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

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GOD BLESS THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

"God bless the Sons of Temperance," an aged matron said,
While weeping friends were watching beside her dying bed;
"God bless the Sons of Temperance, and may they ever be
A blessing unto others, as they have been to me."

But why the earnest blessing? the last her lips should say—
Because her heart was yearning for one,
Across the ocean had gone to earn his bread,
And t among the mourners around her dy bed.

A son, who in his early youth, brought trouble to her soul;
Who wasted life and substance upon the flowing bowl.
He severed all the ties of love, deserted wife and home,
And now to her across the sea, good news of him had come.

Of his firm determination to resist the poisoned cup,
And how the Sons of Temperance had helped him give it up.
The cruel drink that maddens, that takes away the life;
Destroy the love that should exist for mother, children, wife.

How many mothers in the land, their feelings to express,
Would use the matron's kindly words, the temperance cause to bless.
God bless the Sons of Temperance, the drunkards wrongs redress;
God bless the Sons of Temperance, aye bless them, as they bless.

NOTES.

- Jubilee.
- Jubilate.
- Plan at once.
- Start with the beginning of the new quarter.
- Now is the time to undertake great things for the Jubilee year.

—Four months of the year are gone. Soon 1898 will be passed into history. We are writing the page now. What are you doing to its lustre?

—Every veteran should again step into the ranks in this great review of '98. Its a regiment you need not be ashamed of. Rally round the old red, white and blue.

Bro. James Doughty, 91 Arthur St., Toronto, is gaining wide fame for his humorous songs. He is the coming Fax. Those wanting spice for concerts may apply to him for rates.

—The Plebiscite battle will soon be upon us. Temperance will be the burning question of the day. The issue is great. No movement was ever fraught with greater consequences. *Shall Canada be free.*

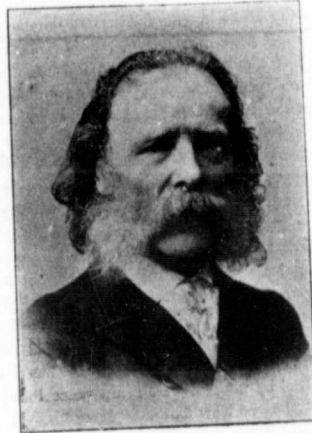
—We must have plenty of old-time enthusiasm this year. Remember the glorious demonstrations of the past. Warm your hearts with the old zeal. Get up rousing platform meetings during the summer. The inimitable Carswell will fill a pic-nic ground with people. We will have the most popular platform speakers at our command. Make your arrangements early.

ORILLIA DIVISION NO. 122.

—Bro. McKay has succeeded in resuscitating the Division at Orillia as the following paragraph from "The Orillia Times" shows:

"Ever since the last meeting of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, where Bro. Angus McKay persuaded the officers of that institution to hold the next annual meeting in Orillia, an effort has been made to re-organize the local division in Orillia, which for thirty years held meetings uninterruptedly in town. At last Bro. McKay has succeeded, and on Thursday evening Division No. 122 was resuscitated, the following being elected officers: Angus McKay, W.P.; Ed. B. Farwell, W.A.; Frank H. Thorne, R.S.; Jno. Morrison, F.S.; H. T. Blackstone, Treas.; John Hincheliffe; Con.; William Miller, Asst. Con.; Wm. McIntosh, Sentinel.

Meetings will be held every Thursday evening, and there is no reason why a large membership should not be enrolled. The Grand Division meets in Orillia on December 1st, and while it is needless to say that the people of Orillia will give the delegates a hearty welcome there should also be a strong Division to give them the right hand of fellowship."



SKETCH OF BRO. EDWARD CARSWELL.

We have pleasure in placing before our readers the picture of the most famous veteran of the Order, Bro. Edward Carswell, of Oshawa, Ontario, lecturer, artist and author

He was born in Ware, England, in 1832. His father, John Carswell, moved to Canada and settled in Toronto when his son was four years old. The father was the second watchmaker in Toronto, and the parental residence was on the site now occupied by the Mail Building.

At the age of ten Edward went with Col. Manley Dickson into the unbroken forest to the part of the country now known as Munseytown, on the Thames. The Colonel, having taken a fancy to the boy, intended to adopt and educate him as his son. In the forests there-about was the tribe of the Obgibways. Being a staunch churchman he wished to read the services to the Indians, and to this end placed the youth in the household of Chief Kakawanganabi that he might be qualified as an interpreter. For a year and a half he remained in the house of the Chief. A longing for home and civilization taking hold of him was returned to Toronto, the whole journey being made by waggon.

The trade of ornamental painting was chosen and this was followed for some time. Several of the most successful temperance panoramas that was ever shown came from his brush. At this time he was living in Oshawa, where he has ever since made it his home.

He joined the Division there in 1852 and has held his membership there to this day. It is a remarkable fact that there are at the present time three of the charter members