

# The Sons of Temperance Record

## AND PROHIBITION ADVOCATE.

MOTTO—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do for the good of mankind, do quickly."

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### OUR ORDER IS IMMORTAL.

"Our Order is immortal, until its work is done,  
And victory is as certain, as the rising of the  
sun;

Then, brother, why despair ye, and weary of  
the fight!

We wage a glorious battle; our cause is just  
and right.

Our Order is immortal; it stands a bulwark  
strong,

Against the nation's vices, against the nation's  
wrong;

Its aim is pure and noble, a mission grand have  
we,

To sweep away intemperance, and set the  
drunkard free.

Our Order is immortal, until the time shall be,  
When patriotic statesmen, from drink the land  
shall free;

When vested interest shall cease to cause a  
hideous wrong;

When right shall reign with reason, and truth  
shine fair and strong.

Our Order is immortal, for truth must win the  
day;

A glorious time is coming, whatever men  
may say;

A time of joy and gladness, of happiness and  
mirth,

When Temperance triumphant, shall reign  
throughout the earth."—*The late J. N.  
Stearns, P.M.W.P.*

### NOTES.

—Fifty years.

—1848—1898.

—Our year of Jubilee.

—We've passed the half-century mark.

—The past is gone; the present we have;  
whatsoever thy hand findeth to do for the  
good of mankind do quickly.

—The future lies before us; do not dwell  
in deeds of the past, or dream of the future,  
but act now, do the duty nearest to you; it  
is thus that history is made.

—The Plebiscite campaign is now upon  
us in earnest. The decks must be cleared  
for action and every man found at his post.

Durham session was held at Harmony on  
June 15th. The attendance was not large  
but the following Divisions were represent-  
ed: Tyrone, East Whitby, Blackstock,  
Newcastle and Solina. The reports showed  
60 increase of members and the finances are  
ample. Bro. David Miller, P.G.W.P., Toronto,  
and Bro. Edward Carswell were delegated by  
the Grand Division as official visitors and  
addressed the session. In the evening the  
hall was crowded and the meeting was a  
success in every respect. Bro. Miller  
presided. A good programme was render-  
ed and Bro. Carswell gave the address of  
the evening.



J. M. WALTON, G.W.P. OF ONTARIO.

Born October 29th, 1867. Initiated into  
the Cadets of Temperance March 19th, 1877.

Initiated into Kettleby Division No. 232,  
S. of T. March 19th, 1887.

Initiated into Grand Division of Ontario  
at Kingston, December 1889.

Initiated in National Division of North  
America at Washington, D.C., July 1896.

### TEMPERANCE PIONEERS OF ONTARIO.

GLEANINGS FROM OUR ANNALS OF FIFTY YEARS.

The first Division of the Order was planted  
at Brockville on the 21st of June, 1848.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temper-  
ance of Canada West was instituted in the town

of Brockville, county of Leeds in the district of  
Johnston, on the twelfth day of April, 1849, by  
Philip S. White, D.M.W.P. of the National  
Division of North America. Fifteen representa-  
tives were present, representing six Divisions,  
viz.—Brockville, No. 1; Frontenac, No. 2;  
North Augusta, No. 3; Farmersville, No. 4;  
Coleman's Corner's No. 5, Gananoque, No. 6.

The first officers were:—William Boyle,  
G.W.P.; J. Lewis MacDonald, G.W.A.; W. H.  
Ellerbeck, G. Scribe; C. Leggo, G. Treasurer;  
R. Dick, G. Chaplain; A. B. Pardee, G.  
Conductor; J. P. Sutton, G. Sentinel; G.W.P.  
appointed A. Parish, P.G.W.P.

The first motion recorded is that the sum of  
£6. 5s. be paid to Brother P. S. White, for  
Charter and five sets of Blue Books.

The sessions were at first held quarterly.  
The second session was held at Kingston in  
July 1849. Among the bills presented are  
noticed an item of £23 7s. 6d. for regalia.  
Duty paid on the same was £3. 9d. 10s. The  
By-Laws, Rules of Business and Order of the  
Grand Division of the State of New York,  
were adopted with some slight changes.

We copy the following from the report of the  
G.S. as presented at the first annual session:—

"In presenting the first annual report of this  
Grand Division of our infant Order in the  
Province of Canada, we may indeed be allowed  
heartily to congratulate each other on the truly  
extraordinary success which has attended our  
efforts. But little more than a year has elapsed  
since the first Division was instituted in  
Canada, and already the Order of the Sons of  
Temperance has reached a position in the  
Province of Upper Canada which entitles it to  
a proud stand among the many excellent  
institutions of the day; and which, while it  
secures a permanency and stability to the peace  
restoring cause of Temperance, disseminates  
those principles of independent benevolence  
and universal charity which must secure for it  
the approval and co-operation of the virtuous  
and good of every grade in society."

Twenty-four Divisions were reported at the  
end of the first year. At first every member  
admitted was a benefit member, paying a certain  
sum each week, and receiving stipulated sick  
benefits.

The first official mention recorded, of the  
necessity for a Prohibitory Law is contained in  
the report of Bro. J. Lewis MacDonald, G.W.P.,  
at the Belleville session, January 1850, where  
he says,—“There is a necessity for the con-  
struction of laws regarding the sale of spirituous