

sion room and proceeded to the Methodist Church—Rev. Mr. Webster preached. Miss Russell and the other ladies of the division, who had charge of the children are doing a noble work.

The famous Horton picnic has been held 38 years in succession.—*The Mercury*.

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF NATIONAL DIVISION AT MONTREAL.

The session was held in Natural History Hall, Montreal, on 23rd and 24th June, 1897. Bro. Thos. Caswell, M.W.P., presiding.

The following representatives from Ontario were present: Bros. Caswell, Walton, Bewell, Orr, Stewart, W. B. and Mrs. Burgoyne, J. O. McCarthy and F. S. Spence.

The reports show that there has been a shrinkage in the membership in the jurisdiction taken as a whole.

The M.W.S. in his report, says: "We point with pride to the condition of the Order in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island, and the results of their work are more satisfactory than in any other Grand Divisions on this continent."

Nova Scotia is the best of all Grand Divisions for steady, uniform progress and effective work. Prince Edward Island compares very favorably. When Ontario can work on a plan whereby we can hold the ground we gain, and make our Divisions more permanent, we will make a better showing.

Representatives of the National Division of Great Britain and the Dominion Council, R. T. of T. were present, and conveyed greeting and good will. The session was interesting, and the representatives devoted themselves earnestly and fully to the work of the convention. No new legislation of importance was introduced.

The maritime Grand Divisions wanted the next session held at Charlottetown, P. E. I., but the vote favored Burlington, Vt., for 1898. Our friends down by the sea, come out with a spirited article in the ensuing issue of the "*Forward*," under the words, "Taxation without Representation," a phrase that may have been heard by certain of our friends before. The basis of representation to the National Division is certainly in some respects defective. Last year, Ontario elective representatives were all present at the session. This year they did not do so well, and the attendance of Past Grand officers was remarkably small, considering the session was held on this side. The familiar face of Bro. G. M. Rose, P. G. W. P., was absent this session. He has been a regular attendant at National Division. We trust his health will permit his attendance at Grand Division. We lose by death during the year, Bros. Chas. E. Ewing, P.G.W.P., and Wm. McCrossie, P.G.W.A., from the Ontario Grand Division.

Let Ontario make a good report at the next session. In recollection of the past, the dignity of the present and the solemnity of the future, let us enter the work with a determination to sustain and advance our noble old Order in this Province.

THE ORDER IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The following statistics are given at the last session of the National Division of Great Britain:

Grand Divisions, 35; Subordinate Divisions, 514; adult membership, 37,619; gain during the year, 2,725. Total Funds, £155,807; gain on the year, £14,320.

Cadet sections, 362; members, 16,390; increase on the year, 1,406. Total funds, £8,913; gain on the year, £847. Grand total membership of adult and and juvenile, 54,009.

PERSONALS.

Bro. H. M. Fitzpatrick, M. P. P., G.W.P. of Nova Scotia, attended the Provincial Convention in Toronto, on July 13th.

Bro. F. S. Spence took part in the P. E. I. campaign.

Bros. R. E. Jamieson, Ottawa, and John Patience of Leeds Co., were both unavoidably absent from the National Division at Montreal.

Bro. Dr. Meacham of Odessa, we are pleased to see, has received the nomination of his party for the Ontario House.

At the famous Horton Picnic, such veterans as Bros. Robt. Leitch, Wm. Stewart, Sr., R. A. Jamieson, Jas. Ward, Wm. Dickson, W. Mayhew, and many others were present as enthusiastic as ever for the Order.

Bro. Selby Draper of Keswick Division, won the handsome silver medal for Elocution, that was awarded at the North York District Division Session in June. The contest took place at the evening meeting, and created great interest.

In the local option fight in Wainfleet, Bros. S. E. Priestman, Prov. D.G.W.P.; D. Coleman, D.W.A.; M. Misener, Rev. Bro. C. R. Morrow, Prov. D.G.W.P., and several others were in the thick of the fight. In the last conflict Bro. Coleman was mobbed, in this Bro. Morrow, was bitterly assailed through the press. They both live through it. It was a glorious victory.

Bro. Angus McKay, Pro. D.G.W.P. of Orillia, is one of the oldest Sons of Temperance in the Order. He was intimately associated with Bro. Sir Leonard Tilley, and other distinguished members of the early times in the Maritime Provinces, and could write an interesting book of reminiscences.

Rev. Bro. G. Sullivan, while of Napanee, has delivered some 45 addresses this year already. He has several new points ready to organize in the fall.

Bro. Vey, P.G.W.P., of Newfoundland, is at present in Toronto, and paying visits to all the Divisions. On leaving St. Johns, he was given a very complimentary address.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

Bro. Carswell addressed meetings in July at seven points in Renfrew. To our friends there who so kindly assisted with this series of meetings we express our best thanks.

The Grand Division of New Brunswick celebrates their jubilee in October, being founded in 1847.

Enterprise Division held open installation in June. Bro. F. W. Heacock, County Deputy, being the installing officer. Their lawn social on 23rd July, was most successful. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Mr. Imrie, Bro. S. Holland, and the G.W.P.

St. Albans Division officers (Parkdale), were publicly installed by Bro. John McMillan, P.G.W.P., last quarter.

A Division for the colored people in Toronto is being promoted, and we trust will soon be organized.

The summer session of the Elgin District Division, was held at Glen Meyer on 21st July, and was a decided success, particularly the evening meeting at which Bro. W. Z. Watts presided. Bro. J. A. McDonald of Tilsonburg is now D.S., Bro. W. Holland having resigned.

The largest crowd that ever assembled in Pt. Burwell was present on Aug. 5th, on which date the Sons of Temperance picnic, under the auspices of Elgin District Division was held. Members of the Order wore neat badges, and everywhere on the spacious grounds of Erie Lodge, could be seen the colors of our noble Order. The Baptists who were holding camp-meetings on the grounds adjoining, devoted most of the afternoon at the picnic, some of the speakers addressing the audience.

Many of our Divisions attended Divine Service in June, in compliance with the call of the G.W.P.

Scarboro Junction and East Toronto Divisions held a most enjoyable picnic at Lorne Park on Aug. 11th.

The Toronto Divisions ran an excursion to Niagara in July, which netted them \$55. Proceeds will be used in making Grand Division Session enjoyable to the delegates.

East Toronto Division won the South York District Division Cup for last quarter. Keswick Division won the North York Cup after a most exciting contest with Nobleton. Keswick's increase was 44.

On 12th, Aug., the G.W.P. and Grand Treasurer on behalf of the Grand Division, presented Excelsior Division, Toronto, with the District Division Trophy. This Division tied with St. Albans for the first place in the district making the largest gain in 1896. Members of other city Divisions were present, and the occasion was made a very happy one.

Halton District Division sends a subscription of \$7.00 for RECORD copies to be sent to each division in the district. This is a practical endorsement.

The Alyesford Nova Scotia correspondent to the *Outlook*, says: "An entertainment was given on Wednesday evening by the members of Parole Division, for the benefit of a needy widow. This is the practical result of a proper appreciation of the first, in that beautiful trinity of words that forms the motto of our noble Order. This example should be followed more generally.

Total Crusaders Department.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

WEST—MISS DELLA NIGH, Avon.

EAST—MRS. JAMES LAWSON, North Augusta.

NOTE.—The Eastern District is composed of that part of the Province east of and including the counties of York and Simcoe. The Western District comprises all west of those counties.

The smallest effort is not lost;
Each wavelet on the ocean tossed
Aids in the ebb-tide or the flow;
Each raindrop makes some floweret blow,
Each struggle lessens human woe.

—Charles Mackay.

We hope for a good report of work in next issue.

A set of supplies costs only \$3.20.