

PERSONALS.

We take the liberty of publishing the following paragraph which is received in a personal letter from a prominent worker in Renfrew District Division: "The session just over was my first visit to District Division and I can assure you it was a pleasure to meet such men as Bros. Ward, Dickson and Mayhew, who although up in years are yet the men who keep their Division going, and Bro. Duncan Stewart, of Horton, a veteran in the ranks; Bro. Robert Leitch, another who has grown from boyhood to good old age with his name always in good standing on the roll of Horton Division. It is men like these who are the mainstay of Temperance to my mind. These men have done and are doing more to make sober men and women of their friends and neighbors than ten times their number of the meteoric kind we often meet with." All of which we endorse!

We are gratified to note the activity of many of our District officers. Among those whose work has recently been brought to our notice are: Bro. James A. Wily, D.W.P., of Lincoln; Geo. E. Buck, D.W.P., of South York; J. T. Ferguson, of Renfrew; R. W. Wood, of North York. Our friends in other Districts also are doing good service in visiting, reviving and encouraging Divisions.

Bro. Fred Dickenson, of Thornbury, arranged a series of meetings this month in Grey county for Bro. Carswell in a most satisfactory manner. For faithful devotion few excel the District Scribe of East Gray.

Great regret is expressed by the people of Siloam at the departure of Bro. Dyke's family. A large party tendered them a farewell and gave them a very complimentary address. They will be sadly missed in temperance circles. We extend our best wishes to them in their new home.

Bros. Thos. and Frank Shortridge, of Solina, have gone to Thornhill, Manitoba. They retain honorary membership in their old Division. We wish them prosperity in their new field and hope they may organize a Division there.

On Thursday, March 7th, Bro. Platt Hinman, D.G.W.P., of Haldimand Division No. 56 installed into office two sons, two grandsons and a granddaughter. Bro. Hinman was the first F.S. of that Division 48 years ago. Among the officers elect is also a grandson of our late Bro. John Wilson. Surely no stronger proof could be offered of the work of our Order than the loyalty and fidelity of its members.

The genial countenance of Bro. Wm. Watson, one of the stalwarts of Laskay, appears in the *Globe* of February 26th in a group of the Watson family.

Bro. J. A. McCracken, formerly District Scribe of Dufferin, has removed to Rat Portage. With commendable zeal he desires to plant Divisions there. We wish our good brother God speed, and hope his efforts will be crowned with success.

26TH QUARTERLY SESSION LEADS DISTRICT DIVISION.

On March 3rd this session was held in the Oddfellows Hall, Mallorytown, opening at 11.30 a.m. with Bro. C. E. Tennant, D.W.P., in the chair. After reading the minutes and appointment of the sessional committees adjournment was made till after dinner.

Routine business was disposed of promptly. Bros. Fred. Arnott and Alex. Karr, of Napanee, who were the official visitors, were introduced and delivered addresses. The "RECORD" was advocated and 40 subscriptions were secured.

A committee composed of Bros. Rev. G. S. Reynolds, M. J. Connolly and J. V. Mitchell was appointed to investigate the work of the License Inspector.

The Resolution Committee, Bros. N. K. Benedict, J. V. Mitchell and Sister J. F. Fitzsimmons introduced the following: Memorializing the Dominion Government to prohibit the traffic in the Klondyke.

Asking the Grand Division to provide concise and clear information respecting the cancellation of licenses, and preventing the granting of new licenses.

That each subordinate division consider itself a committee to obliterate if possible every licensed bar in the district.

The last resolution brought out a great deal of discussion but was finally carried.

Verbal reports were received from the several Divisions represented which were encouraging and showed active interest in the work.

Motions were adopted to circulate petitions to present to councils to withhold licenses, also promoting the holding of gospel temperance meetings.

Seventy-five representatives were present from 10 divisions. Fifty visitors also attended.

Reports showed an increase of 50 members since last meeting and the Order in Leeds in a healthy state. Invitations for next session were sent in by Lynn and Rockport. The latter was accepted; the date will be early in June.

The public meeting in the evening was a grand success, the large hall being filled to excess, standing room being at a premium. An excellent programme was given. Bro. C. E. Tennant, D.W.P., filled the chair in an able manner. Bros. A. Karr and F. Arnott gave two excellent addresses, lasting nearly two hours. Vocal and instrumental music, reading, recitations, etc., were given by members of Divisions, after which the meeting broke up by the singing of the national anthem at about 11 o'clock p.m.

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District Scribe.

Bro. Irvine Loucks, R. S., of Enterprise Division No. 55, Addington, writes: "Our Division is prosperous, and increasing greatly in members and strength."

WHAT MEMBERS HAVE DONE FOR THE PAPER.

Bro. A. G. Muir, of Gilchrist, has sent in 3 lists of subscribers to our paper, and we hope that other members of the Order will follow his example. Bro. Muir states the paper is well received and he has not met with a refusal to subscribe.

Amongst those who have sent in lists of subscribers this month are F. Dickinson, Thornbury, 6; R. Knox, Orono, 13; A. G. Muir, Gilchrist, 4. (2nd list) J. A. Werry, of Solina; J. Carnahan, Meaford, 5; Alex. Karr, of Napanee, 30. We thank the brothers very much for this and invite the Deputies and members of other divisions to do likewise.

Our paper is being well received all over the continent, as the following received from A. B. Taynton, G. W. P., of California G. D. shows: Received a number of copies of your excellent paper and am much pleased with it. Berkeley Division (of which I am a member) decided to include with the initiation fee a year's subscription to a S. of T. paper, so that you may expect to hear from California. Would be glad to receive sample copies for distribution at a public meeting to be held on 24th March.

SUPPLEMENT.

Any one wishing a copy of our March supplement (picture of G. D.) can obtain it on forwarding 10 cents to A. Gowler, 113 O'Hara Ave., Toronto, or subscribers will receive it with back numbers at usual subscription price.

NEWS ITEMS.

A bicycle club is being formed amongst the members in Toronto, one of its objects being to visit the suburban Divisions around the city.

Orient Division No. 79, are having a very successful quarter, several new members having been added, and a good attendance each night. A literary contest was carried on by Sisters L. Broad and E. Scott, programmes being given every fortnight. The judges, R. Knox for the literary and G. M. Long for the musical portion of the programmes, gave their decision in favor of Sister Scott's side, who will now be entertained by Sister Broad's followers. The members appreciate the RECORD, and give it their support.

Another Division will likely be organized at an early date in Toronto.

The Altar.

At Evergreen Farm, Kettleby, residence of the bride's father, Miss Ida Elliott to James T. Hutchison on March 23rd, 1898, by the Rev. Bro. Stillwell. Both contracting parties members of the Order.

On April 6th Bro. Roland M. Eavenson (son of Bro. M. M. Eavenson, P. M. W. P.) was married to Miss Katharine Sample, in Olivet Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.