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EDITOR'S TABLE.

We have one consolation—the joker who found that old photo, a cut of which surreptitiously appeared in last issue, did not label it "What is it?" instead of "Who is it?"

All representatives should have their regalias, badges, jewels, etc., in readiness for Orillia. See adv't on page 8.

This year Ontario has had the following drawbacks to her work—general elections in March, Grand Scribe absent through ill health for over

three months and the Plebiscite campaign—an unprecedented year's disadvantages.

There should not be a single delinquent Division this year to report to Grand Division. Let there be no defaulters.

FAVORS RECEIVED.—From Bro. R. Montford, G. Patron of Cadets, London, Eng., Rules and Annual Statement S. of T. Pension and Almshouse Fund, *Quarterly Gazette and Division Guide of London*, copies of *Cadets' Own*, *Alliance News*, *Alliance Budget*, etc., etc. From S. H. Graham, editor, Maidstone, Eng., copies of the *Temperance Worker*, and other publications. From G.D. of P.E.I., invitation to attend their jubilee session.

We must apologize for the typographical errors and bad arrangement and delay of our last issue. Our printers were working night and day on Plebiscite literature.

We extend felicitations to Bro. M. A. James, editor of the *Statesman*, Bowmanville, on his silver wedding, celebrated very happily this month. Long life to him and his estimable wife, and prosperity to the *Statesman*, as heroic a champion of our cause as there is in Ontario.

We are under obligation to Bro. T. M. Blackstock, editor of the *Orillia Times*, for the cuts used this month. Bro. B. is W.P. of Orillia Division.

NOTES.

—On to Orillia!

—The history of the year is about complete.

—What have you done for the Order?

—Time yet remains to put in a new Division.

—There will be a great gathering of veterans at Orillia.

—Is your report sent in? There should be no delinquent list this year.

THE PLEBISCITE VICTORY.

The result of the Plebiscite is no failure. On the other hand, it is a unique and amazing achievement that inspires Prohibitionists with hope, and it must be received as another unmistakable note of warning to those who blindly and obstinately invest their money in the liquor traffic.

It cannot be denied that there was a considerable portion of the electorate that did not go to the polls, which goes to show that they would not lift their hand to protect and perpetuate the traffic, yet we make bold to assert that there is not another country in the world that would be able to have a plebiscite submitted, and on a vote for or against the total destruction of the drink traffic, show a majority against

it, so powerful in numbers, that if banded together in opposition, could wreck the strongest popular government that ever existed. The vote is the stride of a giant. No wise government dare ignore it; the voice of the people is a clear, distinct pronouncement for its abolition, root and branch, bud and blossom. It is also a "notice to quit" to the "trade." The trade has been receiving warning after warning for years. Its end is near. It need not entertain the faintest hope for compensation, for every man in the business knows that it is permitted only on sufferance for the time being. As for Prohibitionists, there is but one course for them to pursue if the Government shows signs of defying the majority; that is, to remember that there is a greater responsibility than ever laid on them to persevere in their demands and in no way to slacken their efforts. They must not forget that the needs are as urgent, the traffic as iniquitous, its evils as dire as ever, and that, having put their hand to the plough, they must not look backward.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

CONDENSED NEWS.

Bro. Jas. A. Werry, of Solina, has left for a long visit in England.—North York District Division has presented Bro. R. W. Wood, D.W.P., with a jubilee jewel for good service.—Laskay Division presented Bro. Daniel O'Brien, their veteran D.G.W.P., with a very complimentary address and a jewel on Oct. 8th.—Bro. S. Holland, P.G.W.A., was one of the first to send in his official report as D.G.W.P.—The new Grand Officers may be writing up their sketches and getting their photos ready for publication in *January Record*. Who will they be!—Reports of grand results from "Rally Nights" continue to come in from Divisions; this is a splendid idea for arousing interest.—Several reports of District Division sessions are crowded out.—The G.W.P., with Bro. Gowler as G. Con., installed the officers of Bishop Hawkins Division, Toronto. The G.W.A., G.S. Bro. W. H. Brown, of St. Albans, and others were also present to enjoy the cake, ice cream and hearty welcome of the members.—Some District is going to win the D. D. Trophy. Which?—"Orient," Toronto, celebrates its second anniversary on Nov. 4th with a concert and oyster supper.

The following is reported to have been found on the wall of a deserted cabin in the heart of Nebraska: "Fore miles from a neighbor; sixteen miles from a post office; twenty-five miles from a railroad; forty-one miles from a church; a hundred and aety from timber; half a mile from water; God bless our home. We're gone to British Columbia to get a fresh start."—Texas Siftings.