

LEEDS DISTRICT DIVISION.

The twenty-fifth quarterly and annual meeting of Leeds District Division, S. of T., was held on Tuesday, January 4th, in the Union church at Tilley. The morning session opened at 11 o'clock, and after routine business, appointed committees, etc., the Division adjourned till 1.30 p.m. At 2.30 p.m. T. I. Ellis, D.W.P. in the chair, after the reception of committee reports, the officers were elected as follows: D.W.P., Chas. E. Tennant; D.W.A., Mrs. J. Carnegie; D.R.S., A. Likely (re-elected); Dis. Treas., J. Patience; Dis. Chap., Mrs. William Dixon; Dis. Con., D. Root; Dis. Sent., Max Greer; D.S.Y.P.W., F. Herbison; D.W.P., T. I. Ellis. The officers-elect were installed by T. I. Ellis, C.D.G.W.P.

The reports received from the different Divisions showed a gratifying increase in membership, which is now over 800, with good prospects of a large increase during the winter.

Lifeboat Division, No. 242, Caintown, is the banner Division of the District, having a membership of 107, with good prospects of a further increase.

There are 16 working Divisions in the District two dormant, and one that has ceased to exist. Only 10 Divisions reported at this meeting, but the others are known to be in good working condition. Steps are being taken to advance the work of the Order during the quarter.

So much time was taken up with the election of officers it left very little in which to do business, but a short discussion took place on restricting the number of licenses and looking after the License Inspector.

Invitations for the next meeting were received from Mallorytown and Rockport Divisions, and the invitation from Mallorytown Division was accepted. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in March.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the members and friends of Peerless Division, Tilley, for their hospitality to the delegates and visiting members.

A rousing meeting was held in the evening. C. E. Tennant, D.W.P., in the chair. The church was filled to excess. Short speeches were given by Dominion temperance workers in the District, interspersed with choice selections of vocal and instrumental music.

ARTHUR LIKELY, D. S.

RENFREW DISTRICT DIVISION.

All the Divisions in the vicinity of Renfrew were represented at the meeting of the District Division of Renfrew Sons of Temperance, on January 14th. The meeting was held in the Temperance hall, Renfrew, Wm. Stewart, D. W.P., presiding. Reports were made of the state of the work, and plans laid for further extending the influence of the order. The new officers are: District W.P., J. B. Ferguson, Admaston; District W.A., Miss Annie S. New, Renfrew; District Scribe, John Brisco, Northcote; District Treasurer, James Ward, Renfrew.

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TIDINGS FROM OTHER FIELDS.

Nova Scotia Sons are rallying for the Plebiscite fight. In 1894 that Province gave nearly 44,000 votes for prohibition, and only about one-fourth that number were polled against it.

New Brunswick are also falling into line. Bro. J. R. Woodburn, G. W. P., has just issued his circular to the members of his Grand Division after their jubilee session, which he characterizes as "long to be remembered as one of the most successful and harmonious held for years."

Bro. W. J. Gates represented the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, and installed the officers.

The *Toronto Globe* of Saturday, December 25th, 1897, presents the Grand Division of Ontario grouped in front of one of Toronto's beautiful buildings. The ornate columns, arches, buttresses, revealed in background, are suggestive of a massive architectural structure, but to the physiognomist, the student of character, and its relation to social and national life and development, the possibilities of intellect and energy written by the architect above on the countenances in front, associated with the aims and obligations they have assumed, are suggestive of effect, deeper, broader, higher, more inspiring, than any architectural triumph. Any man should be proud to belong to such a body. Ontario is to be congratulated. May its Jubilee Year be the inaugural of a series of successful years.—"Forward."

COL. DOW PRESENTS MAYFLOWER DIVISION WITH HIS FATHER'S PORTRAIT.

A very interesting public meeting was held under auspices of Mayflower Division on Tuesday evening. The Senior Past Worthy Patriarch, Wm. Murray, acted as Deputy, in the absence, through illness, of the Rev. G. Lawson, and installed, with the other officers, Mrs. G. C. Cook, his grand daughter, as Worthy Patriarch. Not very many Divisions can show three generations of one family as members. The Division was highly favoured as the recipient of Neal Dow's portrait presented by his son. Bro. R. T. Murray read a paper on Neal Dow that elicited unanimous, well deserved praise. We regret that so many demands on space preclude a more extended notice in this issue.

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