

But in all this the lodge is an active force. It is little or nothing unless it be active. It exists to develop, and to teach the young and old how to work, and in this is its real power.

You ask how to save the lodge.

I answer, set it to work. Begin you. The lodge is many sided, and you need not wait for some special occasion to turn up, begin now. It has to do with every man and woman, and boy and girl in the land, surely there is something you can say, and the best thing you can say in lodge is to tell of someone you have helped during the week.

Active members make an active lodge, and an active lodge is known, felt, respected, loved.

—Selected.

AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

At Omagh, on September 7th, Rev. Bro. R. W. Scanlon delivered his lecture "Foot-prints of Rum," to an appreciative audience for Victoria Star Division. Recitations were given by Mrs. and Master Reggie Scanlon, also songs by Mrs. (Rev.) Clark and Miss Flora McDougall. Bro. Frank Ford installed the new officers on 20th October; Bro. W. Cooper acting as G.C.; the W. P. elect is Bro. Fred Cudmore. A. Henderson and Bert McCann are Captains. On September 23rd a happy event was celebrated in the marriage of Bro. Fred Cudmore to Sister Jane Cameron by Rev. Bro. C. T. Tough at the Presbyterian manse; all are active members of the Division and the best wishes of their associates go out to them.

The South York District Division has 922 members. St. Albans leads with 192. Excelsior has 127 and Coldstream 97 on their roll at 1st. October.

Peerless No. 243, Leeds County did remarkably good work in the plebiscite campaign. It was instituted three years ago and never was in a more prosperous and progressive state than at present. Like others it had its ups and downs sometimes having difficulty in getting a meeting place, but its zealous and undaunted members "stuck to the ship." Its members are bright and energetic and contains some fine dramatic talent. They have on several occasions performed the favorite play "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," always contributing the proceeds to some good cause. On one occasion \$60.00 was donated to a poor family, on another the proceeds were given to the "Leeds Alliance" for the plebiscite campaign. During the campaign they did noble work holding 3 and 4 meetings a week, bringing in the best speakers at great expense, among others Rev. B. F. Spence, Rev. Guacey, President S.C.T.A., and Rev. Pimlott, etc. On 28th they ended their hard work and indulged in a fruit social for their members, 60 of their 70 members being present, and a grand time was spent. Abundance of fruit and a fine programme. There were recitations by Bros. Mitchell, Earl and Sheppard, songs by Sisters Sheppard and Earl, and the speeches of Bros. Graham, Doak,

Moxley and Webster always make the entertainments a success. At the present time arrangements are being made for preparing another drama and furthering the interest of the Division.

Orient Division, Toronto, celebrated its second anniversary with an oyster supper and concert on Nov. 4th. The G.W.P. presided and vouches for the pleasure and success of the occasion. The decorations, talent and cuisine and the heartiness of his reception were unexcelled. Long live Orient!

Harmony Union, and Coldstream, of Toronto, report excellent meetings and splendid work being done for the cause.

Well done—The following Divisions have won prizes for good work during the past half year.

Stirling	No. 120, gains 28.
Excelsior	" 28, " 22.
Malton	" 295, " 26.
Ballantrae	" 251, " 38.
Brampton	" 248, " 65.
Trafalgar Star,	" 58.
Orillia,	" 23.

PROHIBITIONISTS AT OTTAWA.

On Nov. 3rd 1898 an influential and representative deputation waited upon the Government, and based a request on the result of the Plebiscite, for the introduction at next session of parliament of a bill prohibiting the liquor traffic. A committee of council composed of Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Sifton, received them in the legislative chamber, the railway committee room designated for the purpose being too small to accommodate the assembled delegates. Nearly every seat was occupied and some wit remarked that for once both sides of the house were unanimous on this great question. The deputation spoke on behalf of the "Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic." Delegates were present from five provinces and telegrams were read from B. C. and P. E. I. The following organizations were represented, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches, the Sons of Temperance, I. O. G. T., R. T. of T., and W. C. T. U.

The spokesmen were:—F. S. Spence, Ontario; Major E. L. Bond, Quebec; Dr. McLeod, New Brunswick; Rev. M. Hogg, Manitoba; Firmian McClure, Nova Scotia; Mrs. Rutherford, Dom. Pres. W.C.T.U.; Mr D. J. O'Donoghue, a labor leader. The case was ably presented. In the plebiscite, it was pointed out, prohibitionists had neither party organization or party feeling to stir them, neither had they emoluments to bestow, nor positions to award to their workers, not an elector who went to the poll on Sept. 29 to vote for prohibition was actuated by sordid or selfish motives. The majority represented a pure, clean and disinterested vote. In spite of all the disadvantages a majority of 13,884 was shown; every province in the Dominion save

one gave a majority—124 constituencies gave majorities "for" and only 81 "against." The Premier in reply said he appreciated the motives that actuated the deputation. He outlined the action of Parliament towards the movement during the past 25 years. Both political parties had been divided on the question. The party now in power had endeavored to get a free, honest expression of the people upon the question, and had presented it free from any other entangling questions or consideration. The plebiscite resulted in a favorable majority. He agreed that under the circumstances it was a large one, and represented a respectable proportion of the electorate, but while it did not involve a majority of the electorate the consideration for the Government is, what is to be done under the circumstances? Speaking of Quebec he said that the temperance sentiment was not indicated by the vote; out of 933 municipalities, in only 330 were liquor licenses issued and in 603 were no liquors sold. The province had not been well worked by the advocates of prohibition, and the people did not see the advantage over the local option law they have had in operation since 1864. The statement was made that in introducing a law the vote of Quebec must not stand alone, but that it must be considered along with the vote of every other Province.

The Premier promised that they would report to council and lay the views that had been presented, before them, promising that a reply would be promptly made and that this important question would be carefully considered.

Among the delegates were noticed the following members of our Order: F. S. Spence, Toronto; W. H. Orr, Toronto; J. M. Walton, Kettleby; Rev. J. McLeod, Fredrickton, N. B.; J. R. Woodburn, St. John, N. B.; Rev. G. G. Huxtable, Montreal; Robt. Hopkins, Ottawa; R. E. Jamieson, Ottawa; Jas. G. Howe, Ottawa; Wm. Stewart, Ottawa; W. E. Smallfield, Renfrew; Firmian McClure, M. P., Trurs, N.S.; Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.

NOTES.

—Exit 1898.

—We are starting a new half-century.

—With the new year let us resolve to redouble our efforts in the good cause.

—We are making history each day; improve every opportunity: never weary in well doing.

—Elect good officers next quarter and do your best to make your Division influential.

—We have pleasure in introducing to our readers this month two brethren whose splendid examples of constancy and zeal should be emulated by every young member of the Order.

—Renew your Subscriptions to "Record," show the paper to your friends, solicit their co-operation and help us to make the paper better and more extensively useful. Send us a club at once. We will promise to give our readers interesting news, helpful hints, useful facts, new ideas of work, portraits of our prominent workers, selections for recitation, information as to the progress of the movement, etc. etc. Your support is fraternally solicited.