

THE LOYAL CRUSADERS DEPARTMENT.

BEGIN AT ONCE.

ONLY TEMPERANCE POEM EVER WRITTEN BY
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Begin at once! In the pleasant days,
While we are all together,
While we can join in prayer and praise,
While we can meet for healthful plays,
In the glow of summer weather.
Begin at once, with heart and hand
And swell the ranks of our happy band.

Begin at once! For we do not know
What may befall tomorrow,
Many a tempter, many a foe
Lieth in wait where'er you go,
With the snare that leads to sorrow,
Begin at once, nor doubting stand,
But swell the ranks of our happy band.

Begin at once! There is much to do;
Oh, do not wait for others
Join us to-day!—be brave and true;
Join us to-day!—there's room for you,
And a welcome from your brothers.
Begin at once! for the work is grand
That God has given to our happy band.

Begin at once! In the strength of God!
For that will never fail.
Under His banner, bright and broad,
You shall be safe from fear and fraud,
And from all that can assail you.
Begin at once, with resolute stand,
And swell the ranks of our happy band.

DEAR FRIENDS.—In compliance with the amended laws of the Order every Subordinate Division elects quarterly a Superintendent of Young People's Work. It is the duty of this officer: 1st. To maintain at all times, if not absolutely impossible, a company of Loyal Crusaders in connection with the Division. 2nd. To present to the Division in writing at the close of the quarter a report of the work performed and the results accomplished.

Each Division is requested to forward a copy of the quarterly report to the Grand District Superintendent. Please notice that a set of supplies containing all that is really necessary to a formation of a company of Loyal Crusaders will be furnished for \$3.20. Badges, banners, etc., may be purchased thereafter as the company grows stronger.

Fraternally yours,
DELLA NIGH,
G. D. Supt.

CHARITY.

St. Andrews, N.B. claims to have the largest company in that Province, their membership is 100.

During the month companies have been organized at Glen Rae, Miss Edith Dennis, Supt., and at Toronto Junction, and Mrs. B. B. Abbott, Supt.

Is there a sweeter charity that can appeal to the hearts of men and women, and to children who are blessed with happy homes, and rosy health, than the Sick Children's Hospital? The little ones hampered in the hard race of life by weak and distorted frames stir the pity. Would it not be a noble deed for our Loyal Crusaders to do something in aid of the little sufferers? We are in correspondence with the Trustees of the Hospital, and in next issue we will lay plans before you.

The paper says it would be hard to find a happier gathering of children than that assembled at the meeting of Company "A," St. Johns N. B., on Saturday before Xmas. Nearly a hundred Crusaders were present, the occasion being the presentation of prizes for attendance, good behaviour, reciting, reading, etc. Several Grand and District Officers and lady visitors were upon the platform and addressed the children, who were delighted with the proceedings. Mrs. E. S. Hennigar is Worthy Commander of this company and received great praise for her devotion to the work.

Many of our members since we last met in Grand Division have begun at once and as a result many more children have been enlisted under the Temperance Banner. One member in the city of Toronto has secured by personally visiting the homes the names of one hundred and eighty children.

Could every member not do something to have the children of our land pledged against that curse that ruins so many homes?

Let each remember the work is your work and let us try to have an increase of one thousand in the Loyal Crusader roll of Ontario for '98.

It is our jubilee year. Is there any better way we could commemorate the life of our Grand Division than to show that it is thoroughly engaged in the temperance training of the boys and girls.

COMING EVENTS.

Welland District Division at Montrose, February 1st.

Lanark District Division at Middleville, February 3rd.

North York District Division at Enterprise, February 11th.

North Ontario District Division at Wilfred, February 11th.

Durham District Division at Orono, February 10th.

Grenville District Division at Kemptville, February 1st.

A mass meeting in South Simcoe for the purpose of instituting a District Division at Stroud, on Feb. 8th.

First quarterly session of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia at Kingsport, Feb. 1st.

Convention of South Simcoe Divisions at Stroud with a view to organizing a District Division. Grand mass meeting in the evening—Feb. 8th.

EAST SIMCOE DISTRICT DIVISION.

The third annual session of this District Division was held at Rugby on Jan. 25th, 1898.

The attendance was unusually large and the meeting was very hopeful in its tenor. Bro. R. Carscadden, D.W.P., presided. Owing to business affairs the popular D.S., Bro. Geo. D. Miller was unable to be present. He is now located at Coldwater, and we trust he will soon organize a Division there.

Eleven Divisions sent in reports and representatives. A net gain of 29 was shown for the quarter.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

D.W.P., Jas. E. Hart, Shanty Bay.

D.W.A., Miss Nellie Miller, Eagar.

D.S., R. W. Metcalf, Hawkstone.

D.T., T. M. Hipwell, Price's Corners.

Chap., Chas. Moore, Jarratt's Corners.

Con., Geo. Anderson, Rugby.

Sent., N. DeHart, Jarratt's Corners.

Supt. Y.P.W., Miss Annie Strathern, Orillia.

They were duly installed by the G.W.P., Bro. J. M. Walton, assisted by Bro. D. Litster as G.C.

The members of this District are greatly elated at the success achieved by them last year, and they enter the work determined to still greater things in 1898.

New ground will be worked and it is predicted that a splendid showing and a hearty welcome will be ready for the Grand Division at Orillia in December next.

In the evening the hall was densely packed. The D.W.P. elect, Bro. Hart, presided. Speeches by Bros. Angus McKay, D. C. Anderson and the G.W.P. were interspersed with well rendered songs and recitations. The event of the evening was the presentation of the Grand Division Trophy to the District. East Simcoe made the best gain for 1897 and thereby secured the award. They were justly proud of their achievement. The presentation was made by Bro. Richard Anderson, Prov. D.G.W.P., and Guthrie being the Subordinate Division making the largest increase in roll become custodians of the Trophy. Bro. Wm. Carscadden, W.P., received it on behalf of his Division.

The concert held in Thorold under the auspices of the S. of T. on Tuesday evening was well attended, the hall being filled by an appreciative audience. Rev. Father Sullivan ably performed his duties as chairman, making a splendid address. The programme was well rendered throughout. The solos by Misses McAndrew and Eva Darker, Messrs. Lorne, Bessey and Sutherland, were much appreciated by the audience, as were also the recitations by Miss Ada Tyson. Miss Janie Thompson in an illustrated reading greatly pleased the audience. Rev. Mr. Calvert made a fine address. The programme was enlivened by an instrumental selection by the orchestra. The concert was a great success throughout, and was well patronized by all denominations.