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MAYFLOWER S. OF T. JUBILEE.

An important event in the history of temperance work in Halifax was the jubilee soiree held in Temperance Hall, Cornwallis Street, last evening, when Mayflower Division, No. 9, S. of T., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of this successful society. At 7.30 about two hundred and fifty members and guests sat down to banquet tables, which were abundantly provided with good cheer, and beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, crimson carnations and palms predominating. The decorations of the hall were exceedingly pretty, no pains having been spared to please the eye as well as the ear and intellect, on this joyous occasion. In front of the canopy which surmounted the platform was the word "Welcome" in large golden letters on a blue background. The platform was surrounded with palms, the desk was banked with ferns and tulips, a free tribute of appreciation of Mayflower's work on the part of James H. Harris. On the walls were hung portraits of prominent temperance workers. Among them were Dr. Crawley, the first Worthy Patriarch, and Neal Dow. Numerous flags added to the artistic effect of the decorations. The Division motto, "Love, Purity and Fidelity," and the Mayflower's sentiment, "We thrive in Nova Scotia," occupied prominent positions on either wall.

At 8.45 the programme was begun, the several musical numbers being exceedingly well rendered, and the speeches having the merit of being brief and to the point.

The chairman, Mr. William Murray, Senior P. W. P. of the Division, made an appropriate address, referring briefly to his forty-eight years' connection with Mayflower Division.