

TO OUR LOYAL CRUSADERS.

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Our lives are formed by little things
All good and evil deeds
All happiness and sorrows grow
From very little seeds.

The glass of cider, cigarette
The naughty word, the lie,
Or stolen penny make the thief
Or drunkard by and bye.

A smile or frown, a hope or doubt,
A kindly word or cross,
Such little thing make up in life
Its profits and its loss.

The object of our paper is
To scatter seeds of truth
To bless the Gleaners by and by
As gleanings blessed a Ruth.

And you my patrons young and old
Must be the drops of rain
To make our Country sweet with flowers
And rich with golden grain

To feed the heart, the brain and soul
And not alone for bread
For when the heart and head are right
The hungry will be fed.

Thus may we grow in Knowledge, Love
In Loyalty and Worth
Until our people like our land
Shall be the best on earth.

CRUSADER'S DEPARTMENT.

Company B, of Coldstream Division, had a sleigh drive drive on the 16th around Toronto, and attracted a good deal of attention by singing the enlistment odes.

Excelsior Division started a Company of Crusaders, "D," on evening of 21st February.

Bro. Dan. Stephens, bugler at Stanley Barracks, is drill instructor for Co, "A," Toronto.

Co. "A," St. Catharines, under charge of Grantham Division, reports good success.

In next issue we will publish the conditions upon which the Banner, that has been kindly promised by Mrs. Livingstone will be awarded. This banner is to be given at next Grand Division to the best company in Ontario. Worthy Commanders and others will please take note of this and prepare for the fray.

All companies that have called off during the winter season should now lay plans to resume as soon as the weather is favorable. No company must be disbanded in our Jubilee Year.

We expect to have a boom in this department during the next few months.

JUBILEE RALLIES.

On June 21st occurs the 50th anniversary of the Grand Division of Ontario. Throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction we desire the event to be observed in an auspicious manner. In next issue we will make some suggestions, and we will be pleased to receive ideas from friends.

Let us make the Order felt this year.

Every man who cherishes the cause and loves the Order will put his shoulder to the wheel for the next few months.

ANNUAL SESSION NORTH YORK DISTRICT DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the North York District Division S. of T. was held in the Grange Hall, Yonge Street, on Friday, Feb. 11th, 1898. In spite of the almost impassable roads about 100 delegates were present at the afternoon meeting. The members of Enterprise Division had their rooms tastefully decorated for the occasion, and their warm hospitality added much to the pleasure of the convention. Representatives were present from Keswick, Sharon, Pine Orchard, Enterprise, Glenville, Kettleby, King City, Laskay and visitors from Stroud and Siloam. The meeting was harmonious and very enthusiastic. The officers reports showed a gain of 56 in membership during the past quarter, and all divisions doing active work, except two at the present time. A resolution of condolence was passed and conveyed to the family of the late Bro. Geo. McLean Rose, of Toronto, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch of Ontario, whose death occurred the previous day. His honorable career in the Order covered a period of over 40 years. Resolutions were passed: 1st—Protesting for a fair straight ballot for or against prohibition in the plebiscite vote about to be taken, and demanding that no questions complicating the issue be attached. 2nd—Recommending the calling of a mass meeting at an early date of all friends of the movement for the purpose of organizing the riding for the plebiscite campaign, and pledging hearty co-operation. 3rd—Regretting the practices common in military canteens, and urging more stringent regulations. There are 11 Divisions in this district and two companies of Loyal Crusaders, the juvenile organization. The election of officers resulted thus:

D.W.P.—R. W. Wood, Aurora,
D.W.A.—Mrs. Henry Mears, Enterprise.
D.S.—Selby Draper, Keswick.
D.T.—W. T. Playter, Pine Orchard.
Chap.—Daniel O'Brien, Laskay.
Con.—Frank Doan, Glenville.
Sent.—Robt. White, Nobleton.
Supt. Y.P.W.—Mrs. H. Teasdale, King City.
P.D.W.P.—A. McCallum, Laskay.

The officers elect were duly installed by Bro. J. M. Walton, Grand Worthy Patriarch, assisted by Bro. Dyke, of Siloam, as G.C. Rain fell heavily in the evening, but the audience filled the hall. Bro. A. McCallum occupied the chair. The programme was long, and the talent

was of exceptional excellence. Nearly every Division contributed to the programme. Addresses were delivered by Bros. W. Maneer, Stroud; Rev. W. H. Chidley, Newmarket; S. Holland, Aurora; A. J. Hughes, Sharon, and J. M. Walton, Kettleby. Kettleby Division was awarded the District trophy for making the best gain during the term. The presentation was made at the evening meeting by Bro. R. W. Wood, the newly elected District Worthy Patriarch, and was received by Bro. F. W. Heacock, on behalf of the Division.

NEW DISTRICT DIVISION ORGANIZED FOR SOUTH SIMCOE,

Delegates from Bondhead, Thornton and Stroud Divisions Sons of Temperance, met in Temperance Hall, Stroud, on Tuesday, 8th inst., for the purpose of forming a District Division for South Simcoe. Bro. S. Holland, Aurora, presided, representing the G.W.P. The following brethren were duly elected District Officers for the current term:—

Bro. J. W. Henry, Thornton, D.W.P.
" W. K. Ogilvie, Bondhead, D.W.A.
" H. Young, Stroud, D.R.S.
" W. Brown, " D.L.
" W. Manur, " D. Chap.
" E. Jeffs, Bondhead, D. Con.
" B. Cunningham, Thornton, D. Sent.
" Geo. Maneer, Stroud, Past D.W.P.

Committees were also appointed to arrange fraternal visits, and also to find out where new Divisions can be organized, and to re-organize dormant Divisions if possible. Short addresses from each of the officers present, and from Bro. Holland followed, and altogether it was a very successful meeting, and speaks well for the prosperity of the Temperance cause in South Simcoe.

It was agreed to meet every four months. The next meeting to be held at Thornton about the first week in June next.

There was also a mass meeting held in the evening in the same Hall. Bro. James Black occupying the chair in his usual happy manner. The Hall was crowded to overflowing with a very approbative audience, showing that Temperance sentiment runs very high in this vicinity. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. W. R. McIntosh, from Allandale, who gave an excellent Temperance address, and one that will not soon be forgotten.

Brs. Holland also gave a very instructive address. The following also took part in the programme, and contributed in no small way to the evening's enjoyment:—Miss B. Duncan, Miss G. Barclay, Messrs. Peters, Johnston and Cunningham. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the company singing God save the Queen.

The Divisions in East Simcoe District are active and practical. Having won the G. D. Trophy last year, they evidently propose that so far as they are concerned it shall remain in that District for some time.