plebiscite will be fast and furious, the friends of Temperance must now enter the fight in earnest.