

PEEL DISTRICT DIVISION.

Brampton, Jan. 6.—(Special).—The annual session of the Peel District Division, Sons of Temperance, was held here to-day. The attendance was very satisfactory, all the divisions except Malton being well presented. Among those present were noticed H. H. Shaver, Prov. D.G.W.P.; J. K. Morley, Grand Conductor; Mr. Barber, Principal Model School; W. Young, A. E. Treadgold, T. Crist, J. Craig, H. Garbutt, T. Mara, J. M. Walton, Grand Worthy Patriarch. All the divisions reported gains except one, and in that case the loss was only three members. Cooksville leads, with an increase of 20 for the past quarter. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Spiers and Miss Smith, and fully discussed. The sessions were harmonious, and the outlook is very promising for a good year's work, plans for which were duly matured. During the afternoon fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Peel County W.C.T.U., which was in session in Grace Church. The following officers were elected for the year:—D.W.P., Mrs. Spiers, Eimbank; D.W.A., Norman Burrell, Cooksville; D.S., A. E. Treadgold, Brampton; D.T., Mrs. W. Young, Brampton; Chap., W. Young, Brampton; Con. John Pearson, Cooksville; Sent., W. G. Blakeley, Port Credit; Superintendent Young People's Work, H. Garbutt, Summer-ville; P.D.W.P., H. H. Shaver, Cooksville. The installation was performed by the G.W.P. and G.C., who were both present. It is worthy of note that Mrs. Spiers is the first lady yet elected in any district as the presiding officer.

The next session will be held at Meadowvale, in June, when a grand district picnic is in view. In the evening a public meeting was held in the S. of T. Hall. Bro. H. H. Shaver was in the chair. The programme was contributed by quartettes from Brampton and Cooksville, addresses by Bros. J. M. Walton, G.W.P. J. K. Morley, G.C. and A. G. Barber. Musical and literary numbers were added by Mrs. Francis, Misses Greenwood and Donly, Miss Treadgold, Miss Barret, Mr. Garbutt, Miss Readman, Mr. Young, Mr. Treadgold.

LENNOX-ADDINGTON.

ENTERPRISE, Jan., 10th, 1898.

The Lennox-Addington District Division met in their first annual session and the following officers were elected:

D.W.P., Bro. J. T. Howell, Napanee Mills.
D.W.A., Bro. J. Walker, Colebrook.
D. Chap., Bro. Rev. J. S. McMullen, Enterprise.
D. Scribe, Geo. Rowlinson, Newburgh.
D. Treas., J. N. Osborne, Napanee.
D. Con., Dr. Metzler, Odessa.
D. Sent., C. Estes, Newburgh.
D.S.Y.P.W., Mrs. Conway, Napanee.

A strong resolution protesting against the entangling of the straight issue of prohibition, was unanimously adopted by the District

Division and a copy ordered to be forwarded through the proper channels to the Dominion Government.

The resolution also recommended that a committee be appointed in each Division, to procure the better enforcement of the present license law, also that petitions be circulated in each polling sub-division against the granting of new licenses where they are not deemed necessary for the accommodation of the public.

Bro. A. D. Weeks, G. T., arrived during the afternoon, and was enthusiastically welcomed by the members present. The officers were duly installed by Bro. Weeks at the close of the session.

The committee on the "Good of the Order" presented their report which after some discussion was adopted as follows:—

"That we recommend the holding of mass meetings at all possible points, and that we procure the best possible talent for the occasions."

The committee also strongly urged the encouragement of our paper "THE RECORD."

The entire meeting was characterized by a determination to stand by our rights.

A monster mass meeting was held in the Methodist Church in the evening, and was addressed by the following, Bro. Rev. J. S. McMullen, of Enterprise; Bro. Rev. J. H. Chant, of Newburgh; Bro. A. D. Weeks, G.T., Toronto; Bro. J. D. Howell, D.W.P., Napanee Mills and others. It was a meeting to gladden one's heart. The speeches were red hot for our cause and the attention of the large audience showed that they were in sympathy with all that was said.

We fully believe Lennox-Addington will give a good account of themselves when the vote for prohibition is taken.

GEO. ROWLINSON, D.S.

SOUTH YORK DISTRICT DIVISION.

This District Division held its annual meeting on 17th January in Toronto, when over 100 delegates were present from various Divisions in the District, the chair being occupied by Chas. Cottenden, D.W.P. The reports presented by the retiring officers were very encouraging and showed a substantial gain in membership during the year. Four new Divisions were organized and one resuscitated. Two Divisions report a membership of over 100. There are now 12 Divisions in the District. The trophy presented to the Division making the largest increase for the quarter was again won by Orient Division, No. 213. The Loyal Crusaders work has been pushed forward, and there are now three companies of Crusaders organized in connection with St. Albans, Coldstream and Harmony Union Divisions, with a membership of over 200.

Fifty-four public meetings were held during the year, with an attendance of over 6,000. The report of the Executive Committee contained many good recommendations, amongst which

were plans for raising funds, distribution of campaign literature, fraternal visits and jubilee meetings. The RECORD was also strongly endorsed. A resolution of condolence was passed, rendered to be sent to the family of late Bro. John Linton.

The following officers were elected for the year:—D.W.P., Geo. E. Buck; D.W.A., Mrs. Snead; D.D., A. R. Fawcett; D.S., A. Gowler, (by acclamation); D. Ch., Wm. Costain; D. Con., J. A. Templeman; D. Sent., Hugh McMillan; D. Supt., Y. P. Work, Miss A. Clare; D. D. W. P., C. Cottenden.

All the old warhorses in the District were present, and some very interesting discussions took place. Amongst those noticed were John McMillan, D.G.W.P.; D. Rose; T. Caswell, M.W.P.; W. H. Orr, P.G.W.A.; H. O'Hara, P.G.W.P. Others present were F. C. Ward, A. R. Fawcett of *Leader and Recorder*, Rev. J. O. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Ferrier, J. K. Stewart and others.

SOUTH ONTARIO DISTRICT DIVISION.

The seventh semi-annual session of this District was held at Greenbank on the 21st January. The twelve Divisions in the District report a membership of over 700. The sessions were attended by 65 delegates and over 100 visitors. The officers' reports showed good progress during the past year, and the members were full of enthusiasm and intend to work more faithfully this year than before. The election of officers resulted as follows: D.W.P., J. Geo. Miller; D.W.A., May Bennett; D. Scribe, R. Craig of Greenbank; D.T., C. W. Bateman; D. Chap., H. E. Derby; D. Con., R. Robinson; D. Sent., C. E. Rattenberry; S.Y.P.W., S. E. Fraelic; P.D.W.P., Thos. Ward. At the close of the session tea was served by the members of Greenbank Division.

The public meeting in the evening was one of the best held in the District, standing room being at a premium. The programme was excellent in every respect and consisted of short addresses, readings, recitations and music. The Greenbank Division orchestra rendered selections which were much appreciated.

This District intend to extend their operations during the year and a number of places are already in prospect for propagation.

ELGIN DISTRICT DIVISION.

Tilsenburg, Jan. 19th, 1898.—The attendance of delegates and visitors at the Elgin district divisions of Sons of Temperance convention held here on Wednesday was gratifying, 65 being present at the day sessions. The presence of J. M. Walton, grand worthy patriarch of Ontario, was an inspiration to all. The morning session was taken up with the appointing of committees, and the afternoon with the election of officers and discussion. The new officers are: