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

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BRO. A. FARLEY.

Brother Arthur Farley, whose photograph we have much pleasure in presenting to our readers this month, is one of the oldest members in connection with the Order of the Sons of Temperance. Coldstream Division No. 212 was instituted in Toronto in the month of February 1851, and at the second meeting thereafter Bro. Farley was initiated, and has a continuous record of unbroken membership ever since in the same Division. For nearly 30 years his temperance work was confined to the Division room, but when the great wave of temperance reform swept over the country in 1877, Brother Farley took advantage of the movement and organized the West End Christian Temperance Society. He became its first president and continued in that position till 1888. A work of a lifetime was condensed into these ten years, and his name will ever stand honorably associated with the Society which has exercised, and is still exercising such a beneficial interest in the cause of temperance throughout the western portion of the City of Toronto. Mr. Farley was for many years the pioneer merchant on Queen St. West, where he conducted a large and lucrative business. Although necessarily advancing in years our brother is still hale and hearty, and is spending the evening of his life in the west end of the city, where he is so well known, and has done so much good.

The Lees-Raper memorial amounts to £17,000. £100 will be devoted each year to provide a series of lectures, the first will be given at Church House, Westminster, by Dean Farrar Nov. 30, subject, "Temperance Reform as required by Righteousness and Patriotism." The Archbishop will preside.



ROBERT COULTER, P.G.W.A.

It is a pleasure for us to introduce to our readers this month two worthy veterans. We delight to honor the faithful men who have steadfastly upheld the Order. Few Orders can boast such devoted members as ours can. We are sorry that it is not possible for us to publish the portraits of the many men whose services have merited it. From time to time we hope to be able to do this.

"Though I am old yet I am strong and hearty
For never in my youth did I apply
Hot and rebellious liquor to my blood."

If one were to search for a model physical type of a teetotaler the subject of this sketch would furnish it. A six footer, with splendid proportions, a clear eye and a hand shake that makes you feel that you have met a man you can "bank on," is the first unmistakable impression one receives when meeting Robert Coulter.

He was born in 1823 and has been 49 years out of his 74 a Son of Temperance, and a member of Port Robinson Division No. 86, all of that time. He was a charter member when the Div. was founded in April 1850. In his village and county year in and year out he has advocated our principles and set forth the claims of the Order as the most effective agency. There is not a mile of ground in his county that he has not worked. Being a collector of tolls on the Welland Canal his duties have prevented his attendance at National Division, and many times at Grand Division. In spite of his years he expends for the cause energy that would distinguish a young worker. Politically Bro. Coulter is a Reformer of the old school and a thoroughgoing one at that. In municipal affairs he has been highly honored, being Reeve for eight consecutive years and

warden of his county for three. He has been a Justice of the Peace for thirty years. He has been District Worthy Patriarch of Welland many years, at some times having as high as 21 good Divisions with over 1000 members in his jurisdiction. He was elected Grand Worthy Associate of Ontario in 1888. We regret that it is improbable that he will be able to attend our coming session at Orillia, but with all who know him we join in a hearty "hail and long life to our worthy and faithful brother." It would take volumes to relate the work and incidents of his life. Members of the National Division will have the privilege of meeting one of Ontario's "grand old men" next June when the meeting will be held at Niagara Falls.

JUBILEE SONG. 1848—1898.

READ BY THE G.W.P. OF N.S. AT THEIR RECENT SESSION IN HALIFAX.

Fondly to-day I reflect on the time,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Led to the Order of Sons in my prime,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Prompted by conscience, I knocked at the hall,
Sentinels cheerfully answered my call,
Joined a true brotherhood, noble but small,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Thanks be to God that I found such a home.
Long, long ago, long ago,
Never inclined, since that first day, to roam,
Long, long ago, long ago,
There will I tarry, the cause to extend,
Efforts and prayer with the faithful to blend,
Find, as I've found, every brother a friend,
Long, long ago, long ago.
Never, the colors at first brought to view,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Have lost their beauty, the red, white and blue,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Still the old Order, in heart is the same,
Colors and pledge, and emblems and name,
Whence started victories and wide spreading fame,
Long, long ago, long ago.
Still wave the banners, as first in the breeze,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Gather hosannas, as in the first days,
Long, long ago, long ago,
Conquer the enemy, weakened, not slain,
Bind him secure, with the angelic chain,
Down in the pit let him ever remain,
This was our purpose, which still we retain,
Long, long ago, long ago.
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G. O. H.