

FROM OTHER FIELDS.

The S. of T. were well represented at the Scottish National Convention, which met at Dundee on April 11th, and succeeding days. The convention was a great success, Lord Overton presided. It is instructive to note the great prominence that the Juvenile Department gets in the old land. They are properly viewed as an auxiliary force of the "on coming host."

The Grand Division of Scotland met on March the 26th in Glasgow. Their membership totals 2,922 adults and 725 Juvenile members, showing an increase of 421 in the former and 50 in the latter, since last annual report. During the year £1,850 was paid in sick benefits. The sick fund on hand amounts to £6,525. The official valuation gives the assets at £46,671.

THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—This is an outline of the arrangements of the annual session that is to be held at Hanley, Whitsuntide, 1898. Saturday, May 28th.—Members of the Reception Committee will meet the representatives at the various railroad stations. Tea and refreshments will be served in the Temperance Hall, from 6 to 8 o'clock p.m. A public reception meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m., W. Woodall, Esq., M.P., Chairman. Speakers, Bros. E. Hallsworth, M.W.P., and others. Musical selections, etc., will complete the programme. Whit-Sunday, May 29th.—In the morning a Friendly Societies' Parade, led by Sons of Temperance, with several bands playing en route, will go in a procession to the Victoria Hall, where Divine services will be held. Several pulpits will be occupied morning and evening by members of the Order. In the evening open-air Temperance meetings in several of the Pottery towns, addressed by representatives. Monday, May 30th.—At 10 a.m. the 43rd Annual Session of the National Division will open in the Temperance Hall, High Street, Hanley. A public gathering in the evening. Tuesday, May 31st.—The Business Session will resume at 9 a.m. An adjournment will be made to visit the Trentham Hall and Gardens. Wednesday, June 1st.—Business meeting to re-open at 9 a.m. In the afternoon arrangements will be made for such representatives as desire to visit the leading pottery works.

Announcement is made of the election of several members of the Order in Great Britain to very prominent positions in public life.

The Sons of Temperance of Derby, England, are heading a movement to petition the House of Commons, to stop in England the sale of intoxicating drink, during the whole of Sunday.

The Chief of Police of Liverpool, in his report says, that if the sale of drink could be stopped on Saturdays, enough money would be saved to buy more provisions than the town could supply.

The G. D. in New Brunswick met at Richibucto on the 11th and 12th of May. The

officers' reports show a gratifying progress. This jurisdiction has been losing ground for some years, but this report shows that an increase has been made. The Loyal Crusaders are doing a good work. The Plebiscite vote, Loyal Crusaders, Mutual Relief Society and their "organ" were the live topics of discussion.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

The session of Welland D. D. was held at Thorold on May 17th. Among the well-known members of the Order in that famous District were Bros. Robert Coulter, George Hyatt, John Thompson, W. E. B. MacKenzie, Cruikshank, Hill and Sharpe. The meeting was presided over by Hovey, the energetic young D. W. P. The official visitors were the G. W. P. and Bro. Alderman Burgoyne of St. Catharines. A great deal of useful work was done. The primary work of organizing the county for the Plebiscite Campaign was arranged. The District Executive will, with the co-operation of other temperance workers, call a mass meeting. The District promises hearty co-operation with South York and Lincoln in a union demonstration to be held at St. Catharines in June. The District banner was won by the Crowland Division, and was presented to them at the evening meeting.

Kemptville is moving into a new hall shortly.

Bills are out advertising the jubilee commemoration by the North York District Division, which will be held at Keswick on June 4th, and on Sunday 5th, a grand prohibition rally will be held at Morton Park. The Bishop Hawkins Division Jubilee Singers, of Toronto, have been secured and will assist in the musical program. In addition to many prominent speakers, Bro. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, will deliver an oration.

Renfrew will hold their D. D. meeting and a District Pic-nic at Northcote on June 3rd, Bro. A. D. Weeks is going down from Ottawa to speak for them.

Following are some of the dates of District Division meetings announced:—

June 2nd, East Simcoe at Gutherie.

" 3rd, Halton at Sheridan.

" 3rd, Renfrew at Northcote.

" 3rd, East Grey at Thornbury.

" 4th, North York at Keswick.

" 8th, Leeds at Rock Port.

" 10th, Lennox at Colbrook.

" 30th. North Ontario at Pinedale.

Scores of Divisions report local jubilee celebrations, and many union pic-nics and demonstrations are under consideration.

SPRAY FROM THE FOUNTAINS.

Pine Grove No. 85, instituted a few months ago, is in a prosperous condition, reporting frequent additions to membership.

Trafalgar Star No. 218, recently resuscitated reports rapid increase in membership.

Zephyr No. 360, recently resuscitated is progressing favorably.

Bro. J. H. Baker, D. G. W. P. of East Whitby, No. 53, has removed to Rainy River District. An earnest Son of Temperance, he will be greatly missed by his Division.

Goshen No. 174, reports prosperity, Bro. J. A. McDonald, P. W. P. of this Division, and D. S. of Elgin District Division has recently recovered from a severe illness.

Bronte, No. 100, reports increasing interest and progress during the present quarter.

Evening Star No. 181, dormant for some time has been resuscitated, with prospects of success.

Athens No. 4, is a prosperous and aggressive division.

The D. G. W. P. of Evergreen No. 336, recently instituted writes: "Membership increasing, five new members at last meeting, and more for next meeting."

Thorold and Aylesworth Divs. have both resumed active work.

Many Divisions report losses in membership through removals to Manitoba, N. W. T., B.C., Yukon, etc., but thus far no Divisions have reported losses through departures for Cuba.

GRAND UNION PIC-NICS, OR DISTRICT DEMONSTRATIONS.

HINTS ON HOW TO ARRANGE THEM.

1. The District Division officers or special committee should lay the plans.
2. Make sure of good central grounds.
3. Secure first-class singers and speakers.
4. Get every Division to practice rousing prohibition songs.

5. Set a time for all to meet at the grounds; have each Division gather at their local headquarters and form procession, headed by bands of music so that all will arrive at the same time at the grounds.

6. Have a platform meeting to last say two hours of music and orations followed by a basket pic-nic, games, etc. for balance of afternoon.

Talk it up well; send letters to all Divisions and friends; members of the committee should visit each Division to arouse the members and get up the enthusiasm and complete all arrangements. Write it up in the local papers, scatter hand-bills and advertise well. The speakers should speak on "The Order, its traditions and achievements," and every Division should catch the inspiration and on reaching home commence to build up the Order.

Send us your own and your friend's names, introduce the Record to your friends, talk it up in Division, send us news items, take an interest in it. Remember you are responsible for its success or failure. ACT AT ONCE.