

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

MRS. PECH'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

The Toronto Temperance Hall was crowded to the doors on Sunday last to hear the farewell address of the lady who has just completed a very successful series of engagements in different parts of the Province, under the auspices of the Grand Division of Ontario. She commenced work last November, and has lectured during the season seventy-five times, her sphere of operations taking in nearly all the counties in Central Ontario, and much good has resulted from her efforts. At this farewell meeting about thirty signed the pledge.

The Chair was occupied by the President of the Toronto Temperance Reformation Society, Mr. J. Wardell, who promptly introduced to the audience the talented speaker so well known to Toronto temperance workers.

Mrs. Pech's address was, as her addresses always are, earnest and impressive; she appealed specially to young ladies to do their part in working a true reformation in the abolition of those drinking customs that are such a curse to society to-day. She also spoke wise words of counsel to the many young men who were present, and closed by deeply interesting references to the work in which she has been engaged, the recent victories that the temperance cause has won, and the present hopeful and progressive state of public sentiment in Canada.

It was about six years ago that the citizens of Ontario first greeted this talented lady as a public speaker. She has been growing in their favor ever since, and the following briefly stated facts of her early history may prove of interest to her many friends.

"Susannah Evans, the Cambrian Temperance Oratress, was born in Wales, on the 11th of February, 1848. Her parents were in humble life; her father kept a public house. At the early age of five her soul revolted at the disgusting scenes surrounding her, and before she was twelve surprised her neighbors by her temperance zeal and eloquent addresses. She was soon called to the halls and lecture rooms, and from the age of eleven to fifteen she was often induced to speak in many of the large towns in England, Ireland and Wales, to crowded audiences and to great acceptance. In London at one time she delivered ten lectures, in Manchester twenty-two, and in Dublin ten. London, Liverpool, Manchester and other papers spoke of her in the highest terms. Her lectures are various, but of the most serious and pungent character. Her style of delivery is beautiful; her language is pure; she has the eloquence of earnestness in a good cause; she disarms all opposition to her youth or her sex; has been the means of bringing many an intemperate man to sign the pledge, and successful in winning the young to the principles of total abstinence."

Since the paragraph just quoted was written, Miss Evans has become Mrs. Pech, and the duties of home life have compelled her to relax to some extent the public advocacy of a cause in which she still has the deepest interest. She has not however wholly given up the work for which she is qualified so well, and her voice is often heard in the advocacy of our great reform. We wish her every suc-

cess and can assure her that Canadians will always be glad to give her a hearty welcome.

BRANTFORD.—On Thursday, 20th ult., a meeting was held in the W. C. T. U. rooms for the purpose of organizing a division of the S. O. T. for this city. A large turn-out of the officers and members of Rising Sun Division, Cainsville, was present and greatly assisted the members of the new division. About twenty members were initiated, after which the following officers, having been duly elected, were installed by Deputy G. W. P. Foulger, of Cainsville: W. P., Bro. Jas. Brown; W. R. S., Bro. Geo. Smith; W. A. R. S., Bro. W. Foster; W. F. S., Bro. J. A. Jones; W. F., Bro. S. Schooley; W. Ch., Bro. W. C. Duke; W. C., Bro. — Webster; W. A. C., Bro. M. Curtis; W. I. S., Bro. J. Sears; W. O. S., Bro. — Miles.

It was decided to call the division "Telephone City Division." This division starts with every promise of success, and its members are determined that it shall be pre-eminently a working division. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next in the W. C. T. U. rooms. Visiting brethren are cordially invited. Any person wishing to join this division will kindly communicate with one of the above named officers or any member of the division.

STURGEON FALLS.—A strong Division of Sons of Temperance was recently organized at this place. Some weeks ago the members held a public meeting and concert in the school house. A good programme consisting of songs, readings, recitations and dialogues was gone through which gave every satisfaction. There was a good attendance.

CANADA has one hundred and ninety three divisions.

THE Order is moving steadily forward in Prince Edward Island. Three new Divisions, with over 30 members each, were organized in January, and one re-organized early in February.

MRS. R. A. PECKHAM is again working for the Order in the State of Wisconsin.

PAST MOST WORTHY PATRIARCH General Samuel F. Cary, of Ohio, has been lecturing on Temperance with great effect in Maine and other parts of New England.



MRS. SUSANNAH EVANS PECH.

A RIGHT royal reception with a banquet was given to Benj. R. Jewell, Esq., Most Worthy Patriarch, in the beautiful hall of Mutual Relief Division in the City of Washington, Monday evening, March 3rd, by the Grand Division of the District of Columbia. The M. W. P. was accompanied by Hon. R. B. Vance, V. C., Past Grand Worthy Patriarch of North Carolina; Wm. E. Armstrong, Esq., P. G. W. P., of Eastern New York, J. S. Rawlings, Grand Worthy Patriarch of Maryland, and five other visiting members of the National Division. The M. W. P. and General Vance made brilliant and inspiring speeches, following an eloquent address of welcome by F. M. Bradley, Esq., Past Most Worthy Patriarch of the Order and now Grand Worthy Patriarch of the District of Columbia. Short and appropriate addresses in response to sentiments proposed around the tables were given by members of the Order in Washington and by the visitors. The whole affair was unique and enjoyable.—*American Reformer.*