

## Loyal Crusaders' Department.

### AWARD OF BANNER

*Presented to the Crusaders by Mrs. Almedon 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.

#### PERSEVERE.

Drive the nail aright, boys,  
Hit it on the head;  
Strike with all your might, boys,  
While the iron's red.

When you've work to do, boys,  
Do it with a will;  
They who reach the top, boys,  
First must climb the hill.

Standing at the foot, boys,  
Gazing at the sky,  
How can you get up, boys,  
If you never try!

Though you stumble oft, boys,  
Never be downcast;  
Try and try again, boys,  
You'll succeed at last.

#### CIGARETTE SMOKING.

A good deal has been said about the evils of cigarette smoking, but one-half the truth has never been told. Cigarette-smoking blunts the whole moral nature. It has an appalling effect upon the system. It first stimulates, and then stupefies the nerves. It sends boys into consumption. It gives them enlargement of the heart, and it sends them to the insane asylum.

I am physician to several boys' schools and I am often called in to prescribe for palpitation of the heart. In nine cases out of ten it is caused by the cigarette habit. I have seen bright boys turned into dunces, and straight-forward, honest boys made into miserable cowards by cigarette smoking. I am speaking the truth, that every physician and nearly every teacher knows.—*L. A. Clinton, M.D., San Francisco Board of Education.*

We trust our various Companies are planning their Jubilee contribution to the Sick Children's Hospital. Senior officers should see at once that some means is devised to this end. It will enliven the Company by employing them in this noble and ennobling work. See last RECORD.

Now is the time to organize Companies. The weather is so pleasant, the children can be enlisted and attend without any hindrance or discomfort. They only await the call. Enroll them under our banners. No more effective and enduring work can be undertaken for the good cause.

Many of our Companies report enthusiastic and enjoyable meetings. A little tact and devotion on the part of the senior officers will make the children cheerful and active, and the Company strong and true.

#### PERSONALS.

Rev. Bro. Ball of Bishop Hawkin's Division, Toronto, speaks highly of the good work that has been done by the Order already in that Division. We wish the new Division every blessing and prosperity. This Division contains excellent talent, having amongst the members many well known jubilee singers and musicians, we believe that their meetings will be socially very enjoyable.

An international reception is to be tendered Hon. and Mrs. J. G. Wooley on July 4th at Prohibition Park, Staten Island, N.Y., on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. The patrons of this event are most of the well known leaders of the movement on both sides of the line.

Miss. Nigh, Superintendent of "The Crusaders," reports progress in this work. The company at Glen Rae, under the command of Miss Dennis, is doing most meritorious work. Great interest is being manifested in the competition for Mrs. Livingston's banner.

Bro. Alex. Karr, Napanee, has just completed a series of twelve meetings in Leeds, the object was to enthrone Divisions and to rouse the people on the Plebiscite. Bro. Karr has proved himself an able campaigner, and his services are much appreciated and in demand. We congratulate him upon the success of his work.

We regret the health of the Grand Scribe continues very poor. A rest and change of air is needed to restore his former vigor. A short trip to Manitoba during the mid-summer is anticipated if it can be arranged.

It is with sorrow we announce the death of Mrs. Grant, wife of Bro. Grant of Advance Division (near Thornbury). Bro. Grant has also been very ill of blood-poison. We extend sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

Palermo is refurbishing their hall, and expect it to be the handsomest and best appointed in the District of Halton. This is one of our oldest and best Divisions, and was at one time the "Banner Division" of Ontario in point of numbers.

Bro. J. O. McCarthy, Prov. D.G.W.P., the business manager of the RECORD, paid the following official visits: Orono, March 30; Tyrone, March 31; Leskard, April 3, and Newcastle, April 6. No doubt his visits were fully appreciated.

The editor of the Bowmanville "Statesman," in a recent issue, has the most wholesome editorial we have seen for many a day on the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. The great problem, "what part conscience plays in politics," is ably handled. The temperance electors who advocated and supported an avowed enemy of their principles, are given some food for thought.

Bro. A. W. Annis, of Tyrone, who is appointed the correspondent for the Division in sending in a list of subscribers, reports that they are in good working order, and building up their membership, taking courage and gathering strength to work in the coming Plebiscite campaign.

#### OTHER FIELDS.

We extend felicitations to Bro. Roland M. Eavenson, of Philadelphia, whose marriage was celebrated on April 6th. Although among the youngest at the National Division sessions, he is perhaps one of the most familiar figures on these occasions, having attended regularly for several years with his father, Bro. M. M. Eavenson, P.M.W.P. His genial youthful countenance was always greeted with pleasure. His many friends will rejoice to hear of the happy event, and patiently await the 13th July at Burlington, Vt., to personally express good wishes to the bride.

#### CAPITATION TAX.

Once in a great while we hear a murmur about the payment of capitation tax to Grand Division. Members sometimes turn the subject over in their minds and honestly cannot see what they get in return for the money they send away. Let us see. First of all, it may not be out of place to call to mind that in Ontario the S. of T. receives the smallest tax of any Order in operation, i.e., seven cents per quarter. Then it should not be looked upon as a tax levied with a grasping hand, but rather as a common and uniform contribution made by the whole membership for the purpose of carrying on well-organized and systematic temperance reform work. Individual members can do good work in their own circles, Divisions can effect splendid results in their own localities, but there is a work that cannot be accomplished by either