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supplied except to regular subscribers.*

SALUTATORY

The Grand Division has unanimously approved
of the RECORD, and established it as "the official
organ."

With this issue we enter a new era as a
monthly. The utility of a paper in furthering
propagation work, and its far-reaching influence
in arousing the public mind, is known to all.

The day has come when we are able to pro-
perly equip our organization. Friends of the
Order should rejoice at this, and hail its
appearance as the harbinger of a brighter day.
We are prepared to do our best to make it a
success. From the RECORD of last year you

will be able to surmise what this year's will be
worth to you. As a Quarterly, space was too
limited to allow much matter; everything was
cramped, and much had to be omitted. As a
monthly, we will have room, and the more
frequent issue will enable us to keep news up
to date, and give us mailing privileges, so that
each subscriber will receive his paper under
separate cover to his own address. Volume II
will be incomparably better than the former.

Among the features will be:

- News from the field.
- Tidings from other jurisdictions.
- Official announcements.
- Dates of District Division sessions and
other temperance events.
- Crusader's Department.
- Helps and hints to Division officers.
- Pointers for District Divisions.
- Short articles on Division work.
- Sketches of prominent officers and workers.
- Effective facts and arguments.
- Plebiscite Hot Shot.
- Good of the Order Department.

The success of the paper depends on YOU. If
you appreciate our efforts, and if you want to
see our Noble Old Order progress in this its
Jubilee year, *subscribe for it* and see that your
Division does not slight the matter. We want
every Division to see to it that some one is
appointed to send news items of all important
events. Each Division is recommended to pro-
vide copies for each family. If you wish to
help this undertaking, do not defer nor neglect
it. We must make our Order flourish this
year. *Whatever you do for the paper, do at
your first meeting.*

NOTES

- Now for '98.
- The ball is rolling.
- Ontario must lead.
- We will make things interesting this year.
- How many members will we have to report
at Orillia.
- Let all who are determined to do some-
thing this year, buckle on the armor.
- If our cause will prosper, we must speak
for it, work for it, pray for it.
- With the New Year, renew your efforts to
build up your Division.

—Read your RECORD, and pass it on to some
one to whom it will do good.

—Let every veteran step into the ranks. If
this meets the eye of any former S. of T., may
it remind him of his duty to the Order.

—Every member can do something; attend
Division; bring in a member; get subscribers
for the RECORD; organize a Company of Cru-
saders; institute a new Division. There is
work for all.

Elect live officers, rally out your members,
take off your coats and stay in the field till the
last Jubilee gun is fired.

—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to all.

NEWS FROM OTHER FIELDS.

Nova Scotia has 12,835 members in 240
Divisions. During the year 38 Bands of Hope
or Crusaders were organized.

At last session, 27th October, the Grand
Secretary of the Grand Division of New
Brunswick, reported 3,041 members, 51 Div-
isions.

Bro. E. J. Morris, Grand Scribe of Ohio,
in his report at the Grand Division held at
Bracebridge on Oct. 27th, made a ringing
appeal for renewed zeal. The indications are
that the Order in that State will soon catch the
enthusiasm and respond as it should. With
the energy now in evidence and the financial
resources at the command of the executive,
some \$4,000, Ohio should be heard from.

Bro. Tilley, son of Bro. Sir Leonard Tilley,
P.M.W.P., is a representative from the Grand
Division of New Brunswick to the National
Division this year.

Massachusetts is working in good spirits. A
"Fair" is soon to be held to raise a fund for
propagation.

Pennsylvania, after a year of discouragement,
has taken a step forward. An Organizer has
been engaged for the year; several hundred
dollars have been contributed for the work.

The N.W.P., Bro. T. Carswell, during the
year, has visited Utah, California, Washington
and British Columbia with a view to infusing
new life into those Grand Divisions.

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.

Send us short, breezy news items from your Division.

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.*



Loyal Crusaders Department

MISS DELLA NIGH, SUPERINTENDENT,
AVON, ONTARIO.

The Sons of Temperance have called into existence an entirely new organization for children. It is known as the army of LOYAL CRUSADERS. It is well designed and splendidly equipped for service. Its ritual, rules and regulations were adopted after the most painstaking preparation by an expert and the closest oversight of a competent committee of the National Division.

The supplies are all new and attractive. Equipments for Companies can be procured at prices ranging from \$3.20 to \$20.00. By a special arrangement we are able to start companies with a set of supplies as follows:

1 Loyal Crusaders Manual	\$0 25	1 Roll Book	\$0 30
10 Ode and Response Cards	20	25 Certificates of Membership	75
25 Pledge Cards	25	6 Sergeant's Cards (1 set)	30
25 Additional Pledge Cards	25	2 Song Books	40
1 Book, Treasurer's Receipts	25		
1 Book, Drafts on Treasurer	25	Total	\$3 20

This can be augmented as occasion demands by ordering additional supplies from the Supt.

There are five senior and fifteen junior officers in each company. The senior officers are Worthy Commander, Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain. The junior officers are Captain, Lieutenant, Marshal, Herald, Guard, Sergeants and Bankers. The boys constitute one section of each company, and the girls a separate section. Ranks are formed according to age. Each rank is in charge of a Sergeant. Volunteers must be between the ages of five and fourteen. By our plan all ages are interested and the boys are attracted, and if military drill is introduced the boys grow enthusiastic. The semi-military arrangement maintains order and discipline and the fighting spirit is directed against the saloon, the drinking custom and all evil habits.

The object is to pledge young people to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks; to instruct them in the nature and effects of alcoholic beverages and narcotics. "Soldiers of Honor" take an additional pledge against tobacco and profanity. The ritual and ceremonies are full of instruction; the teaching clear, distinct and radical; the music bright and sparkling; the movement in every particular is intended to lead our boys and girls to noble and honorable lives. There are no initiation fees nor fixed dues. It adopts the successful features of the Sunday School movement. Funds for equipping the company and carrying it on are secured by voluntary contributions by friends and the members and proceeds of occasional entertainments, which the children will delight to give themselves.

The senior officers must be Sons of Temperance, but in cases where this is impossible the stations may be taken by temperance workers, not members, by their signing the pledge of the Order.

The meetings are open to all members of the Order and the parents of the comrades and clergymen.

We desire every Division to organize a Company of Loyal Crusaders. Where there is no Division the Superintendent desires to correspond with other Christian and temperance workers with a view to the formation of companies. There is room for this new movement and great need of it. We desire to make our Loyal Crusaders the brightest, happiest, and most aggressive children's organization in existence. Hand in hand our young people are to march against the enemy of our people, Alcohol! With banner and song, with sword and flag, with the pledge as their shield, invoking the blessing and guidance of our Father in heaven, our bright faced army is to take up line of march.

The co-operation of all earnest friends of the cause is appealed for. Let us mark this our jubilee year by great achievements in this Department. All information will be gladly furnished by the Superintendent.

Toronto Divisions are taking an active interest in juvenile work. Company "A," St. Albans Division, is holding good meetings. "B," Coldstream Division, reports progress, twelve volunteers enlisting at last meeting. Bro. Bugler Daniel Stevens, of Stanley Barracks, a member of Kettleby Division, is drill instructor for this Company. Company "C" through the untiring efforts of Bro. Jos. Templeman, of Harmony Union Division, starts out with the record breaking muster roll of 125. We have now a standing army of recruits in the city of over 200.

Under direction of the senior officers the comrades of Company "A," Kettleby, held a grand review on December 27th. The hall would not accommodate the spectators.

ADD TO YOUR DIVISION MEMBERS.

What is the best plan to follow to secure and increase membership?

1st.—To increase, you must get new members.
2nd.—New members are only to be obtained from those who do not now belong to the Order.

3rd.—You must get to them personally, or get them to come to you, to know about the Order.

4th.—The easiest way is to bring them to you. How?

5th.—By meetings, open to the public, where the aims and objects of the Order can be intelligently presented by some able brother, and the exercises of the evening will evidence your work.

6th.—Meetings must not be all speeches, facts, statistics and figures, but you want recitations, music and rousing songs sandwiched in, so that all can feel that they have enjoyed a pleasant and profitable evening.

7th.—Solicit applications for membership, and follow up with personal calls on those you have in view. *Work, and the results will surprise you.*

EAST GREY DISTRICT DIVISION.

This is one of the first annual sessions reported. The meeting was held at Advance. The attendance was good and the business meeting interesting and beneficial. The proposed amendments to the License Law and the Lord's Day Act were endorsed. The membership shows a loss, but the friends are determined in the new year to more than make it up.

Bro. Wm. Reekie conveyed the greetings of the G. W. R. to the session, he coming direct from the Grand Division meeting in Toronto.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

D.W.P., Dr. Cummings, Thornbury; D.W.A., Miss S. Clark, Heathcote; D.S., Fred. Dickinson, Thornbury; T., J. Carnahan, Meaford; Chap., W. D. Rooke, Meaford; Con., Chas. Grant, Thornbury; Sent., W. A. Clark, Heathcote; Supt. Y. P. W., Miss Ella Clark, Heathcote.

It was decided to secure the services of Bro. E. Carswell for a series of lectures as soon as possible.

ONTARIO GRAND DIVISION OFFICERS.

G.W.P., Bro. J. M. Walton, Kettleby.
G.W.A., Bro. H. F. Hall, 110 Clinton St. Toronto.
G.S., Bro. W. H. Bewell, Whitby.
G.T., Bro. A. D. Weeks, 194 Sorauren Ave. Toronto.
G. Chap., Bro. Rev. A. P. Latter, Rosemont.
G.C., Bro. J. K. Morley, Cooksville.
G. Sent., Bro. Chas. H. Ranson, Prescott.
Supt. Y.P.W., Miss D. Nigh, Avon.

**MOTTO FOR THE
JUBILEE YEAR.**

**Ontario must take her place
as the largest Grand Division
on the American continent.**

ECHOES OF THE 49TH SESSION.

- Good.
- It was all right.
- Toronto friends did nobly.
- Eighty-seven new members initiated this year.
- The largest and best session ever held; there's life in the *noble old Order* yet.
- Five hundred and fifty-three gain in membership for the year, and a surplus in the treasury.
- Lanark, Uxbridge, Kettleby, Goodwood, Orient, Life Boat, Kenmore, Elmvale and Oil City Divisions won honors for good work.
- East Simcoe workers are justly proud of their success in winning the District trophy and capturing the 50th annual session for Orillia.
- What would a convention be without Carswell and Bradley, Ross, Orr and John McMillan—and all the rest of you?
- The report of the Superintendent of Young People's Work was encouraging. Our organization must come to the front.
- Our parliamentary members won golden opinions. Hon. Bro. Ross is a war horse. Hon. Bro. Davis is gaining a high place in the affection of the members. Bro. Dr. Meacham, M.P.P., at once captured the heart of the Grand Division by his splendid speech at the Pavilion. His presence at Orillia will be looked forward to with pleasure.
- There were 232 representatives present, not counting visitors. The "old guard" was out in fine form; the new members were a splendid corps of recruits and should make their influence felt in extending the work in the jubilee year.
- The convention picture will be a beautiful souvenir. To those who did not see the proof we say they will be delighted with the picture. Those who did not order copies can get them, post paid, by sending Bro. A. Gowler, 14 King St. West, Toronto, 50 or 75 cents, according to mounting. The picture is 10x15 and a beauty, and will ornament any Division room.
- Among the brethren who were slyly enjoying their honeymoon during the session were A. N. Runall, of Solma, and Wilmott C. Warriner, of Keswick. We don't blame them.
- With the Carswell Banner to be presented at the jubilee session to the Division showing the largest gain during the year, and Mrs. Livingstone's Banner so kindly donated to the Company of Crusaders making the best report, we look forward to interesting developments.

—To the great majority Bro. F. M. Bradley, P.M.W.P., of Washington, D.C., was not a stranger. For nine consecutive years he has visited our sessions. It is said "absence makes the heart grow fonder," but every time we grasp his hand in friendship, every time we look into the face beaming with love for God and humanity, every time we hear the eloquent periods of his fraternal greeting and are stirred by the ringing appeals for devoted effort on our part, truly we say his *presence* makes the heart grow fonder. Bro. Bradley is always sure of a royal welcome in Ontario.

—To official visitors representing the N.D. in attendance were Bros. Caswell, M.W.P.; Hon. G. Ross and F. M. Bradley, P.M.W.P.'s; and Edward Carswell, P.M.W.A.

—Enough new material was added to the G.D. at this session to guarantee its progress for at least a quarter of a century. Among the initiates were many who, in years to come, will distinguish themselves in many departments of life and add lustre to the Order.

**DISTRICT DIVISION OFFICERS,
ATTENTION!**

Notices of District Division sessions should be sent at earliest possible moment. Have item in all local papers.

In electing officers for the year, be very careful to select earnest and effective workers. Your success depends on it. A nominating committee will select better officers as a rule than will be elected by other methods.

When a representative of the Grand Division is desired, the request and the date and place of meeting should be sent to the G.W.P. as far in advance as possible, to give us a chance to get the duty assigned and accepted by the brother who will attend the session. We will in all cases do our best to comply with requests of this kind, and to send a representative of the Grand Division who will be worthy of the occasion and do you good. Always have a rousing public meeting in the evening; see that hand-bills or other advertising is used; turn it to account to the fullest extent in advancing the interests of the Order; from the proceeds contribute to the travelling expenses of the brother who visits your session.

A District Scribe should have a supply of printed forms for *credentials*, and *reports of Divisions*. A circular letter should in all cases be sent to each Division in the district, informing them of the date and place of meeting, hours of sessions, special business to come up, such as election of officers, important resolutions, official visitors, billeting arrangements, etc. This letter, together with the forms mentioned above, should be sent out a month in advance, so as to allow sufficient time for the Divisions to fill them out and return them to the District Scribe, so that he can have his report ready to submit to the session when it

meets. Sample forms will be sent to any District Division officer on application to the Grand Scribe.

D.W.P. should visit officially each Division in his District at least once during his term.

East Simcoe won the trophy in '97 without a Grand Division organizer ever setting foot in their District. They have faithful, untiring workers there. The contest during this our Jubilee year will be watched with interest.

From the *Son of Temperance*, published in London, England, for the National Division of Great Britain and Ireland, we clip the following:—

"The process of grouping Divisions together for intercourse, oversight, and generally upon the 'bundle of sticks' principle, is still operating, the latest to be recorded being that known as the South Essex District. I always view this movement with the greatest satisfaction, because I am convinced that we are all the better for inter-divisional intercourse. It rubs off some of our angles, and to put it shortly, makes far better sonship or fellowship. Success to the latest movement, which I note is lead by the M.W.A., and also by the G.W.A., G. Chap., and G. Sentinel of London.

Make the "Official Organ" an item of business at your session. Give us your co-operation.

Send a report of sessions promptly to the Grand Scribe. Most District Divisions will have held their annual meetings before next issue. The names of new officers will appear in our District Division directory.

TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS.

If you've got a thought that's happy,
Boil it down:

Make it short and crisp and snappy,
Boil it down.

When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter,
Boil it down.

Fewer syllables the better,
Boil it down.

Make your meaning plain—explain it,
So we'll know, not merely guess it;
Then, my friend, e're you address it,
Boil it down.

Boil out all the extra trimmings—
Boil it down;

Skim it well, then skim the skimmings,
Boil it down.

When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
Cut another sentence into,
Send it on, and we'll begin to
Boil it down.

A RUM RUINED HOME.

If there is anything sad
On this beautiful earth
That ought to resound
With the music of mirth,
If there is anything touched,
Under heaven's high dome,
With a sorrowful blight,
'Tis a rum ruined home.

For the father is bent
Upon being a sot,
And the mother is bowed
By her terrible lot,
And the children are crushed
Like the martyred of Rome.
While their prattle is hushed
In a rum ruined home.

And the darkness of night,
Like a funeral pall,
With a desolate gloom
Settles down upon all;
And the river of life,
That should sparkle and foam,
Is a river of death
In a rum ruined home.

O, if ever an arm
Should be bared for the fight
And if ever a Christian
Should stand for the right,
It is now, in the heat
Of a crisis so great,
With rum-ruin sanctioned
By city and state.—*Forward.*

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENTS. — Foresight and good business sense should be employed in arranging a public meeting. In many cases we have seen a well prepared and creditable function rendered of no account by insufficient or imprudent advertising. In other cases the advertising is elaborate and done well in advance, and then "not lived up to." In the former case the promoters were disappointed and disheartened, in the latter the crowd was dissatisfied and carried away a bad impression. Success will not be attained unless care and good judgment are used, so that the exercises are in good taste and up to a proper standard. A meeting under the "auspices of the Order" should be carried out very circumspectly. No coarseness or vulgarity should be tolerated in any part of the programme, but this should in no way be presumed to preclude the humorous, for "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men." Comic songs are not unacceptable to the average audience, but the class that are intended for low concert halls should be utterly tabooed. In every case pains should be taken to see that the claims of the Order as one of the most effective agencies for the spread of universal temperance is well set

forth, so that the division may derive benefit thereby.

So often no definite object seems to be before the promoters. A well planned and properly carried out meeting should always be followed by initiations.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA TO ADOPT.—Excelsior Division, Toronto, has devised this systematic plan, in order to facilitate the work of the order and add to the attractiveness of the meetings. The work is divided into the following departments: Each member will be expected to associate themselves with at least one department:—1st, Temperance — To arrange for temperance debates, discussions, essays, etc.; also by canvassing or otherwise, obtain signatures to our pledge cards. 2nd, Social—To see that every member is made thoroughly acquainted and at home at all our meetings; also that visiting members are given due prominence according to their standing. 3rd, Outlook—To visit all members who do not attend regularly and endeavor to interest them in some department of our work; also to look up persons proposed who have not joined us; also to look out for suitable persons to join our division. 4th, Amusement—Papers or essays on science, botany, biography, poetry; to arrange dialogues, cantatas, tableaux, etc. 5th, Musical—To arrange for choruses, solos, etc., on the subject of Temperance; also recitations and readings.

KEEP POSTED.—A reading lodge is always intelligent and prosperous. No one can visit a lodge where the officers and members read a paper devoted to the Order, without noting the fact; and no person can visit a lodge where they do not read and keep posted on the affairs of the Order without noticing the fact also. To sit in a lodge and listen to the discussion of matters pertaining to the constitution, laws, the enactments and discussions of the Grand and Sovereign bodies, or other matters respecting the good of the Order, and note the ignorance of members otherwise intelligent, makes one wonder why members ever deign to speak on subjects with which they are so totally unacquainted; but such ignorant members imagine they know whereof they speak. And how often are they made to blush and crawl into their shells, when one intelligent, reading member, rises and in a few words dispels their contentions, and shows them how ill-informed they are in the matter. There is only one specific remedy for this epidemic and that is to read and keep posted on all matters relating to the Order.—*Selected.*

Rev. Bro. A. P. Latter was the first to send in a list of subscriptions for *The Record*.

Bro. Carswell will, it is expected, make circuits in York, Durham and Grey.

Bro. Weeks will spend two weeks in Grenville in January.

JUBILEE SESSIONS.

The G. D's. of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have just held their fifteenth annual sessions. The jubilee events were commemorated in a feeling manner. We can only refer to the high occasions and give no details.

Nova Scotia was honored in the presence of the M.W.P., the G.W.P's. of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the G.S. of New Brunswick and others. 25 representatives were initiated. 151 representatives were in attendance.

A jubilee meeting was held in the Academy of Music on the first evening of the session. A clipping from the press report says:

"The men representing the Sons of Temperance in this Jubilee gathering are worthy successors of the grand men whose wisdom and zeal have made the Order in Nova Scotia phenomenally successful.' None hold the Order in higher esteem than we do. We believe the words of one of the officer's reports to be absolutely true, viz.—Fifty years of consecrated energy has enrolled in the service of Love, Purity and Fidelity, the best intelligence of a province which has given birth to a brilliant galaxy of intellectual men unexcelled since Athens of olden time. It has enrolled a large representation in proportion to population than any Temperance organization in the world, breathes an atmosphere of temperance light and truth, than which there is none clearer, brighter, more healthful and hopeful in all the wide world. Let us thank God and take courage as we respond to the call of duty, prepare for another half century's conflict with the great wrong."

At the New Brunswick session Bros. Jewell, M.W.S., Gates, M.W.A. and Everett, P.M.W.P., were present representing the National Division.

A noteworthy incident was the presence of Bro. Veazey, one of the original members of the first Division in New Brunswick, founded on September 16th, 1847.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

THE DEPUTY GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH.

The D.G.W.P. is the official medium of communication between the Division and Grand Division.

That officer therefore, should be one who is always in attendance at the meetings, so as to promptly lay before the Division information received from the superior officers.

If he should find it impossible to attend, he should send any communications in his possession to the Recording Scribe to be submitted to the Division. All official communications received by the D.G.W.P., after being submitted to the Division, should be placed on file with the R.S. The Deputy is commissioned by the G.W.P. Each Division on the first meeting in October each year, recommends some P.W.P. for appointment. As a rule the

brother named is commissioned for the post, but the G.W.P. is not bound to act upon such recommendation. The Deputy's term of office is for one year. A Deputy may, however, be removed for cause, at any time, such as neglecting to attend the meetings of the Division, or neglect of other official duties, and a new Deputy recommended and appointed in his stead. The success of a Division depends largely upon the fidelity of this officer, and in each and every Division we desire to commission only true and trusty members of the Order.

As all appeals from the Division go to the D.G.W.P. he should be one who thoroughly understands our laws and usages, so that he may give his decisions promptly upon all questions submitted to him.

It is the duty of the D.G.W.P. to ascertain that the returns be properly made out (*every question answered*), and to receive them with the *per capita* tax before the installation of officers at the first meeting of the quarter, and to forward the same (returns and tax, to the G. Scribe immediately thereafter.

The Grand Scribe will send a receipt therefor. These receipts should be read to the Division, and carefully preserved for reference.

The prosperity and efficiency of our Order and its work depends very materially upon the promptness of our Divisions and Deputies in sending in the returns and *per capita* tax to the Grand Scribe early in the quarter. *Let there be no delinquents and the Order must flourish.*

One of the most important duties of a Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch is to answer promptly all official communications from the Grand Worthy Patriarch or Grand Scribe, and to keep the latter officer constantly informed as to the condition of the Division in his or her care, its prospects, encouragements, discouragements, or dangers. If a cloud of dissensions arises, or other dangers threaten, the facts with full particulars, should be concisely reported at once to the Grand Scribe. Neglect in this matter endangers the usefulness and frequently the existence of the Division. An important duty; faithfully perform it.

OTHER DEPUTIES.

The County Deputy G.W.P. is the next superior officer to the Division Deputy, and it is his duty to look after the interests of the Order generally within his District; to visit each Division in his jurisdiction at least once in each year, and instruct them thoroughly in the work of the Order, and to give decisions on points of law when appealed to. He should also make it a rule to visit any Division instituted in his District within a month after, and give full instruction and counsel.

The duties of Provincial D.G.W.P's. have reference more particularly to spreading the Order by the institution of new Divisions, and formerly was confined to organizers and agents who travelled extensively in the work. It is one of their functions to correct errors of practice on the part of the Subordinate Divisions, and to give them instructions in the

ceremonies, ritual or other work of the Order, and generally to promote the interests of the Order. The duties of all Deputies are set forth in their respective commissions and in the "Hand Book."

All Deputies are from time to time required to report their official acts to the G.W.P.

NEWS NOTES.

The Xmas Tree of the Salina Crusaders was a gratifying success. This is the oldest company in Ontario.

From a copy of the "Observer" sent us, we see that a very pleasant entertainment was held in Tilsonburg by the Crusaders of that place on Xmas Eve., under the direction of Mrs. B. D. Livingston. The main feature of the evening was an elocutionary contest between 13 members of the organization for a silver medal which was won by Miss Ethel Dell, of Springford. The other competitors were presented with handsome books. A fine programme of choruses by 30 children, and other selections musical and literary made up the evening's entertainment. The medal was the gift of Mrs. Livingstone, who trained the children for the event.

TEMPERANCE SOCIAL.

It takes more than bad roads or unpleasant weather to put a damper on the spirits the Sons of Temperance around about Renfrew. There have been pleasanter nights to be out than that of Thursday last: but it was the occasion set for a fraternal visit to Renfrew Division S.O.T., by their neighbors of Horton, Northcote and Admaston. And the visitors came—a goodly representation from each section. There were more Renfrew Sons than usual out to receive them. Coffee and cakes were served, social conversation indulged in, and a programme of entertainment participated in by both hosts and guests. Miss Annie New, the W.P. of Renfrew Division, presided: and the following was the programme she announced: Opening ode; address, W. M. Dickson; recitation, Miss Kate Stewart, Horton; address, E. Mayhew; reading, Miss Edwards; address, John Johnston, of Horton; recitation, Miss Susie Troke; address, Geo. Eady, Jr.; instrumental, Miss Dalglish, Admaston; reading, Miss New; address, X. Plaunt, Northcote. One of the town orators spoke of the sacrifice the visitors had made in coming out under such unfavorable circumstances: a sentiment which met with the statement that it was no sacrifice, they were glad to be present. With which happy feeling the gathering separated.

LASKAY DIVISION.

Laskay Division is famous for their Christmas night entertainments. This year their large hall was far from large enough to hold the crowd, and many were turned away. The proceeds were \$82. This Division has some excellent dramatic talent.

THE CAMPAIGN.

PARIS PRESBYTERY.

A RESOLUTION REPUDIATING THE VIEWS OF REV. DR. GRANT ON THE QUESTION OF PROHIBITION.

Paris, Dec. 14—This was a field day in the Paris Presbytery, and the views of the Rev. Dr. Grant of Kingston, lately published in *The Globe*, were repudiated. A resolution was moved by the Rev. W. A. MacKay, D.D., of Woodstock, and seconded by the Rev. E. R. Hutt, of Ingersoll. Strong speeches were made both for and against the resolution. An amendment condemning the views of Principal Grant, without mentioning his name, was moved and received five votes. The motion was carried by seven votes. A number of the members had to leave before the vote was taken in order to reach home to-night. Following is the resolution:—"Whereas the Presbyterian church has repeatedly in all her courts taken strong ground against the licensed liquor traffic of this land, declaring it to be contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion, and calling upon people by voice, vote and example to do all in their power to seek its removal: and whereas the prohibition of that traffic has been lately assailed in one of the most largely circulated papers in the Dominion by one whose position and influence identify him very closely with the Presbyterian Church, therefore, the Presbytery of Paris deems it an imperative duty to give at this time on this matter no uncertain sound in relation to its entire adherence to the position taken by the General Assembly and our opposition to and repudiation of the ground taken by the Principal of Queen's College."—*Globe*.

OBITUARY.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of our late Brother John Linton, of Toronto Junction Division, who died on December 27th, 1897. His death was very sudden, and was deeply lamented by all his associates and townsmen. He was one of the most faithful members of the Order in that place, and a very sympathetic resolution of condolence was passed by the Division.

Deceased occupied a prominent place in public life, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The following dates for District Divisions have been sent in:

- Jan. 4th, Leeds, at Tilley.
- " 6th, Peel, at Brampton.
- " 10th, Lennox-Addington, at Enterprise.
- " 17th, South York, at Toronto.
- " 19th, Halton, at Palermo.
- " 19th, Elgin, at Tilsonburg.
- " 21st, South Ontario, at Greenbank.
- " 25th, East Simcoe, at Rugby.

All District Scribes will please send in reports of their sessions with names of officers elected, promptly.

A CHALLENGE.

A PUBLIC DEBATE ON PROHIBITION INVITED.

Rev. D. V. Lucas issues a Challenge to Principal Grant, Mr. Goldwin Smith and Mr. Haverson.

I beg hereby most respectfully to invite the Rev. Dr. G. M. Grant, President of Queen's University, Kingston; Mr. Goldwin Smith and Mr. Haverson, advocate for the Licensed Victuallers' Association, either one, either two, or all three, to a public discussion (in the City of Toronto, latter part of January next), of the merits or demerits of the liquor traffic, the benefits and feasibility of the principles of the total prohibition of the traffic, and the duty of Christian nations to prohibit it.

These gentlemen have on various occasions of late publicly opposed, by voice and pen, the efforts of the advocates of Prohibition.

They are all gentlemen of intelligence and culture, and will, I presume, be quite willing to embrace this opportunity to further convince the public that their principles are sound and their views correct.

I will provide a suitable hall or other public building, and will be glad to hand over to the W.C.T.U. any balance after legitimate expenses are deducted from receipts.

That there be no misunderstanding, and to avoid all indefiniteness, I propose to show:—

(1) That the beverage use of an intoxicant is contrary to and is prohibited by God's word.

(2) That the beverage use of an intoxicant, even in moderate quantity, is contrary to the law of nature, and therefore is a positive injury to the human system.

(3) That, judging by our Lord's rule, "their fruits," the liquor traffic is evil and only evil, begotten of Satan, for the ruin of mankind; and

(4) That the liquor traffic is a flat contradiction to every principle of political economy, and that its annihilation is demanded by the wisest statesmanship and the sincerest and truest patriotism.

I beg to propose that the discussion run through four nights of each of the last two weeks in January next (1898), eight nights in all, either one, either two, or all three occupying one entire evening, and I the next, or, to be fair, reversing the order, through one half of the discussion. If preferred, let it be four nights pro and con same night, taking equal time.

If these gentlemen decline to accept this invitation in this form then I offer to them, or either of them, or any other respectable gentleman, at any time or place, one hour of my time, providing they will kindly let me know they wish it at least a week in advance.

D. V. Lucas.

Grimsby, December 15.

If you would be content, never borrow nor lend; this refers respectively to trouble and money.

PERSONALS.

Bro. W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines, is to be congratulated on his election to a seat in the City Council.

Bro. A. D. Weeks is working in Grenville during January. He will visit Lennox-Addington District Division on 10th.

Bro. Edward Carswell has appointments in Lincoln, Wentworth and Western New York, Grey and Durham. To the brethren in those localities we appeal for active interest that every meeting arranged for be made a rouser. Make hay while the sun shines.

TEMPERANCE.

There was recently a contest in Lawrence, Mass., between the advocates of high license and of prohibition; and the latter got out an ingenious election document made up of temperance verses. Some of them we reproduce:

How'er we strive the evil to amend,
Saloons, if licensed, rule us in the end.

If armies sat before our gate,
We all would rush to arms;
A foe within doth devastate,
And there are no alarms.

If you vote "Yes,"
You cannot guess
How many hears you're breaking
Of wives who weep
When they should sleep
By sorrow kept awaking.

Could Lawrence swap her saloons
For plague and yellow fever,
The small-pox and the cholera,
Much better off 'twould leave her.
The man's a fool who suffers from an ill
That he can put an end to when he will;
And those who growl to see corruption grow,
Can stop it instantly by voting "No."

The liquor dealer's money drawer
Is wonderfully capacious;
It drags into its hungry jaw
The workingman's insurance dues,
His tools, his bread, his clothes and shoes,
The house that he had meant to build,
The trade in which his hand is skilled,
His health, ambition, heed for law,
His love for wife and child, his awe
For God, the good and gracious—
All vanish in that awful maw,
So cruelly voracious.

The license fees can ne'er repay
For wealth and manhood thrown away.

Business will languish,
Morals fare ill,
Government smell bad,
Lawrence stand still,

Long as we yearly,
Just for the fees,
Let lordly rummies
Do as they please.

Dishonor with a big, big D
Is tied up with the license fee.

While liquor dealers work their tricks,
There can be no security
For honesty in politics
Or governmental purity.

LET US SMILE.

He said that he could read her face,
He kissed her then instead,
And proved that he had told the truth,
Because her face was red.

The latest definition of a jury is a body of men organized for the purpose of deciding which side has the smartest lawyer.

People get wisdom by experience. A man never wakes up his second baby to see it laugh.

An Irish soldier, placed on guard over a cannon was found in a public house some distance off by his officer.

"How dare you leave your post?" was the stern rebuke.

"Ah, but it's of no consequence at all at all, plaze yer honor," said the man. "There's no two men, your honor, would lift the gun between them, much less carry it off; an', if there was more than two I know I wouldn't be a match for them, so I kem away, yer honor."

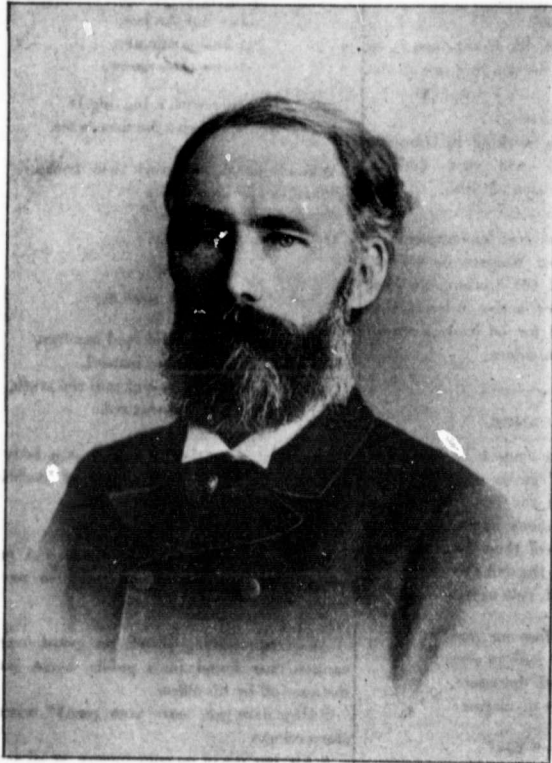
Many of our members treat their Division in this manner. They think it makes no difference whether they attend or not; if the others turn out they can keep things going, and if they don't there's no use trying to keep up. Stand to your guns and let every man be found at his post. The enemy are upon us!

Mr. Perkins, visiting his wife's relatives in Maine, attended church one Sunday. The sermon was long, and Perkins went to sleep. The sermon came to an end at last, but Perkins slept peacefully on. The deacons began to take up the collection. When the hat was passed to Perkins, his wife nudged him, and Perkins sat up with a start. Gazing in a bewildered manner at the extended hat and then at the deacon, he shook his head sleepily, and said,—

"That isn't my hat. Mine had a blue lining."

"It seems to me you are rather smart this morning," said an exasperated lawyer to a witness, who, though cleverly cross-examined, refused to contradict himself.

"Well, sir," said the other, cheerfully, "if I wasn't on my oath, I might say the same to you."



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