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AND PROHIBITION ADVOCATE.

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

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THE HEROIC AGE.

He speaks not well who doth his time deplore,
Naming it new and little and obscure,
Ignoble, and unfit for lofty deeds.
All times were modern in the time of them,
And this no more than others. Do thy part
Here in the living day, as did the great
Who made the old days immortal! So shall men,
Gazing back to this far-loomed hour,
Say: "Then the time, when men were truly
men;
Though wars grew less, their spirits met the
test
Of new conditions; conquering civic wrong;
Saving the State anew by virtuous lives;
Guarding the country's honor as their own;
And their own as their country's and their sons;
Defying leagued fraud with single truth;
Not fearing loss; and daring to be pure.
When error through the land raged like a pest,
They calmed the madness caught from mind to
mind
By wisdom drawn from old, and counsel sane;
And as the martyrs of the ancient world
Gave Death for man, so nobly gave they Life;
Those the great days, and that the heroic age."

—Richard Watson Gilder.

NOTES.

—The elections are over.

—Now let us get down to earnest work.

—The order is good for you, it is good for your friend; invite him to join, show him the right road.

—Any one can find fault, but it takes capacity, effort and heart to help. Stand up and be counted with the helpers.

—The interest has been well sustained during the campaign just passed. Our work has not suffered as much as we had feared.

—We are all co-partners in this great work, and when we labor to advance the interests of our Order we are advancing our own interests.

—Let us do our duty and pray that we may do our duty here, now, to-day; not in dreamy sweetness, but in active energy; not in the green oasis of the future but in the dusty desert of the present; not in the imaginations of others where, but in the realities of now.—*F. W. Far-rar.*



GEORGE MACLEAN ROSE, P.G.W.P.

Bro. George Maclean Rose, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, whose portrait appears above, departed his life on February 10th, 1898.

He was one of the best known and most highly respected members of the Order in the jurisdiction of North America. He filled the office of Most Worthy Associate and his name has appeared for many years on the most important committees of the National Division.

Our deceased brother was born in the Royal Berg of Wick, Caithnesshire, Scotland, on March 14th, 1829, and learned the printing trade and gained great prominence in the printing business of Canada, as well as holding important positions in various financial corporations.

As an evidence of the high place he held in public life we clip the following editorial which appeared in the *Daily Globe*.

THE LATE GEO. M. ROSE.

That was a great concourse of people that followed Geo. M. Rose to Mount Pleasant. It is rarely that a funeral, even in Toronto, elicits such remarkable demonstration of popular sympathy and public respect. The deceased was a man of genial and noble character, and unblemished business integrity, of life-long zeal for social reform. He had, too, much of the character of the sturdy old pioneers of civil and religious liberty, of whom Whittier has said:—

"Nor lie from throne or altar shakes
Their sturdy faith in man."

He has finished a good deal of useful life, left a name untarnished, a record of fair and honorable dealing among his fellows; and while the night came all too soon, he lived long enough to leave some enduring marks of his presence among us for nearly a third of a century."

The funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends, and members of the benevolent and fraternal Orders with which he was identified. The Sons of Temperance were well represented and contributed a beautiful floral triangle in red and white roses and violets. Bro. Rose had been G.W.P. of both Ontario and Quebec. Since his removal to this Province he has been a member of Ontario Division, No. 26, Toronto.

The funeral services at the house where conducted by Rev. Oscar B. Hawes, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, with which Mr. Rose was connected. Rev. Dr. Milligan also assisted at the services. The pall-bearers were the six sons of the deceased, Daniel A. Rose, George M. Rose, William M. Rose, Fred W. Rose, Dr. M. C. Rose and R. H. Rose. The employees of the Hunter-Rose Company attended the funeral in a body, while the officers and employees of the Ontario Bank, of which the deceased was Director, were also in attendance. The funeral proceeded to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the remains were deposited in the receiving vault.

The picture shown was taken in his library a few weeks prior to his decease.

THE CAMPAIGN.

This editorial clipped from the *Montreal Star*,
hits the nail on the head.

THE PLEBISCITE.

"There is a disposition on the part of most governments in Canada federal and provincial, to shirk the prohibition question. This is not altogether unnatural; governments are human devices, and prohibition as a political issue offers a maxim of risk with a minimum of possible party profit. Consequently practical politicians sit up late at night to devise new methods of humbugging the temperance vote. The present Government now stands definitely committed to take a plebiscite on the prohibition question. Inferentially if not directly it also stands committed in the event of the people of Canada declaring against the liquor traffic, to the introduction of a prohibitory law.

A very large number of the voters of Canada have demanded a poll on the question of prohibition, and have been promised a poll, and are entitled to have it without any more humbugging. They are entitled also to an honest, straightforward ballot, without any frills upon it. In a plebiscite there should be no possibility of the voter being confused by the wording of the ballot, or of the Government having any opportunity to misunderstand the meaning of the vote.

The one question to ask the voter in a plebiscite on prohibition is: "Are you in favor of prohibition?" And the answer should be "Yes" or "No."

Any other interesting questions might be left over for another day. There should be no confusion of issues in the plebiscite. Those who believe that prohibition involves direct taxation have every opportunity of educating the electorate on that point before the vote is taken. A plebiscite which resulted in a majority in favor of prohibition and a majority against direct taxation would be of no practical use to anybody. The right thing to do is to give the Canadian people credit for average intelligence and common sense and to assume that if they vote for prohibition they know and are prepared to take the consequences."

There was a time when the temperance movement was largely the struggle of a few poor victims of the traffic to free themselves. That day has passed. The reform has become a part of the religious faith of this nation, and in spite of all the sophistries and work of the drunkard-makers and their advisors and abettors, the day is not far distant when a state will no sooner license a man to carry on a business to debauch the loved ones of the women of this land than it will license a man to steal the jewels from their jewel cases.—John B. Finch.

Said Abraham Lincoln: "All rational men are agreed that intemperance is the greatest evil that afflicts humanity." And so the busi-

ness of producing intemperance must be a nefarious business, and ought to be abolished. That the saloon of to-day is the home of this business nobody denies, and yet it is not only tolerated but legalized, and so in the eyes of the law is just as honorable as a dry goods house or any other like business. Is not this a political monstrosity?

Not only do the poor suffer from intemperance; all classes are its victims. Where goes your tax money? To pay policemen for arresting the products of those drunkard factories, to pay asylums and prisons for holding the wrecks of humanity. Seventy-five to eighty-five per cent. of the inmates of these places are there on account of drink. Business men suffer from its ravages. Enter into that house where the drunken father has left the impress of cold poverty; a broken stove, a few shattered chairs, ragged children, empty cup-board, dirt and filth greet your eyes. Had not that man's money gone to the saloon, it would have gone to the hardware house for a stove, to the tailor for clothes, to the grocer for food, to the carpenter for furniture, to the painter, the butcher, to every honest trader, but not to the saloon.—Rev. Father Doyle.

From the official reports it is shown that the number of licenses of all kinds issued in Ontario in 1874 were 6,185. In 1890 there were 3,523. Each year since then there has been a gradual decrease until in 1897 there were only 3,096. This is, in a sense gratifying, but there are yet nearly 4,000 too many bars in this Province. Since 1890 there has been a most encouraging decrease in the commitments for drunkenness. Here are the figures for each successive year, 4,573, 3,614, 2,736, 2,674, 2,273, 2,237, 1,907, 1,716.

Mr. William H. Orr writes:—"How is it with Toronto and Cambridge, Mass., comparatively speaking? We have 150 hotels to about 200,000 people. Cambridge had about 125 to about 80,000 people. In 1880 Massachusetts adopted a local option law requiring an annual vote. In 1886 Cambridge carried "no license" at the annual election, and it has done the same for twelve successive years by large majorities. From the very first the law has been strictly enforced, and with most happy results. Cambridge is the seat of Harvard University, with 3,674 students in attendance. Before 1886 members of the faculty ordinarily served wine at their receptions to students, and many of the boys got more or less drunk. At one of these receptions given by Professor Parsons of the law school a lot of the students got so beastly drunk that they had to be shut up in a room like a lot of wild animals and kept under guard during the rest of the evening. They had to submit to a stern invasion of their 'personal liberty,' as thousands of 'drunks' have to do in Canada under license. Drinking at Harvard is now said to be practically confined to what are known as social clubs, to which the latest

catalogue shows that not 10 per cent. of the students belong. What has been done in Cambridge in banishing the legal sale of liquor from 125 places ought easily to be done in Toronto or Montreal. The population is much larger and the drink-selling has already been reduced to a very much smaller factor in our make-up than it was in Cambridge. There would be no such 'explosion and recoil against temperance,' as Principal Grant predicts. There was nothing of the sort when 83 hotel and 84 shop licenses were cut off in Toronto in 1876; nor when 66 more hotels and 50 more shops were prohibited from selling in 1887; nor when wholesale licenses were cut down, somewhat gradually, it is true, from 39 to 9, their present number; nor when 16 vessel licenses were reduced to 10, then to 3, and finally totally prohibited in 1890. Nor was there any such fanciful results in Portland or Topeka. Ample notice is being given, and will be given, so that these depending for a living upon the evil business can turn their present bars to some account, as stores or offices, or restaurants. And in doing so they will all have a reasonable measure of compensation, in remission of the heavy license fees. Their licenses have cost them the past year in Toronto the large sum of \$75,520.75, of which the Province received \$43,033.51 and the city \$32,487.24."

Great Britain and Ireland have turned out 54,622,706 gallons of whiskey in 1897, over 5,000,000 gallons more than in the previous year. Of this 32,126,238 gallons were consumed in the United Kingdom, and 4,790,181 gallons exported. There are 193 distilleries at work in Scotland, 23 in Ireland, 9 in England and 1 Wales.

A TYPICAL CRITIC OF PROHIBITION.

A gentleman from western New York was introduced at my house a few weeks ago; he wished me said, for information about Prohibition. I said:

"How long have you been in town?"

"I have been here a week."

"Then you must have seen and heard enough to enable you to form an opinion about it. What do you think of it?"

"I think it is a failure."

"Where are you stopping?"

"At the Plymouth Hotel."

"Do they sell liquor there?"

"No, I tried to get some and could not."

"Did you try anywhere else?"

"I went to the barber's shop and asked if he could tell me where I could get a drink, and he said he did not know any such places."

"Well, you've been here a week and have tried your best to get a drink and have failed. Why do you think Prohibition a failure?"

"One morning I was in the park and saw a drunken man with a bottle and from that I saw that Prohibition was a failure."

"If you had seen in a morning paper an account of the conviction of a thief, would you

conclude our criminal laws to be a failure and suggest their repeal and a license instead?"

"Oh, no; that is different."

"Do you know if that drunken man came here from Boston in the early morning steamer with the bottle in his pocket or that he bought it here?"

"No, I do not know about that."

"There is not one hundred part so much liquor sold in Portland now as there was before the law, and the city is twice larger than it was then. Doesn't that indicate the law to be a great success?"

"No, to my mind it is a failure."

"Consumption is a fatal disease; it kills all whom it attacks. Suppose somebody should announce a cure for it and on trial it was found to cure nearly ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, would you consider the remedy a failure?"

He made me no answer but took his hat and left.

I said "Good morning," instead of, "What a fool you are."—Neal Dow.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Platt Hinman, D.G.W.P. of Grafton, writes in sending in subscription: "I am glad the G.D. has encouraged your effort. I have taken a temperance paper for 50 years, and hope to be a member as long as I live, and die in the harness." Bro. Hinman also sends the Xmas number of "The Baptist," containing an historical sketch of the Haldimand church, where he has attended service for seventy years. He is one of the oldest members of the Order we have, and has never wavered in his opposition to the traffic and drinking customs.

Bro. Carswell reports that he has not had so successful a series of meetings for years as he had in Durham in February. From the local correspondence in the "Bowmanville Statesman," we clip the following:—

HAMPTON.

Mr. E. Carswell, the well-known temperance lecturer, delivered one of his popular lectures here on Tuesday evening. Everyone was delighted.

TYRONE.

Those who heard Carswell on Thursday evening were unanimous in saying they never heard him do so well.

BLACKSTOCK.

An excellent temperance lecture was delivered Friday night in the Methodist church by the silver tongued veteran of temperance, Mr. E. Carswell, and although time has laid his snowy hand on him, he still retains the vigor and eloquence of his younger life. His lecture was impressive, interesting and instructive, and his sallies of wit and life-like imitations caused even the most serious to laugh.

Miss Mabel Pascoe distinguished herself by "spelling down" the whole of Solina Division in an old-fashioned spelling bee.

Bro. W. G. Spence and other friends of Lowville have been doing some active missionary work in Halton.

We regret to record the death of our late brother, James Graham of Georgetown Division, who was accidentally killed on the farm of Bro. Buck at Omagh. He was an able and energetic worker, and his tragic death has plunged the community in the deepest sorrow.

Bro. Hamilton Young is bestirring himself, and we trust his efforts will be rewarded with success.

Hon. M. A. Hall, of Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed British Vice-Consul for that State. Mr. Hall is a leading barrister in that city being in the firm of Montgomery & Hall. He is an old member of Kettleby Division, and we rejoice in well-merited distinction.

Bro. J. O. McCarthy, business manager of the Record, has been ill of rheumatism, but is again around.

IN MEMORIAM. Francis E. Willard,

BORN, SEPT. 28TH, 1839.

DIED FEB. 17TH, 1898.

"O sacred Truth! thy triumph ceased a while
And Hope, her sister, ceased like thee to smile."

The elections are bad enough, and now we have to contend with another drawback, the Klondyke fever. Bro. Thos. I. Ellis, the popular and hard-working County Deputy of Leeds, is among those who are planning to start for the gold fields in the spring.

Look out for the portrait this issue.

The health of the Grand Scribe, Bro. W. H. Bewell, has not been good during the past few months, and has made the work of his office very arduous.

Our old friend, Bro. Samuel Smith, D.G.W.P. of Beaverdams, has had a serious attack of La Grippe, but is now on a fair way to recovery.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Each Division should arrange to have proper installation of their officers in April. When possible the County or Provincial Deputy should be called upon to conduct it. It is a very good plan for neighboring Divisions to inter-visit on installation night and hold a joint installation. A public installation well conducted, with a few good speeches, etc., makes a beneficial function.

FROM OTHER FIELDS.

The February number of "The Sons of Temperance," official organ of the National Division of Great Britain is to hand. In next issue we will give interesting matter from it.

From a copy of the "Elizabeth Daily Journal," of February, we notice that Lincoln Division in that city celebrated the 98th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a banquet. Their fine hall on the Lyceum building never presented a more patriotic appearance, and the function throughout is highly praised. The tables were set in the form of a triangle, and other decorations were emblematical. We regret space will not permit a fuller report. Among those present were some who had personal acquaintance with the great Lincoln.

The Grand Division of California is showing some vigor. Bro. A. B. Taynton, G.W.P., of Berkley, Cal., reports that the D.G. has decided to subscribe for a copy of some temperance paper for each new member who joins in their jurisdiction.

We are pleased to see the names of several of the most active young men in the National Division mentioned in connection with notable public events. Among those are Bro. Neil and J. S. McLeod, Geo. M. Mannfield of New Jersey, C. S. V. Pierce of New Jersey.

A New District Division was organized for the County of Digby on Dec. 7th, which starts out enthusiastically.

Bro. W. S. Sanders has our thanks for a very attractive calendar, issued by "Mayflower Division," Halifax. This Division is celebrating its Jubilee Year. The calendar, which is handsomely printed in two colors, has the name, place and night of meeting of the Division in large type, and will no doubt attract members to it.

Pennsylvania.—From private sources we learn that some good work is being done. The coal mines are shut down, which interfere with progress, but all are hopeful of a report showing gains at the next session of their Grand Division, which will be like old times of rejoicing in that jurisdiction.

Indiana.—It is good news that comes from this new field. Bros. John Bushell and Wm. Seymour have been at work there for some months with gratifying success. On Jan. 17th a Grand Division was instituted, twenty-five subordinate divisions being in the jurisdiction. Bro. F. M. Bradley, P. M. W. P., represented the National Division. Bros. Bushell and Seymour will be remembered by many in Ontario, where they did good work last year.

Vienna Div. (long may she live!) sends in the largest list—35. Other Divisions that have done nobly are Northcote, Prescott, Renfrew, Jacksonville, Florida, Horton, Enterprise and Stroud.

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Coldstream Division, No. 212—Tuesday, Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Avenue.
Excelsior Division, No. 28—Thursday, at 1694 Bathurst St.
Harmony Union Division, No. 44—Thursday, Douglas Hall, Cor. Bloor and Bathurst Sts.
St. Albans Division, No. 211—Friday, McMath's Hall, Corner Queen and O'Hara Avenue.
Orient Division, No. 213—Friday, Prospect Hall, Cor. Prospect and Ontario Sts.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Do not fall into the error of imagining that your Division is not exerting an influence. Do your part, and the results will follow as surely as cause precedes effect. The following letters were received by the editor, who is a member of a Division in a little hamlet where it might be expected that its modest work would be confined to a narrow circle.

During its 43 years of existence it has initiated men who have gone into almost every State and Province on the Continent, and their obligations to live lives of virtue and sobriety have surely been beneficial. The influence that goes out can never be estimated. Persevere in Love, Purity and Fidelity!

PROVISIONAL BATTALION,
SHORNCLIFFE, ENGLAND.

Jan. 22st, 1898.

Dear Friend—I suppose you think I am dead, but I am not

After being unsettled for some time, I have joined the Imperial Army. I have enlisted in the Dorsetshire Reg. of Infantry to serve 7 years with the colors, and 3 in the reserve There are two canteens in camp, but they are no temptation to me, as the Order of the Sons of Temperance has instilled a love of temperance in my breast.

I often think of the pleasant times spent in the Division room on Saturday nights Tell the Division that Bro. Nelson is not dead but living, and in a red coat, and that I long once more to be with my old associates. I may be drafted for foreign service very soon, but if not, I'll save my money and come over on furlough

I remain, Yours,

HARRY NELSON.

16 FORSYTH ST.,
ROTHERITHE, LONDON, ENGL.,
8th October, 1897.

Dear Sir and Bro.—

I arrived in London after a fourteen days' voyage I shipped on the Montezuma, a large four masted vessel I have been in London a little over two weeks. I am getting along first-rate so far, and I expect to be in South Africa before long My ship will be trading between London and Montreal about April, so I will have a chance of coming back to Kettleby once more and see the folks Is the Division getting on as prosperous as ever? I think I am still in good standing. I don't touch drink, and I hope I never will. Yours truly,

WILLIAM BLOMBERG.

The following circular letter, which is sent out to some Divisions by Bro. Weeks, is so good that we publish it :—

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA,

Feb. 15th, 1898.

Dear Sisters and Brothers.—

My thoughts go out to your Division very often, and as I see and hear evidences of growing activity along the line of our noble philanthropy, I would like to say a few words to you by way of encouragement.

In a world so full of selfish greed, those favored spots beside the living springs of God's eternal love are like green oases in the barren desert, to refresh the weary traveller and give hope and comfort to the despairing. These cool retreats and happy bower must not, however, lull us to inglorious sleep. The time for action is upon us, with its opportunities and responsibilities. The cause of Prohibition is meeting new foes in unexpected quarters. This treason within the gates instead of discouraging us should fix more firmly our stern resolve to stand by our guns and fight the enemy to the last ditch.

Upon the Division will fall the first brunt of battle. Every power and gift within the order should be developed and strengthened by exercise. Get up Grant and Lucas discussions (if you can find a Grant), to store up your powder and sharpen your steel.

Hold frequent open meetings and awaken your neighborhood; get what help you can, enlist every influence, distribute literature systematically through appointed committees; let every Division room be at once a campaign centre, a magazine of ammunition, and an impregnable fortress to resist attacks and rally the forces.

Finally brethren, I would urge you to push our Organ, the Sons of Temperance Record, as a means of keeping you posted in matters relating to the Order, as well as a good campaign sheet for influence outside, to give information, preserve the bond of union among the Divisions, and furnish golden link between the different branches of the Order. With sincere wishes for your continued growth and prosperity, I remain yours in the bonds of L. P. and F.

A. D. WEEKS,
Grand Treas.

TO OUR LOYAL CRUSADERS.

By EDWARD CARSWELL.

Our lives are formed by little things
All good and evil deeds
All happiness and sorrows grow
From very little seeds.

The glass of cider, cigarette
The naughty word, the lie,
Or stolen penny make the thief
Or drunkard by and bye.

A smile or frown, a hope or doubt,
A kindly word or cross,
Such little thing make up in life
Its profits and its loss.

The object of our paper is
To scatter seeds of truth
To bless the Gleaners by and by
As gleaning blessed a Ruth.

And you my patrons young and old
Must be the drops of rain
To make our Country sweet with flowers
And rich with golden grain

To feed the heart, the brain and soul
And not alone for bread
For when the heart and head are right
The hungry will be fed.

Thus may we grow in Knowledge, Love
In Loyalty and Worth
Until our people like our land
Shall be the best on earth.

CRUSADER'S DEPARTMENT.

Company B, of Coldstream Division, had a sleigh drive drive on the 16th around Toronto, and attracted a good deal of attention by singing the enlistment odes.

Excelsior Division started a Company of Crusaders, "D," on evening of 21st February.

Bro. Dan. Stephens, bugler at Stanley Barracks, is drill instructor for Co., "A," Toronto.

Co. "A," St. Catherines, under charge of Grantham Division, reports good success.

In next issue we will publish the conditions upon which the Banner, that has been kindly promised by Mrs. Livingstone will be awarded. This banner is to be given at next Grand Division to the best company in Ontario. Worthy Commanders and others will please take note of this and prepare for the fray.

All companies that have called off during the winter season should now lay plans to resume as soon as the weather is favorable. No company must be disbanded in our Jubilee Year.

We expect to have a boom in this department during the next few months.

JUBILEE RALLIES.

On June 21st occurs the 50th anniversary of the Grand Division of Ontario. Throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction we desire the event to be observed in an auspicious manner. In next issue we will make some suggestions, and we will be pleased to receive ideas from friends.

Let us make the Order felt this year.

Every man who cherishes the cause and loves the Order will put his shoulder to the wheel for the next few months.

ANNUAL SESSION NORTH YORK DISTRICT DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the North York District Division S. of T. was held in the Grange Hall, Yonge Street, on Friday, Feb. 11th, 1898. In spite of the almost impassable roads about 100 delegates were present at the afternoon meeting. The members of Enterprise Division had their rooms tastefully decorated for the occasion, and their warm hospitality added much to the pleasure of the convention. Representatives were present from Keswick, Sharon, Pine Orchard, Enterprise, Glenville, Kettleby, King City, Laskay and visitors from Stroud and Siloam. The meeting was harmonious and very enthusiastic. The officers reports showed a gain of 56 in membership during the past quarter, and all divisions doing active work, except two at the present time. A resolution of condolence was passed and conveyed to the family of the late Bro. Geo. McLean Rose, of Toronto, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch of Ontario, whose death occurred the previous day. His honorable career in the Order covered a period of over 40 years. Resolutions were passed: 1st—Protesting for a fair straight ballot for or against prohibition in the plebiscite vote about to be taken, and demanding that no questions complicating the issue be attached. 2nd—Recommending the calling of a mass meeting at an early date of all friends of the movement for the purpose of organizing the riding for the plebiscite campaign, and pledging hearty co-operation. 3rd—Regretting the practices common in military canteens, and urging more stringent regulations. There are 11 Divisions in this district and two companies of Loyal Crusaders, the juvenile organization. The election of officers resulted thus:

D.W.P.—R. W. Wood, Aurora.
D.W.A.—Mrs. Henry Mears, Enterprise.
D.S.—Selby Draper, Keswick.
D.T.—W. T. Playter, Pine Orchard.
Chap.—Daniel O'Brien, Laskay.
Con.—Frank Doan, Glenville.
Sent.—Robt. White, Nobleton.
Supt. Y.P.W.—Mrs. H. Teasdale, King City.
P.D.W.P.—A. McCallum, Laskay.

The officers elect were duly installed by Bro. J. M. Walton, Grand Worthy Patriarch, assisted by Bro. Dyke, of Siloam, as G.C. Rain fell heavily in the evening, but the audience filled the hall. Bro. A. McCallum occupied the chair. The programme was long, and the talent

was of exceptional excellence. Nearly every Division contributed to the programme. Addresses were delivered by Bros. W. Maneer, Stroud; Rev. W. H. Chidley, Newmarket; S. Holland, Aurora; A. J. Hughes, Sharon, and J. M. Walton, Kettleby. Kettleby Division was awarded the District trophy for making the best gain during the term. The presentation was made at the evening meeting by Bro. R. W. Wood, the newly elected District Worthy Patriarch, and was received by Bro. F. W. Heacock, on behalf of the Division.

NEW DISTRICT DIVISION ORGANIZED FOR SOUTH SIMCOE,

Delegates from Bondhead, Thornton and Stroud Divisions Sons of Temperance, met in Temperance Hall, Stroud, on Tuesday, 8th inst., for the purpose of forming a District Division for South Simcoe. Bro. S. Holland, Aurora, presided, representing the G.W.P. The following brethren were duly elected District Officers for the current term:—

Bro. J. W. Henry, Thornton, D.W.P.
" W. K. Ogilvie, Bondhead, D.W.A.
" H. Young, Stroud, D.R.S.
" W. Brown, " D.L.
" W. Manur, " D. Chap.
" E Jeffs, Bondhead, D. Con.
" B. Cunningham, Thornton, D. Sent.
" Geo. Maneer, Stroud, Past D.W.P.

Committees were also appointed to arrange fraternal visits, and also to find out where new Divisions can be organized, and to re-organize dormant Divisions if possible. Short addresses from each of the officers present, and from Bro. Holland followed, and altogether it was a very successful meeting, and speaks well for the prosperity of the Temperance cause in South Simcoe.

It was agreed to meet every four months. The next meeting to be held at Thornton about the first week in June next.

There was also a mass meeting held in the evening in the same Hall. Bro. James Black occupying the chair in his usual happy manner. The Hall was crowded to overflowing with a very appreciative audience, showing that Temperance sentiment runs very high in this vicinity. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. W. R. McIntosh, from Allandale, who gave an excellent Temperance address, and one that will not soon be forgotten.

Brs. Holland also gave a very instructive address. The following also took part in the programme, and contributed in no small way to the evening's enjoyment:—Miss B. Duncan, Miss G. Barclay, Messrs. Peters, Johnston and Cunningham. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the company singing God save the Queen.

The Divisions in East Simcoe District are active and practical. Having won the G. D. Trophy last year, they evidently propose that so far as they are concerned it shall remain in that District for some time.

EXIT 1897! ENTER 1898.

From *The Son of Temperance*, of Great Britain and Ireland.

Gone, gone, and for ever! the year now is over,
Has slipped from our grasp, with its record
so clear;

Say, say, does it please us, as conning it over,
We earnestly study this book of the year?

Irrevocably fixed are the pages now written,
Those subjects of happiness, gratitude, fear!
Oh! let us so write that our hearts ne'er be
smitten

With ought that shall fill our new book of
the year.

The Master has called to his home all too early,
Has summoned away those whose names we
revere; [clearly,
Can we, when the call comes, respond to it
And joy with full hearts in our book of the
year?

Dow, Raper, and Lees, what a glorious trio!
Have lain down the banner whose cause we
hold dear;
Say, who shall be worthy, who proves him a Leo,
Who follows with such a grand book of the
year?

Nay, nay, not to many occasions thus offer,
'Tis only a few can compel men to hear;
Yet all *may* take part in our glorious warfare,
And each *must* make up his own book of the
year.

Go, go, then, for ever, the year that is over,
And with the dead past bury all cause for
fear;
Who wills it succeeds, and may help ever hover
Around you to write a good book of the year.

—*Fred. H. Craelay.*

HALTON DISTRICT DIVISION.

The meeting of Halton District Division was held at Palermo on the 19th of January.

The session was well attended, each Division being represented by the full number of delegates to which it was entitled, and there being about 40 visitors present, as well. Though there is a slight decrease in membership, yet there seems no lack of interest in the Order, and vigorous steps are being taken by the appointing of two members from each Division to act as organizers to extend the work in different parts of the county.

As it was thought that the Sons of Temperance Record was one of the best mediums for extending the interest in the Order, it was decided that the D.D. procure ten copies for each Division for outside distribution, and recommended that each Division procure enough copies to supply one to each family.

Bro. Caswell, M.W.P., honored the D.D. by his presence, and gave an able address of interest to all Sons of Temperance.

An excellent programme was provided by the various Divisions for the evening's entertainment, which was well attended, the receipts amounting to \$33.

The officers elected for the coming year are:—
D.W.P.—E. F. Nixon, Ashgrove.

D.W.A.—Mrs. Lillie Waldbrook, Sheridan.

D. Scribe.—S. D. Jarvis, Palermo.

D. Treas.—T. E. Wrinch, Bronte.

D. Chap.—Mrs. McCrimmon, Palermo.

D. Con.—Frank Spence, Lowville.

D. Sen.—Austin Buck, Omagh.

D. Supt. Y.P. Work.—Miss G. Buck, Palermo.

D.P.W.P.—W. G. Spence, Lowville.

GRENVILLE DISTRICT DIVISION.

The annual session was held at Kemptville on Feb. 1st.

The severe storm prevented many from being present, but reports were in from all the Divisions, and the net gain was 36 for the District.

Spencerville only showed a loss, and if the returns had been made up to date they would have shown a gain of 50.

The newly elected officers are:—

D.W.P.—Bro. Walter Martin, Kemptville.

D.S.—Bro. Jas. E. Coates, Prescott.

D.T.—T. Bennett, Spencerville.

Chap.—A. W. Carpenter, North Augusta.

The evening meeting, which it was expected would have to be cancelled on account of the storm, turned out much beyond expectations, and will do much to help the cause in this enterprising town.

LANARK DISTRICT DIVISION.

The meeting of the District Division for Lanark County was held on the 3rd inst., but was not as successful as we expected it would be, only representatives from Clyde Division, No. 409; Aberdeen Division, No. 113, and Middleville, No. 396, being present. We had a very severe storm in this region all day, on the 1st Feb., and the delegates from the Perth, Almonte, Watson's Corners, McDonald's Corners and Drummond Centre, who had intended to be present, were unable so come, owing to the conditions of the roads. However, we had about 30 delegates present, and considered it best to go on with the business of the meeting.

The officers for the past year were retained in office for another year, with the exception of the Treasurer, Bro. Nelson Affleck, who had resigned, and is succeeded by Bro. John Cummings of Watson's Corners.

Action was taken to have temperance literature wisely distributed through the County during the present year, in order to prepare the people for the coming Plebiscite Campaign.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Poland, on or about the 20th June next, when it is expected a public picnic will be held, and the Executive were directed to request the G.W.P. to be present on that occasion.

A very enjoyable public meeting was held in the evening. Stirring and practical addresses

being delivered by Rev. J. L. Alexander, of Middleville Division, and by Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Clyde Division, interspersed with readings, songs, etc., of an appropriate nature, and, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the net sum of \$7.10 of a silver collection was added to the District Treasury.

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AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

Cooksville held an open Division on Feb. 23rd.

Toronto Junction held a very successful Box Social on Thursday evening, Jan. 27th.

Nobleton Div. has prepared the drama "The Heroic Dutchmen of 1776," and have played it very creditably at adjacent points.

Harmony Union No. 44 held its Second Grand Concert in Broadway Hall, Toronto, on Feb. 7th. Mr. J. S. Robertson, president Canadian Temperance League, presided.

Palermo Div. has subscribed for enough Records to provide one copy for each family represented. This is an example we wish others would follow.

Malton Div. held an open Division on 25th Feb. They intend to put new vigor into their work.

From the *Statesman*, in which has appeared a "History of (Blackstock) Cartwright's Capital—Ancient and Modern—we clip the following:—

"The Sons of Temperance Division is also flourishing and the results are very encouraging. The Society was organized here March 10, 1892, and has now over eighty members on the roll, while the Treasurer's pocket book "laughs and grows fat." New members are being initiated at almost every meeting. Debates and contests of very entertaining and instructive character are frequent occurrences and interest is continually kept to a high pitch. The display of talent is very creditable and the improvement made in various ways by active workers is most gratifying from an intellectual standpoint. Meetings are held in the basement of the Methodist church.

The officers for the current quarter are: P. W. P.—W. Swain; W. P.—N. Marlow; W. A.—Lila Taylor; R. S.—Albert Bercock; A. R.S.—Virgie Hooey; F.S.—Jas. Bruce; Treas.—Fred. Hyland; Chap.—H. Kelly; Con.—

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Stella Holmes; Assist. Con.—Bert. Wood; I.S.—Minnie Beacock; O.S.—William Taylor; Organist—Lottie McDonald.

Company "A" Loyal Crusaders was organized in connection with the Division about four years ago. The present Worthy Commander is Miss E. E. Parks; Vice Commander, Lottie McDonald; Chap., Maud Parks; Secy. Treas., Virgie Hooey. Nearly fifty names are on the roll; meetings are held Friday afternoons in the basement of the Methodist church. With such a band being trained in teetotal principles by competent and earnest leaders there are very hopeful prospects for the temperance cause in these parts.

Newburg is in good trim for work. They have purchased a new organ this month. A supply of literature has been ordered and will be well distributed. A strict adherence to the law is being insisted on and the liquor vendors will do well to observe.

Bro. Weeks, of Woodville, son of our popular G. Treas., has organized a new Div. at Victoria Road.

Chaudiere Div., Ottawa, has perhaps, as large a corps of veterans as any Div. in the Province. With an enlistment of good recruits this could be one of the most substantial and aggressive Divisions in Ontario.

Orono Div. was instituted in 1850 and has had an unbroken record. They initiated six candidates on 26th inst. Bro. Robt. Knox is the deputy.

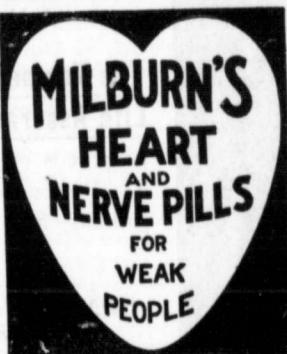
Glenville Div. is preparing for a grand concert on Mar. 10th.

A grand concert and entertainment was held in Temperance Hall, Hornby, on Friday evening, February 4th, under the auspices of Hornby Division, No. 216. Mr. Fred. Wrigglesworth, W.P. of Hornby Division, presided. The entertainment was brought to a close with the farce, "Rooney's Restaurant," by Hornby Division Dramatic Club, which brought forth roars of laughter, after which the audience sang God save the Queen. Bro. G. E. Buck, who is an old Halton boy, made his first appearance before a Hornby audience as a public speaker, and delivered a very able address on the origin, objects and aims of our Grand Old Order. Should Bro. Buck ever visit Hornby again, he may be sure of a hearty welcome. This was the eighth annual concert held in connection with this Division, and was one of the most successful ever held. The proceeds amounted to \$25.00, the admission fee being only 15 cents, those taking part in the programme being admitted free. Ten initiations besides a number of good propositions is the record of Hornby Division for the month of January. With this kind of work kept up during the next six or seven months, Hornby Division ought to stand a good chance of winning the Carswell banner this year. At the regular meeting of the Division, held on Friday evening, February 11th, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy

with the family of our late Bro. G. M. Rose, P.G.W.P., of Toronto, and we take this means of extending to them our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement. By the decease of Bro. Rose, our Order has lost one of its most faithful and energetic workers.

Among those who assisted were Miss K. Steen, Streetsville; Miss Sibbald, Cooksville; Mr. Jas. Doughty, Toronto; A. E. Treadgold, Miss Orr, Brampton, and the Hornby orchestra. The Division Dramatic Club presented two dialogues that were well received.

Harmony Union Division, No. 44, held a most successful concert recently in Broadway Hall. Mr. J. S. Robertson presided.



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