

ONTARIO SPECIAL.

An incentive to our Divisions to put forth their best efforts in extending the Order this year, we will offer the following tokens which will be to them memorials of their good work:

1. To the Division making the largest gain in membership, a silver pitcher with goblets, to be used in initiations.
2. To those increasing their rolls by 50 members, a set of officers' emblems.
3. To those increasing by 40 members, a Division room bible.
4. To those increasing by 30 members, a Grand Division regalia for the Deputy.
5. To those increasing by 20 members, a silver mounted gavel.

Conditions:—The term is to be from 1st of April to 1st October, 1898. No candidate to be initiated without paying a fee. No Division to receive more than one award.

Promptly at close of term 1st October, a list of the initiates is to be forwarded to the G.S. over the signatures of the W.P. and R.S. and the seal of the Division.

LIQUOR IN THE KLONDYKE.

Canada prides herself on good law, well enforced. The most careless observer notes the difference in the order and respect for authority that obtains in this country when compared to others. Even in remote mining regions, the most difficult and expensive of control, life and property rights are safeguarded. In the western states in the early mining days the bowie knife and pistol ruled supreme. With us it is different. Let us hope and pray that the government at Ottawa will prohibit the traffic in drink in the mining districts. The cost of police and law will be reduced to a minimum if whiskey is kept out. *This country cannot afford to permit a few designing, depraved wretches the right to absorb the earnings of the miners and demoralize the camps for a few paltry dollars of license fees.*

The man who goes into the mining country to sell whiskey is a deliberate malefactor, an enemy to law, a public nuisance and a moral abomination. Any purveyor who would sell tainted or poisonous food would be jailed; a robber who demands money or life would be summarily dealt with. The whiskey vendor poisons the body, renders his victim unfit for work, leaves him a charge upon the police or mission sick house. He works destruction, breeds crime, sows disease, spreads death. He takes both the money and life of the victim.

Now is the time for the Government to act. Upon economic and business principles alone, the traffic should be shut out. *Flood the House of Commons with your petitions.*

On Jan. 31st, 1898, Bro. John S. Munroe, at the age of 89 years, was summoned from the field of labor. He was senior P.G.W.A. of Rhode Island. For 147 terms he served Providence Division as Treasurer.

FROM OTHER FIELDS

Victoria and New South Wales report splendid progress.

The sad death of Bro. George F. Dominey, the faithful M.W.S. of Australia is reported. His illness was only four days. He was an able and devoted man.

The new Grand Division of Indiana is forging ahead; four new Divisions have been planted during the past month.

Western New York reports one new Division.

Eastern New York is anxious to propagate and wants to secure a live agent.

The New England Grand Divisions are feeling the stimulus of the approaching National Division session which will be held at Burlington Vt., on July 13th to 15th. Maine, New Hampshire and Mass. are showing signs of revival.

Pennsylvania has at last got to work in earnest. During the past 3 months 13 new Divisions have been instituted. We congratulate the brethren of the Quaker State.

From our valued exchange, the "*Son of Temperance*," official organ of the National Division of Great Britain and Ireland we get the following information:

The Order of the Sons of Temperance, National Division of Great Britain and Ireland, is a self-governed branch of a world-wide Order, founded in America in the year 1842. "Divisions" of the Order are now to be found in all States of the American Union, in the Canadian Provinces and in Newfoundland, and in the various British Colonies of Australia and South Africa. There are over 500 "Divisions" in Great Britain, with some 38,000 members, together with a juvenile or "cadet" organization of 370 "sections" and 17,000 members.

The leading principles of the British National Division, which is a registered friendly society, are:—(1) Strict personal total abstinence: (2) Graduated scales of payments and benefits according to age at admission: (3) Security of benefit funds by consolidation in Districts: (4) Admission of females to full membership: (5) Promoting of temperance and thrift amongst young people through its juvenile organization, the "Cadets of Temperance."

The official organ published in London is a well printed 12 page monthly, price 1 penny. The colored cover and also about 3 pages are devoted to advertisements.

The contents of the February number comprise a portrait and sketch of Bro. Wm. Chalmers, (Glasgow), Most Worthy Chaplain; a chapter of "Into the Turbulent Sea" a serial story; a column under the heading of "Rovings of the Rover" which are skits by Joe the Rover, (presumably an organizer); young folks' page; notes and pointers by the editor; dates of Grand Lodge sessions; news of the Divisions, and a very interesting article on "The Language of

Signs" which is a treatise on the olden custom of public house signs with some well pointed morals.

The London Grand Division, whose advertisement appears on the front cover, claims to be the best teetotal benefit society. It has 8,000 adult members, and a reserve fund of over £62,000. The rates are graded and range from 3d. weekly for sick benefits, and from 1d. per week for mortuary benefit.

The sick benefits range from 5 to 20 shillings per week, and the insurance from 5 to 50 pounds. The entrance fee to all is 2s. 6d.

The Grand Division of Prince Edward Island holds quarterly sessions. There are 52 Subordinate Divisions in the jurisdiction. They were organized on October 23rd, 1848, and this is their jubilee year and they are trying to advance the Order in a fitting manner. Their annual session was visited by Bro. W. J. Gates, M.W.A. and Bro. B. F. Jewell, M.W.S. The G.W.P. elect is Bro. John C. Clark, Bay View, and the G.S., Bro. J. Anderson, Kennington.

Enterprise Division held a very successful box social on 18th March.

Rev. Bro. A. P. Latter, Grand Chaplain, reports that Violet Hill and Perm Divisions, which he recently organized, are both doing well.

On February 7th, Grantham Division paid Virgil a fraternal visit. Thirty members made up the party and they were received in the real Virgil style (which means a good deal to those who know the friends there). The mercy fell to 10 below zero and several of the visitors have frost bitten ears and noses as mementoes of the return journey.

On March 7th 46 members of Kettleby Division paid Bondhead a fraternal visit. The party was made up of 3 buss loads and a number of single rigs. The first load was drawn by four horses gaily decked with flags, etc. Bros. Thos. Blackburn and Will Webster having laid themselves out for a great display. The 12 mile drive was made by way of the famous Holland River and with perfect moonlight made a very pleasant experience.

The Bondhead friends proved model hosts and all was merry as a marriage bell. Bro. W. C. Bogart, Provincial Deputy, presided during the programme, which comprised 22 members. Speeches were made by Bros. W. K. Ogilvie, of Bondhead, and W. H. Grant, of Toronto.

The famous "Granite Division," Perth, is as enthusiastic as ever. They are distributing a quantity of literature through the town. Bro. A. S. Fowler, whose work has won for him an excellent name as an artist and penman, presented the Division with a beautiful painting in oils, which adds to the beauty of their quarters.