

Loyal Crusaders' Department.

AWARD OF BANNER

Presented to the Crusaders by Mrs. Aledmedon Livingstone, Tilsonburg.

TO ALL OUR LOYAL CRUSADERS—

The beautiful banner donated to you by your friend Mrs. Livingstone, will be awarded to the Company in Ontario doing the best work under these conditions:

1. Each Company competing must send in to the Superintendent before June 1st, a statement showing the standing of the Company on April 1st, 1898.

2. On October 1st, each Worthy Commander must send in a statement signed by the senior officers, certifying (a) Numbers of meetings held between 1st April and 1st October; (b) Average attendance; (c) Total membership on 1st October.

This must be received by the Superintendent by 1st November, 1898.

No Company organized after 1st June can be counted.

The award is to be made by Miss Nigh, Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. H. F. Hall.

WRITE IT.

Miss Frances E. Willard recommended every young person to learn and speak these verses:

Write it on the workhouse gate,
Write it on the schoolboy's slate,
Write it on the copybook,
That the young may often look,
"Where there's drink, there's danger."

Write it on the churchyard mound,
Where the rum-slain dead are found;
Write it on the gallows high,
Write for all the passers-by,
"Where there's drink, there's danger."

Write it in the nation's laws,
Blotting out the license clause;
Write it on each ballot white,
So it can be read aright,
"Where there's drink, there's danger."

Write it on our ships that sail,
Borne along by storm and gale;
Write it large in letters plain,
Over every land and main,
"Where there's drink, there's danger."

Write it over every gate,
On the church and halls of state
Write it large in letters plain,
Over every land and main,
"Where there's drink, there's danger."

Write it over every gate,
On the church and halls of state
In the hearts of every band,
On the laws of every land,
"Where there's drink, there's danger."

Kettleby Crusaders gave a concert on May 24th, contributing the proceeds \$14.00 to the Sick Children's Hospital Fund.

ARISE!

"From o'er the land there comes a wail of souls to bitter anguish given;
Through demon drink, with subtle power, hath every cherished hope been given:
And shall not we, who name the name of Him who died to save the lost,
Unite with those who bravely fight against the traffic's cruel host?
Arise, ye valiant men, arise, arise, and onward hasten to the fray;
The temperance banner wave on high, till glorious victory crowns the day."

"HAS ANY MEMBER ANYTHING TO OFFER FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?"

Yes—Mr. Editor, I would like to offer a few suggestions under that head in reference to the attendance of members. First then, in answer to the question—how can we increase the interest and improve the attendance of members? I answer—by making our meetings more generally attractive. Certainly, you say; but how can that be done? By giving them more of the spice of variety. What do I think is the chief cause of any decline of interest and attendance? One of the causes is the weary monotony of the inevitable program, made up largely of readings, usually without preparations, and often poorly selected and poorly performed; the main object being to tally marks for their side. Should not a well selected program by the best talent in the division be attractive? Yes—for a few months at a stretch, but when it is carried on for years with unvarying monotony; in the language of somebody, "It is time for a change." What change would I suggest? Any change that will lift the division out of a rut. First then, an Entertainment Committee made up of the brainiest members, whose duty will be to lay out a course for the quarter, including say: a couple of debates, two or three papers on interesting subjects with free discussion after, a spelling match, 5 or 6 well prepared programs of music recitations &c., model imitations scattered through the quarter, and one rousing Public Meeting, well advertised and worked up by the members, and with the cream of the quarter's programs repeated to enliven the speaking.

(Next!)

TEN REASONS WHY CHILDREN AND YOUTHS SHOULD SIGN THE PLEDGE.

1. It will lead them to enquire what ardent spirits, wine and beer drinking does.
2. It will lead them to resolve that theirs shall not be the drunkard's end.
3. It will teach them their moral and free agency, and that they are to be actors for themselves in future life.
4. It will cause them to feel, as they have never felt before, their own responsibility.

5. It will give them new and permanent interest in the temperance cause.

6. It will preserve them most effectually from the enticements of the wine-cup.

7. It will prevent their being urged to drink by others.

8. It will make them good examples for others.

9. It will bring them out and embody them as a temperance army—Loyal Crusaders.

10. It will make them active and bold to gather in others and extend the cause.

We clip the following from the W.C.T.U. Department of the *Templar*: "Mrs. Ameda Livingston, the County President for Oxford, takes a great interest in the Band of Crusaders, the juvenile society in Tilsonburg. The little tots of the organization have a separate section known as the Pansy Band. The older children study the lessons by Rev. E. O. Taylor, and the little tots the temperance catechism by Julia Coleman. The sympathies of the members for the sick and suffering are being extended by participation in the preparation of supplies for the Children's Hospital, Toronto.

A good suggestion has been received by the Editor from one of our most successful and devoted workers. The idea is for Companies to interchange communications. The senior officers would communicate with another company, and then letters would be written by certain of the comrades named for the purpose, telling about their company, how it was managed, etc. These letters would be transmitted from one company to another and read at their meetings, and suitable replies made.

During June we expect each of our Companies to make their contribution for the Crusaders' cot in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. The senior officers will please see that some means are devised for raising money by entertainments, etc.

A Company has been organized by the Bishop Hawkins Division, Toronto.

Add to the glory of our jubilee year by organizing a Company of Crusaders. The children await your call.

Kettleby Loyal Crusaders held a very successful concert on May 24th, and raised \$14.00 towards establishing a cot in the Sick Children's Hospital. We hope that other Companies will follow this example.

South York will run an excursion from Toronto to St. Catharines about 21st June, where they will be joined by the Divisions of Lincoln and Welland Counties and perhaps some from Western New York in a monster demonstration.