

Loyal Crusaders' Department.

OLD RYE MAKES A SPEECH.

BY EDWARD CARSWELL.

I was made to be eaten,
And not to be drunk;
To be thrashed in a barn,
Not soaked in a tank.
I come as a blessing
When put through a mill;
As a blight and a curse
When run through a still.
Make me up into loaves,
And your children are fed;
But if into drink,
I will starve them instead.
In bread I'm a servant,
The eater shall rule;
In drink I am master,
The drinker a fool.
Then remember the warning,
My strength I'll employ;
If eaten, to strengthen;
If drunk, to destroy.

My dear young comrades:

Do you know that the Grand Worthy Patriarch says there is a corner in this paper for our very own, and has invited me to make the acquaintance of all the Loyal Crusaders in Ontario, through its medium. Not only I, but hundreds of readers of this little sheet would be glad to hear from you.

Now let me tell you what I would like you to do. Write to me about your companies and anything interesting in connection with them, so that we may be enabled to mention them in some of the letters which we purpose writing in order that all who read the Crusaders Department may become acquainted with our comrades too.

You know very few Divisions, in comparison to the number of Divisions there are in Ontario have organized Crusaders. We have such good times at our meetings, that perhaps if we were to write about them so others would know, they might organize Companies too.

"The boys and girls of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow. In your hands, and heads, and hearts the future welfare of our country lies. In after years, when I am an old, old woman (if God spares me) will not my heart rejoice to know that some of the famous men and women of the day were once "Loyal Crusaders."

(God grant that noble men and women may be enlisted who will guide their young minds aright).

Hoping you are all doing whatever you can for the cause of Temperance and Right and that I will hear from you soon.

I am, Yours lovingly,

AUNT BEE.

Any letters addressed to 'Aunt Bee' Office of the G. W. P., Kettleby, will reach me.

We will place all senior officers of Companies on our free mailing list and also send copies for distribution to the Comrades on request.

Commanders will kindly interest the children in "Aunt Bee's" letters. We will publish a few each month as received from the children so they will see their own letters in print. Have them describe their own Company's work, local conditions, etc.

Worthy Commanders will please keep Mrs. Livingstone's Banner in mind. Only the Companies in operation prior to June 1st will be allowed to compete for the prize. Sustain your meetings through the holidays and look to your average attendance

Bro. W. J. Gates, Supt. of Young People's Work in Nova Scotia, sends the following report of his work for the 13 months ending Nov 16th, 1897:

No. of public meetings held, 62; attendance, 9,961; Bands of Hope organized, 60; new members, 2,593; public and sabbath schools visited, 205; attendance, 10,079.

Bands of Hope addressed 17; attendance 590.

In 396 days 442 meetings were addressed with an attendance of 30,519 persons.

TORONTO JUNCTION, May 12th, 1898.

Dear "Aunt Bee":—

Just a short letter about the Toronto Junction Loyal Crusaders.

Our Crusade was organized on the 4th February, 1898. It now numbers 105 members.

Our meetings are becoming very interesting as the girls and boys have taken sides against each other. The contest closed at the end of May when the losing side treated the whole company.

The highest number of marks were given for new members and we had as many as twenty-three join in one night. At this rate we hope to gain many of our boys and girls for the cause of Temperance.

WINNIFRED ABBOTT.

TO BUILD UP YOUR ORDER.

Talk about it.
Write about it.
Beautify the hall.
Help to improve it.
Patronize the members.
Pay your dues without grumbling.
Advertise in the papers devoted to it.
Be courteous to all members, especially new ones.

Never let an opportunity to speak a good word about it pass.

If you think of nothing good to say about it, say nothing bad.

Never "kick" against any improvements or any project for fear your dues will be raised fifteen cents.



BRO. JAS. E. HART, D.W.P. OF EAST SIMCOE.

Born 1869 at Shanty Bay, Simcoe County. A charter member of his Division which was instituted in December 1895. At once took an active part in District Division work. Elected D.W.P. in 1897. He is a farmer; member of the Church of England. His estimable wife is like himself an enthusiastic temperance worker. Energy and force are characteristics of the D.W.P. of East Simcoe and he intends that his District will make a good showing at Orillia in December.

AMONG THE DISTRICT DIVISIONS.

LEEDS.—*The Cradle of the Order.*—The District Division held a session at Rockfort on June 8th, when special festivities were indulged in commemorating the Jubilee. Leeds prides herself on being the banner district, and is proud of the distinction of being the cradle of the Order. The morning broke clear and fine and delegates and friends began to arrive early. A meeting was held in the Methodist Church in the forenoon. Business was promptly dispatched. This was the 27th quarterly session of the District Division. Bro. C. E. Tennant, D. W. P., presided, with all the officers present. The reports show the Order to be in a flourishing state. There are eleven good working Divisions, two lapsed and three dormant ones. Ten Divisions were represented at the morning session. The members reported were six hundred and forty-three, a gain of eighty-two since last meeting. Bro. Fred. Arnott, representing the G. D., was present. After disposal of reports of officers and committees the Plebiscite campaign was taken up and a plan of action decided upon. Each Division will be a base from which vigorous work will be carried on. A committee composed of Rev. Bro. J. S. Reynolds, M. J. Connolly and J. Hagerman, who were appointed to investigate the license administration of the district brought in their much expected report, which stated that many rumors were found to be without foundation, certain grievances were shown to have extenuating circumstances and the

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