

Rev. Bro. Henry D. de Blois, the new G.W.P. of Nova Scotia, has issued an earnest appeal to his deputies, and a graceful greeting to the members in his jurisdiction, from the tone of which we predict a vigorous and healthy growth in that famous Grand Division during his term.

Bro. Jewell, the M.W.S. visited the session of Rhode Island, and stated that "Little Rhody" is bound to move steadily forward. Bro. Quinby Smith is the G.W.P. elect.

In the Grand Division of Connecticut, a motion to approve proposed amendments substituting biennial for annual sessions of the National Division was lost. Bro. A. A. Baldwin expressed the opinion that "we do not meet often enough; that it is because we meet in Division room that we have interest in Division work." Bro. F. M. Bradley regarded the proposed amendment as a backward step. "Our meetings are sources of inspiration, and should not be given up." 86 representatives of 18 Divisions, and 22 visitors attended the session.

The report of Bro. Wm. C. Dickinson, G.S., recommended that some method be employed whereby Divisions which have been successful in largely increasing their membership, may be able to have some testimonial of their work, to be held for a certain time. 2nd—That a way be found to enable Divisions to be regularly and fully informed of the work being done by other Divisions. 3rd—That official visitors be more properly received as such. 4th—That District Divisions be brought into closer touch with this Grand Division. 5th—That all members cease to dwell on the past history of the Order, and hasten to brighten the annals of this Grand Division.

We are under compliment to *Forward*, the official organ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for several items in this issue. *Forward* is a live, newsy paper issued bi monthly, and should be taken by every Son in Ontario. Send 25 cents to Bro. W. S. Sanders, Halifax, for a year's subscription.

#### FEATURES OF NEXT ISSUE.

—Reports of District Divisions, and the new officers elected.

—An article on the "Duties of Officers." The Recording Scribe and the Financial Scribe's work will be next treated. Sample pages will be given from the books of one of the most efficient Financial Scribes in the Order.

—A sketch of a well known member of the G. D.

—An instalment of Plebiscite hot-shot.

#### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

To any member who will bring in three new members during January we will send a copy of "Our Jubilee Campaign Chorus." This is one of the best songs ever written for Sons of Temperance entertainments.

To every Division increasing their membership during the quarter ending April 1st by fifteen, we will send, post paid, a Photo of the officers and representatives attending the 49th session of the Grand Division at Toronto. This picture should be hung in every Division room in the province.

#### AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

A temperance drama, entitled "The Drunkard's Child," was given in Broadway Hall, Toronto, on Xmas afternoon, under the auspices of Coldstream Division.

At the conclusion of the lecture by Mrs. Youmans at Orillia, on Dec. 10th, Bro. A. McKay made the announcement that the next session of the Grand Division would be held there in December, '98, which was received with applause. The fine silver trophy, won by East Simcoe District, occupied a conspicuous place on the platform, as did Bros. A. McKay and R. Anderson, both proud and happy.

Enterprise Division met at the York County Industrial Home on the evening of December 1st, and entertained the inmates with a programme of music, readings, songs and speeches. Bro. N. Dyke, W.P., presided. (A good act, Enterprise.)

Bro. A. J. Hughes, License Inspector of North York, has issued printed notices, calling attention to the provisions of the Act prohibiting minors from loitering in bar-rooms. Landlords are liable to a fine as well as the frequenter if they neglect their duty in this respect. This is a proper move. All License Commissioners will do well to send to A. J. Hughes, Sharon, for a copy of the regulations adopted in that district.

Toronto Junction Division's new Hall was opened on Tuesday evening, December 1st. There was a good turn out of local and city members and citizens, and a very pleasant time was spent. The Division will in future meet weekly, and are working with spirit.

Among the visitors present at Orient Division, Toronto, on December 3rd, were: Bro. J. M. Walton, G.W.P.; W. H. Bewell, Worthy G.S.; C. H. Ranson, G. Sent., Prescott; W. G. Spence, of Lowville, D.W.P. for Halton; J. A. Sharpe, D.G.W.P. of Montrose, and H. A. Cruickshank, C.D. of Welland County. This division celebrated its first anniversary with a most creditable function on Nov. 30th, the proceeds of which puts a comfortable sum in their treasury.

Nobleton Division had splendid success at their second annual Fowl Supper on 3rd Dec. The supper has become one of the great local events. The programme following was contributed by the Divisions at Kettleby, King City, Laskay and Nobleton. Bro. W. C. Bogart, Prov. D.G.W.P., presided. The proceeds amounted to \$60. Nobleton has one of the most commodious and best appointed Division rooms to be found in any part of the Province.

On December 8th, Summerville Division held a rousing open meeting in the Bethesda church. A good programme was prepared by the members, and this was added to by talent from Toronto. The G.W.A., Bro. H. F. Hall, and Bro. G. E. Buck, A.D.G.W.P., with about twenty members of city Divisions went out to assist them.

Bro. Carswell has been on an extended trip through Pennsylvania.

The Fraternal Visitation Committee of the South York District Division, arranged a debate upon the subject "Resolved, that it is wise for a young couple to marry on a salary of \$450 a year." It was argued at Excelsior Division room, Toronto, on 16th December. Bro. G. E. Buck, of St. Albans, and Mrs. Snead, of Orient, affirmative; Bro. J. A. Miller, and Miss Leslie Ross, of Excelsior, negative. The decision was in favor of the affirmative. Bro. Ald. Preston, of Excelsior Division occupied the chair, and at the close in well chosen words pointed out the progress made in the temperance cause in the past twenty years.

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Bro. F. W. Heacock, the popular C. O. D. of North York, was married on December 14th to Miss Curtis, a member of Kettleby Division.

Bro. Ald. Preston, a member of Excelsior Division, was a candidate for the mayoralty of Toronto, but retired from the contest.

After the disposal of routine business on Monday evening, the members of Ontario Division spent a very pleasant time in reading and discussing the works of Tennyson. The membership of this Division is still increasing, initiations being of frequent occurrence lately. There is probably no other Division in Ontario that has in its ranks as many past grand officers and prominent temperance workers as Ontario Division, No. 26, amongst whom are: Thomas Caswell, Most Worthy Patriarch, P.G. W.P.; G. M. Rose, P.G.W.P.; John McMillan, P.G.W.P.; Henry O'Hara, P.W.G.P.; W. H. Orr, P.G.W.A., and Treasurer Dominion Alliance; James Dilworth, P.G.W.A., and others. Ald. F. S. Spence, Daniel Rose and Geo. Wrigley are also members of this Division. —*Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction.*