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MOTTO—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do for the good of mankind, do quickly."

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## SONG OF THE TEMPERANCE ARMY.

We are marshalling the forces  
Of an army true and strong ;  
We are marching to the music  
Of a ringing temperance song ;  
We are going forth to battle  
With a tyrant monster wrong,  
Till one grand triumphant chorus  
Shall the victors' shout prolong !

Where the bugle calls to battle—  
If heaven that call repeat—  
If right and duty leads us,  
There alone the path is sweet !  
Though the proud may deem this service  
Both for us and them unmeet :  
Unheeding scorn or frowning,  
We will go with fearless feet.

We are pledged to guard each other,  
And all those we love best,  
From the poisoned darts and arrows  
Of a fell destroyer's quest !  
And our battle cry is "Onward !"  
No faltering and no rest  
Till his flaunting, mocking ensign  
In dishonored dust is pressed !"

With hearts aglow with pity  
For the tempted ones who fall,  
And with arms outstretched to rescue  
Wounded friend or foe, or all.  
We are pledged to do our utmost  
To break down this tyrant's thrall ;  
Ne'er "Am I my brother's keeper ?"  
Be our answer to God's call !

See, bright from many a hill-top  
New camp fires flash and blow ;  
From rank and file and tented field  
Hear songs of victory go !  
Shout answers, shout, a wave of sound  
Breaks an impetuous flow— [ing] ;  
"All hail !" "What cheer !" "Tis morn-"  
"We are conquering the foe !"

## NOTES.

- Ontario.
- Ontario must lead.
- Every effort counts.
- Do your best always.
- Do not despise small service.
- The work of the year is begun.
- Now is the best season for work.
- Whatever your post, be found at it.

—Its results will be known in December.

—Remember that good intentions will not pay the printers.

—Much matter is crowded out this issue. Look out for next.

—Don't forget to get up that list of subscriptions for the RECORD.

—Our cause deserves your untiring zeal, your ceaseless effort, your sublimest sacrifices.

—The figures may give some idea of the efforts put forth by our workers, but the homes brightened, the hearts made glad, the souls rescued will never be recorded here.

—"Whatever kindness I can show, whatever service I can render my fellowman let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

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### TEMPERANCE ELECTORS AROUSE!

NOW IS THE HOUR TO ACT.

This Province has given a majority of 82,000 for prohibition. In the elections following, the important duty of electing only reliable, thorough-going temperance representatives was in most cases neglected. With what result ?

When desired amendments to the Liquor License Law were urged it was found that we had not friends enough to carry them in the House. True, some advance was gained but not all that was expected and some clauses submitted were defeated.

The lobbyists of the liquor party were constantly at the Legislature ; those members who favored them were noted, and their uncompromising opponents were black listed. They demanded pledges for the protection of their iniquitous trade.

A general election is to be held in a few weeks. We must be up and doing. Our opponents are alert. This Order in no way interferes with any of its members' political opinions, but it aims to promote good citizenship, the social and moral welfare of the people. Our motives are high and unselfish. We have no ends but those of our righteous cause.

It is the duty of every temperance elector, whatever party he may belong to, to do all he can to prevent the endorsement of any candidate who will not uphold and advance temperance measures.

The records of representatives and the character of new candidates should determine our course. We cannot expect to get the legislation we desire from those who do not hold our views and advocate our principles. In almost all the constituencies the friends of our cause can prevail by united action.

If we do not have a great majority of temperance men in the next Parliament it will be because temperance electors are not alive to their duty and to their opportunity that now lies before them.

Every elector who is on the side of right must stand firm and true. We must stand loyally by those who champion our cause and strenuously oppose those who will favor and protect the liquor traffic.

Your franchise must be exercised in all conscience. The result of the elections will indicate whether the temperance electors of Ontario are devoted to their cause and alive to the true interests of their great humanitarian and Christian movement.

*Vote as you pray.*

## THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

This pioneer Order was instituted September 29, 1842, and at once assumed a prominent place among the fraternal and benevolent societies, having for its foundation principle, abstinence from all intoxicating beverages. Its objects were to shield its membership from the evils of intemperance, to afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and to elevate the character of its members. It purposes to reclaim the inebriate, rescue the moderate drinker, save the young from the power of the drink habit and suppress the drink traffic.

### ITS BRANCHES.

It has three distinct branches, viz. :—The Subordinate Division, a local society which meets weekly, and is the life and strength of the Order. The Subordinate Divisions choose representatives from the present and past chief officers who constitute the Grand Division. This branch of the Order meets in Ontario annually, and has supervision of the work in the province.

From the several Grand Divisions are chosen representatives who have served either as the presiding officer, or associate, or as the recording officer, and also representatives at large. These constitute the National Division, and in