

and malt liquors, with a view to their being so framed as to exercise a greater check than at present upon this odious traffic. The new Municipal Law of our country, which came into operation on the first day of this year, has wisely left the granting of licenses in the hands of the Corporate Municipality or Township Council, and it now should be the aim of all good men to spread information as widely as possible, of the baneful effects of the present wholesale system of granting licenses."

We find the pioneers of the Order facing the question with great hope and courage. In 1852 the movement was well on foot for petitioning Parliament, and a Prohibitory Law League composed of members of the Order was established. Their meetings were held at the same time and place as the Grand Division. Among a few of the names that are now well known in history who took part in this were:—A. Farewell, T. Nixon, Joseph Hartman, M.P., Hon. George Brown.

As early as 1850 a paper known as "*Son of Temperance*" was published.

The Grand Division was incorporated by Act of Parliament about this time. In 1852, 371 subordinate Divisions were in operation; sixty-five new Divisions were organized between October 1851 and May 1852.

One thousand copies of the Maine Law were ordered to be distributed by the Grand Division and Rev. Bro. Hannibal Mulkins was sent on a tour of investigation through that state for the purpose of making a full official report. In the National Division returns for that year, which were made from the 1st of April to the 31st of December, we find that in this Province 8,289 members had been initiated, and at that time 16,704 contributing members were returned in the report. The Grand Scribe reported the receipts of his office to be £19,604. 12s. The number of representatives entitled to seats in the Grand Division at this time were 640. The Treasury had a surplus of £419 4s. 2½d. by this time.

It is interesting to note as an evidence of the drinking customs of the time that 2,398 violations of the pledge were reported.

The funds now being sufficient to enable the Order to undertake it the agitation for Prohibition was started in earnest. Lecturers were put in the field, literature was sown broadcast and the pledge administered to thousands. Rev. Bro. Hannibal Mulkins, Chaplain of the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston, was commissioned to go to the New England States to investigate the cause and effect of prohibitory legislation in force there. His report made a pamphlet of 30 closely printed pages and a large quantity were printed for distribution by the Grand Division.

The report stamps the author as a man of wonderful ability; the contents are of absorbing interest in the light history. It would furnish most interesting matter for publication but our space will not permit.

Rev. W. Ormison was sent out in 1852 to advocate a "prohibitory liquor law." He

delivered 52 addresses in various parts of the Province of Ontario. The lectures were in general well attended; in some cases opposition was offered, which invariably tended to further the cause. The two greatest obstacles met were, *interest* and *ignorance*—the latter more clamorous, the former more powerful. The remuneration awarded him was thirty shillings a lecture.

The committee in concluding their report say, "we embrace the opportunity of expressing the opinion, that since the organization of the Grand Division of Canada no expenditure of money has produced so telling and beneficial an effect upon the country as the £300 appropriated for the employment of lecturers."

We can only give a few rough notes which will give our readers but a brief, imperfect glimpse of the glorious work and accomplishments of the past. Stretching back into the dim history of half a century, into the days when this fair Province and the white haired veterans of our Order who are yet spared to be with us were young, lies a scene that would thrill and inspire any heart that beats for God and humanity. The innocence of youth protected, the little ones clothed and fed, the wives and mothers made happy, the pall of squalor raised from rum-cursed homes, the chained set free, the souls rescued from the drunkard's eternal doom make history and traditions that will live long after the last worker has gone to the reward of those who doeth good. The past is gone, the future and our duty lies before us.



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Bro. J. G. Miller, aged 22, is Principal of Greenbank Public School. Was initiated in Greenbank Division No. 331, at the age of 14. Has held the office of R.S. for 9 quarters, and has held the office of Worthy Patriarch, Chaplain, Treasurer and others.

At the age of 20 was elected District Scribe of South Ontario, and the following year was elected D.W.P. An ardent temperance worker and strong prohibitionist, and labors unceasingly in his own Division, and throughout the District.

Is Superintendent of a large Presbyterian Sunday School and an earnest church worker, always willing and zealous in his efforts to help in uplifting fallen humanity. His is one of our largest and best Districts.

GAINING GROUND.

HISTORY.

Township of Haldimand.—There have been six distilleries, three breweries, twelve hotels; total twenty-five places for the manufacture and sale of drink. Now there is only one place legally authorized to sell (an hotel at Grafton). Very few of the descendants of those engaged in the traffic are now known in Haldimand. When those were in full blast there were but two or three chapels—now there are twenty, and twenty well-appointed school houses.—*Platt Hinman.*

* *Township of Oro.*—In my time as Reeve there were no less than ten liquor licenses granted, now there is only one, and a hundred square miles is under prohibition.—*Hon. Chas. Drury.*

Many similar reports could be quoted.

Let those laugh who will about it,
All their laughter is but sound,
Let who will pretend to doubt it;
Still the cause is gaining ground.

Just so sure as yearly ploughing
Turns the furrow for the yield,
Just so sure as broad-cast sowing
Brings a sowing from the field.

Just so sure all true endeavour
In spite of adverse fate,
Used in any line whatever,
Brings an answer soon or late.

Do you think your star is waning,
Weary worker; Never fear!
Yes, the cause is gaining, gaining,
Surely gaining year by year.

NATIONAL DIVISION.

The next session will be held in Burlington, Vermont., commencing on July 13th, 1898, at 10 a.m. The reception meeting will be held on the evening of that day in First Baptist Church.

If 100 or more attend the travelling rates will be one and one-third fares. From Toronto the fare (unless raised in the meantime) will be \$8.20 to Burlington and one third of the same for the return.

Representatives can leave Toronto by G.T.R. at 6 a.m. and reach Montreal at 6 p.m.; leave Montreal via Central Vermont at 8.25 p.m. and reach Burlington at 12.05 a.m.; leave Toronto at 9.30 p.m. arrive Montreal at 7.20 a.m.; leave Montreal at 9.00 a.m. and reach Burlington at 12.05 p.m. Those going by the C.P.R. can connect with the same trains on the Central Vermont from Montreal to Burlington.

There should be a large attendance from Ontario.