

AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

The officers of Good Hope Division, Price's Corners, Simcoe County, were installed by Bro. Thos. Hepwell. Thirty members were initiated in this Division last year. There is a debt of \$60 on the hall, and a tea meeting will be held on their anniversary, 1st February, to raise the debt. Mr. A. Miscampbell, M.P.P. delivered addresses.

Napanee Mills Division held a jubilee meeting on January 24th.

Eady Division visited Fesserton on January 14th. All expressed themselves as highly pleased at the excellent and hospitable manner in which they were entertained. The following week they visited Garrett's Corners.

CARSWELL'S LECTURE.

The Grantham Methodist Church was well filled on Wednesday evening when Edward Carswell, the inimitable temperance orator, delivered his address on "Charity." Quite a number of members of the Sons of Temperance from the city, principally from Grantham Division, went down and there were also a large representation from Lincoln Division, Port Dalhousie. The choir of the latter Division rendered splendid service, giving a number of fine choruses, while duets and quartettes were also agreeably given. The choir was a decided acquisition. Carswell was in splendid trim, considering his recent severe illness, and his lecture was vastly enjoyed. The droll incidents he related caused much laughter, and his pathetic stories, too, were greatly appreciated. In fact the whole address was capital from beginning to end. District Worthy Patriarch, W. B. Burgoyne occupied the chair. After the lecture the members of Lakeview Division, Grantham, served the refreshments, and these were very much enjoyed. The members of the Division vied with each other in making their visitors feel at home.—*The Standard*.

Uxbridge Division held a basket social on January 7th, which was an enjoyable success. A number of neighboring Divisions were represented in the assembly. This Division made the remarkable gain of 58 last year, and starts out determined to work harder than ever. They have a company of Loyal Crusaders and are one of the very best Divisions in Ontario.

An interesting function took place at Kettleby on Saturday evening, January 29th, when that Division was presented with the Silver Initiation Service that was awarded by the Grand Division for the Division making the greatest gain in 1897, from 1st April to 1st October. The presentation was made by Bro. Edward Carswell, P.M.W.A. and received by the W.P., Bro. Jos. Rogers. A great assembly witnessed the event and there was great jubilation.

Tyrone Division is booming a contest.

Guthrie Division presented the play "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" to a crowded house on January 15th. They will give it at Shanty Bay at an early date.

Vienna Division held an "At Home" on February 11th.

Corinth holds an open meeting on 18th February.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Bro. Geo. E. Buck, the new D.W.P. of South York, has formed a board in his District composed of the D. D. Executive and one representative from each Division. They will meet at least every two months for the purpose of looking over the work, assisting weak Divisions, surviving new ground, making plans for advancing and co-operating in any good-citizenship movement, and generally for promoting the interests of the Order.

A circular has been issued by the District Executive urging the members to active effort, and offering as awards to the Division making the greatest gains. 1st, a Grand Division Regalia; 2nd, a Division Room Bible; 3rd, a Photo of the Grand Division Toronto Session. The term to end on 30th June.

Already increased activity is shown, and no doubt gratifying results will follow.

Don't let the elections interfere in the slightest degree with the affairs of the Order. None of the asperity that sometimes is engendered should be allowed to pass the anti-room. Our Order is broad and fraternal. Views may vary on political questions, but if this should be the case why should it militate against your earnest co-operation with your neighbor in the great moral reform we advocate? Do not dispute upon party politics at Division meetings or after adjournment, nor let the turmoil of the campaign prevent your attendance at your Division. The elections have been brought on at a time that is our most favorable season for work, but we must not allow propagation to suffer by it. Let no meeting however important keep you from duty. One cause demands it. If the Jubilee year is made a source of gratification to every loyal Son we must be up and doing with only one object before us—the extension of the Order, the triumph of the Cause.

We are preparing designs for an elegant S. of T. recognition pin and by next issue we hope to have them ready for sale. They will be new and striking in appearance and every member should wear one. They will be made in suitable styles for ladies as well.

You may have a chance to win one for bringing in new members to your Division. Look out for notice in next "RECORD."

We direct attention to the two letters published in this issue, one from Caintown (Life Boat Division), full of life and encouragement; the other from Bro. M. A. James, Bowmanville, proprietor of the "Statesman" which should bring a glow in the breasts of every veteran in the Order.

We publish these two letters out of several very cheering epistles that have come to us. If Divisions generally could catch the spirit of "Life Boat" we would have our desired gain of 4,000 in six months. Stir up your fires, trim the lamps, brush the dust off your furniture, make your room bright and cheerful, wake up your members and do something. Outside of the high compliment paid the RECORD by one of the best known publishers in Ontario there is much to encourage and inspire all. Read both of these letters over till you can say them by heart.

All Divisions should see that when a member is about to remove and proposes to withdraw from the Order, that he is prevailed upon to take a card and is given a letter of introduction to the Division in the locality to which he is going. For the information of those who are about to go to Toronto, or who can when in the city pay a visit, we give a list of Divisions there.

NOTES.

Blackstock Division at a recent meeting conducted a mock trial, which was greatly appreciated.

Maple Grove Division held its annual oyster supper on January 7th. As usual it was a great success.

Bro. J. Murray Field, D.G.W.P., writes encouragingly of the work and prospects of Virgil Division and of the benefit derived from a recent session of the District Division held in that place.

Of the prize winners at the Grand Division, Clyde, Orient and Kenmore Divisions, in returns received at the time of writing show gains for the quarter ending December 31st.

Of the recent new and resuscitated Divisions that have made returns at this date, Violet Hill, Haldimand, Rockport, Stirling, Pine Grove and Crowland Divisions show increased membership for the quarter just closed.

Among the Divisions that have made returns at the time of writing, the following show gains of ten or more in membership for the quarter ending December 31st, 1897, viz.; Clyde Division gains 27 members, Oak Leaf Division gains 25 members, Ruskview gains 24, Olive Branch gains 22, Enfield gains 21, Cooksville gains 20, King City gains 17, Prescott gains 17, Whitfield gains 12, and Charlesville gains 10 members. 29 other Divisions show smaller gains.