

EXIT 1897! ENTER 1898.

From *The Son of Temperance*, of Great Britain and Ireland.

Gone, gone, and for ever! the year now is over,
Has slipped from our grasp, with its record
so clear;
Say, say, does it please us, as conning it over,
We earnestly study this book of the year!

Irrevocably fixed are the pages now written,
Those subjects of happiness, gratitude, fear!
Oh! let us so write that our hearts ne'er be
smitten
With ought that shall fill our new book of
the year.

The Master has called to his home all too early,
Has summoned away those whose names we
revere; [clearly,
Can we, when the call comes, respond to it
And joy with full hearts in our book of the
year?

Dow, Raper, and Lees, what a glorious trio!
Have lain down the banner whose cause we
hold dear;
Say, who shall be worthy, who proves him a Leo,
Who follows with such a grand book of the
year!

Nay, nay, not to many occasions thus offer;
Tis only a few can compel men to hear;
Yet all may take part in our glorious warfare,
And each must make up his own book of the
year.

Go, go, then, for ever, the year that is over,
And with the dead past bury all cause for
fear;
Who wills it succeeds, and may help ever hover
Around you to write a good book of the year.
—Fred. H. Crawley.

HALTON DISTRICT DIVISION.

The meeting of Halton District Division was held at Palermo on the 19th of January.

The session was well attended, each Division being represented by the full number of delegates to which it was entitled, and there being about 40 visitors present, as well. Though there is a slight decrease in membership, yet there seems no lack of interest in the Order, and vigorous steps are being taken by the appointing of two members from each Division to act as organizers to extend the work in different parts of the county.

As it was thought that the Sons of Temperance Record was one of the best mediums for extending the interest in the Order, it was decided that the D.D. procure ten copies for each Division for outside distribution, and recommended that each Division procure enough copies to supply one to each family.

Bro. Caswell, M.W.P., honored the D.D. by his presence, and gave an able address of interest to all Sons of Temperance.

An excellent programme was provided by the various Divisions for the evening's entertainment, which was well attended, the receipts amounting to \$33.

The officers elected for the coming year are:—

D.W.P.—E. F. Nixon, Ashgrove.
D.W.A.—Mrs. Lillie Waldbrook, Sheridan.
D. Scribe.—S. D. Jarvis, Palermo.
D. Treas.—T. E. Wrinch, Bronte.
D. Chap.—Mrs. McCrimmon, Palermo.
D. Con.—Frank Spence, Lowville.
D. Sen.—Austin Buck, Omagh.
D. Supt. Y.P. Work.—Miss G. Buck, Palermo.
D.P.W.P.—W. G. Spence, Lowville.

GRENVILLE DISTRICT DIVISION.

The annual session was held at Kemptville on Feb. 1st.

The severe storm prevented many from being present, but reports were in from all the Divisions, and the net gain was 36 for the District.

Spencerville only showed a loss, and if the returns had been made up to date they would have shown a gain of 50.

The newly elected officers are:—

D.W.P.—Bro. Walter Martin, Kemptville.
D.S.—Bro. Jas. E. Coates, Prescott.
D.T.—“ T. Bennett, Spencerville.
Chap.—“ A. W. Carpenter, North Augusta.

The evening meeting, which it was expected would have to be cancelled on account of the storm, turned out much beyond expectations, and will do much to help the cause in this enterprising town.

LANARK DISTRICT DIVISION.

The meeting of the District Division for Lanark County was held on the 3rd inst., but was not as successful as we expected it would be, only representatives from Clyde Division, No. 409; Aberdeen Division, No. 113, and Middleville, No. 396, being present. We had a very severe storm in this region all day, on the 1st Feb., and the delegates from the Perth, Almonte, Watson's Corners, McDonald's Corners and Drummond Centre, who had intended to be present, were unable so come, owing to the conditions of the roads. However, we had about 30 delegates present, and considered it best to go on with the business of the meeting.

The officers for the past year were retained in office for another year, with the exception of the Treasurer, Bro. Nelson Affleck, who had resigned, and is succeeded by Bro. John Cummings of Watson's Corners.

Action was taken to have temperance literature wisely distributed through the County during the present year, in order to prepare the people for the coming Plebiscite Campaign.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Poland, on or about the 20th June next, when it is expected a public picnic will be held, and the Executive were directed to request the G.W.P. to be present on that occasion.

A very enjoyable public meeting was held in the evening. Stirring and practical addresses

being delivered by Rev. J. L. Alexander, of Middleville Division, and by Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Clyde Division, interspersed with readings, songs, etc., of an appropriate nature, and, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the net sum of \$7.10 of a silver collection was added to the District Treasury.

ARCH. RANKIN, D. W. P.

SUBSCRIPTION.

We trust our friends will not overlook subscribing for our paper. Any Division that provides an ample supply for its members will feel its inspiring and helpful influence. No Division in Ontario, at least, should be found with less than 5 copies ordered.

We have subscribers from P. E. Island to California, from the Klondyke to Georgia, but it takes a large list at our subscription price to float the venture.

AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

Cooksville held an open Division on Feb. 23rd.

Toronto Junction held a very successful Box Social on Thursday evening, Jan. 27th.

Nobleton Div. has prepared the drama “The Heroic Dutchmen of 1776,” and have played it very creditably at adjacent points.

Harmony Union No. 44 held its Second Grand Concert in Broadway Hall, Toronto, on Feb. 7th. Mr. J. S. Robertson, president Canadian Temperance League, presided.

Palermo Div. has subscribed for enough Records to provide one copy for each family represented. This is an example we wish others would follow.

Malton Div. held an open Division on 25th Feb. They intend to put new vigor into their work.

From the *Statesman*, in which has appeared a “History of (Blackstock) Cartwright's Capital—Ancient and Modern—we clip the following:—

“The Sons of Temperance Division is also flourishing and the results are very encouraging. The Society was organized here March 10, 1892, and has now over eighty members on the roll, while the Treasurer's pocket book ‘laughs and grows fat.’ New members are being initiated at almost every meeting. Debates and contests of very entertaining and instructive character are frequent occurrences and interest is continually kept to a high pitch. The display of talent is very creditable and the improvement made in various ways by active workers is most gratifying from an intellectual standpoint. Meetings are held in the basement of the Methodist church.

The officers for the current quarter are: P. W. P.—W. Swain; W. P.—N. Marlow; W. A.—Lila Taylor; R. S.—Albert Bercock; A. R. S.—Virgie Hoey; F. S.—Jas. Bruce; Treas.—Fred. Hyland; Chap.—H. Kelly; Con.—