

NOTES BY THE WAY.

FROM THE GRAND TREASURER'S LOG BOOK.

August 15th opened my fall campaign in Simcoe County by a visit to the the sturdy Eugene Division, of Stroud, a pretty little village about a mile from Craignvale Station on the Northern Railway. Here the Sons own a fine brick hall with shed attached, and have a membership composed of the solidest material of the community. William Maneer the D.G.W.P. is an ideal officer, large hearted and zealous. He is ably supported by a loyal staff of workers that deserve more than the brief mention these notes permit.

As the first work planned for me in this section was in association with our esteemed brother Cowle, his sudden and lamented death a week before left me without any definite course beyond, and in this emergency I was very grateful for the timely aid of Dr. Evans, of Stroud, who helped me to map out a plan of work and drove me out on Tuesday to Vine Station to visit Mrs. Owen, a woman whose praise for christian zeal is in all the country around. By her aid a meeting was arranged to be held the next night in her house and which came off successfully. The house was crowded; the hostess presided, the doctor gave a brief and earnest address, and at the close of a red hot meeting we got 15 names for a new Division at Knock, about a mile from Vine, which was successfully instituted the next night with the help of a large deputation from Stroud Division. Brother Hamilton Young, one of Stroud's fighting band, drove me out the intervening day to Chirchill and Lefroy, where a meeting had been planned for Friday night. Here we found that through a blunder in sending my bills to a man, indifferent if not actually hostile to the cause, nothing had been done to publish; and the meeting had to be postponed until the following Monday.

At Allandale where I remained over Sunday I addressed a Plebiscite meeting in the Methodist church which was well attended and enthusiastic. Our meeting at Lefroy on 21st resulted in obtaining 28 names for the resuscitating of the old Division, and which were left with D. W. Lennox, of Churchill the last Deputy, to complete.

Minesing, August 23rd. Had a well attended meeting in the Methodist church here, and by the help of Bro. Elliot and friends from Edenvale Division, and Miss Benson, of Minesing, whose lovely character and devoted zeal is a power for good in this village, 20 names were obtained and the long dormant Division was re-established. The next night I addressed a large meeting at Elmvale on Plebiscite. Bro. David Garvin the zealous and efficient deputy of the Division here gave me the glad hand and assured me that they were doing a healthy business at the old stand. We gave them a good lift at the public meeting and will look for increased prosperity.

Penetang, August 26th. In this picturesque village, with its thrilling history of massacre

and martyrdom of devoted Jesuit missionaries by cruel savages, we found a mixed community that in the onward march of temperance seem to have been left behind and are better representative of the last generation than of the living present. Here I met Brother Osborne the well known Archeologist of Indian history and the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Presbyterian Minister, an old member of Grafton Division, who arranged for a meeting in his church on the following Monday.

The distance over the neck of land to Midland was said to be less than three miles by a path through the woods, and I rashly assayed to walk, but I soon lost my way and when in the heat of noon I reached my destination, my weary pedal-meters registered seven miles at least. Here I found a Plebiscite campaign in full blast and the excitement running very high. A public meeting was arranged for the following Tuesday and I was invited to preach a temperance sermon on Sunday night which I did to a crowded congregation. Our meeting the next night in Penetang was fairly attended, some good names were secured but much work will be required to plant a Division.

The meeting at Ingram's Hall, Midland, was large and enthusiastic. Dr. Hamley, President of the Plebiscite League, and a former Son of Temperance presided. Twenty names from among the best workers in the town were given for a new Division, but as I was unable to stay longer then I promised to return at a later date and complete the work.

At Victoria Harbor we had a good meeting for the short notice given, but found the conditions similar to Penetang, and it will require much work to institute a healthy Division.

Coldwater, September 1st. Finished my first tour with an enthusiastic meeting in the Methodist church here to-night. Rev. J. W. Churchill the eloquent and zealous pastor gave me great help, and the outcome of our meeting was a new Division with a membership list of 39 names.

My log for West Simcoe must be reserved for the next issue.

A. D. WEEKS.

SUGGESTIONS TO DISTRICT DIVISION OFFICERS.

District W.P.'s should pay each division in his district a visit once each quarter if possible, and he should at least visit each division once during his term, to see that they are working properly, and render assistance if needed. He should attend sessions of the district division punctually, and see that the business is properly conducted throughout.

The duties of the D.S. require to be most scrupulously and intelligently performed for the successful, profitable, and pleasant working of a district division. In some cases we have known a District Scribe to simply send blank reports and credentials to divisions, not even stating where or when the session was to be held.

A circular letter should in every case be sent to each division, stating the place, date and hours of meeting, the important business to come up, copies of important resolutions to be submitted, and particulars as to entertainment of delegates.

In many cases it is advisable for the Executive Committee to arrange a programme for the meetings, especially for the quarterly sessions. Papers on temperance, temperance work, the Order, and other useful topics should be prepared and discussed. An interesting and profitable hour can be spent in a well drilled set of officers' exemplification of the ceremonial work. This should be done from memory, no books or cards being used.

The evening meeting should be well planned in advance, and proper announcement in the locality made. These are the occasions upon which our Order and its work is prominently brought before the public, and the members should never neglect to make full and careful preparation for these events.

The District Division affords a grand opportunity for young men to develop their talents.

The District Division is also a most useful part of our organization, and when properly managed, a most valuable auxiliary to the Grand Division.

The District Scribe should be provided with proper official note paper and printed forms for credentials and reports. Samples will be sent on application to the Grand Scribe.

Careless, indifferent or incompetent officers can kill off a good District Division in one year; the other kind can build up the Order and make the meetings an inspiration to the workers, and an untold benefit to the community.



WHO IS IT ?

It is the portrait of a little boy who was born on October 29th 1867. He became a Cadet of Temperance when ten years of age, and joined the division some time afterwards, and has since risen step by step until he now occupies the highest office in the Grand Division of Ontario.

I wonder how many of my nieces and nephews will continue their connection with the Order, first in the Crusaders and then in the Division, long enough to attain to the position now held by this former Cadet of Temperance. Who will be the first to send in the name of this little boy. I forgot to tell you that I am publishing this picture unknown to the subject of the sketch, and perhaps it may not be readily recognized even by his intimate friends.

AUNT BEE.