

AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

Ravine Division, St. Davids, had a houseful on January 23rd. Thirty of their own members were out and they were visited by Port Dalhousie who came out 30 strong, and Virgil 15 strong. A very pleasant meeting was the result, and everyone parted feeling encouraged. Bros. Jas. A. Wiley, D.W.P., of St. Catharines; Sidney Duffin, of Port Dalhousie and J. Murray Field, of Virgil, paid the same Division a visit the week preceding to review the work, and it is now hoped that they will make good progress. Lincoln District is a well worked field.

Vienna held an open Division on February 11th which was voted quite a success in spite of unfavorable weather. Rev. Mr. Robinson of Tilsonbury gave his address "The Goring Ox." This address is considered by all who have heard it to be a most able and forcible effort.

Edenvale, Allenwood and Elmvalle Division have been inter-visiting and are working with a view to have a District Division instituted in centre Simcoe. There are some noble workers there and we trust their hopes will be realized.

In Solina Division they have had 24 initiations in four weeks. 80 members attended their meetings as a rule, and the interest runs high. Bros. J. T. Rundle and A. L. Pascoe, two old standbys, are leaders of a contest.

Keswick Division is doing excellent work. Their meetings are very interesting.

Selby Division No. 47, is among the many that sent urgent petitions to Parliament for a straight ballot.

Bro. Wm. Booth, D.G.W.P., writes: Pine Grove Division No. 85, organized in October last, has increased its membership from 15 to 30, and although their situation is not very favorable they look forward to a further considerable increase. They held a public meeting on March 17th.

Bro. Orvill Wright, D.G.W.P., writes: "South Augusta is progressing splendidly. I can safely say the password has been well carried out this quarter." It is gratifying to know that this Division which is over 40 years old is doing so well.

Bro. Carswell is now working in Elgin County under the direction of the District Division Executive. The advance work is being done by Bro. Henry Brien, P.G.W.A., who knows the ground well.

The Executive of Elgin District Division are among those who have memorialized the Government with a view to having the traffic in drink excluded in the Klondyke.

Agitate—Agitate—Agitate.

The members of Good Intention and Verchoyle Divisions have made fraternal visits to each other recently, when good programmes were given, followed by refreshments.

The members of the Order in Lennox are doing loyal work for the Order under the direction of Bros. Karr and Arnott. Since the visit of our G.W.P. in September last the people have been aroused from their lethargy and see that there is a battle to be fought and won this year. Meetings are being held in all parts of the country under the joint auspices of the Sons and other kindred societies. Sunday afternoon meetings are held in Napanee, and Bros. Karr and Arnott are assisted each week by the local ministers, Mayor Jamieson, Principal Brown, of the High School and others. The hall is frequently crowded and the interest is increasing each week. Many have signed the pledge at these meetings and good results are already noticed. Bro. Karr is a gifted and eloquent orator, and cheerfully responds to the many calls made on him to address meetings. Our paper is also receiving his attention as is shown by a list of 30 names which he has sent in. Let other Divisions follow the example.

The 21st session of East Gray was held at Mills Creek Division on 4th March, D.W.P. Bro. Cummings in the chair, and a large attendance of representatives were present. The officers' reports presented were encouraging and showed that a new Division had been organized at Bay View, largely owing to Bro. Carswell's lecture delivered there. The two weeks which Bro. Carswell spent in Grey have been the means of strengthening the Order and putting new life in the Divisions. Committees were appointed to arrange a monster excursion by rail this summer. The next meeting of the District will be held on 3rd June at Thornbury. An excellent programme was given at the public meeting held in the evening at which Dr. Cummings presided.

The mock trial of John and Jane Temperance was given on 8th March, under the auspices of Coldstream Division No. 212, in commemoration of their 47th anniversary. Bro. John McMillen, P.G.W.P., occupied the chair, and an address was also given by Bro. Arthur Farley, who has been connected with the Division since its inception in 1851.

Scarboro Junction Division rendered "Scenes from Pumpkin Ridge" at Mount Meldrum Division on March 4th before a large audience, and as a result they will now be able to distribute a good supply of campaign literature amongst the people of Scarboro.

Greenbank No. 331 since 1858 has met weekly. For many years it was our banner Division. Last quarter Kettleby wrestled the honor from her. Her glory is that for 25 years no young man enrolled has ever after taken to drink.

Oshawa No. 35 prides herself on many worthy things. One is that for nearly 50 years it has not missed a meeting. Another is that she gave to the Order and the world an Edward Carswell.

Ontario Division arranged for a debate on the prohibition question with W. H. Orr and H. O'Hara on the affirmative, and J. McMillan and D. Rose on the negative. It was found impossible to finish the debate in one night, so it has been adjourned for another week. Visitors were present to hear it from Ottawa, Brockville and five city Divisions.

Chaudiere Division, at Ottawa, is in a healthy condition, containing more than the usual number of veterans, solid and substantial, and who vie with the youngest in making the meetings pleasant and lively. Last Thursday, Feb. 17th, they formed a sleighing party, over 30 strong, to visit Quarry Division, about four miles out from the city, completely filling the snug little hall of that very lively Division. The members of Quarry gave them a warm welcome and generous refreshments. Along with the merry party was our burly Grand Treasurer, who well sustained his reputation as a big man at a tea party. An excellent program was provided by the visitors, including speeches by Bros. Jamieson, Stewart, Cane, McCann and Weeks, with songs by Bros. Smith and Low. Bro. McGee and other members of Quarry suitably responded, and the pleasant visit terminated at 11 o'clock. There is a strong bond of affection between these two divisions, and their frequent visits are a very healthful stimulus to each other.

Since last report returns received show that for the quarter ending December 31st, Kettleby Division made a net gain of 22 members, and hence is now our "leading Division," with 187 members. Lowville Division made a net gain of 21 members, Greenbank, Thornton, Bronte, Peerless, Uxbridge, Lyn, Grafton, Lincoln, Lavender and Goshen Divisions are also amongst those showing a substantial gain in membership.

Blue Mountain Division, Thornbury, has been presented with a set of officers' badges by one of its members.

Coldstream paid a fraternal visit to Court Abstinence A.O.F., Toronto, on March 16th. As the name implies, the Court is a temperance one and as was discovered on this occasion several members were formerly members of our Order. Speeches, music and refreshments made a merry night.

The 10th anniversary of Excelsior Division was auspiciously celebrated in Broadway Hall, Toronto, on 10th March.

St. Alban's, Parkdale, held their 2nd anniversary on 18th March. Their hall was far too small for the assembly, and everyone was delighted with the function. Bro. J. M. Walton, G.W.P. presided. The M.W.P., Bro. Thos. Carswell, was present and delivered an address. This Division has initiated 43 candidates to 18th, and have 25 propositions. They are moving forward for the pennant.