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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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SONG OF THE TEMPERANCE ARMY.

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

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

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

With hearts aglow with pity
For the tempted ones who fall,
And with arms outstretched to rescue
Wounded friend or foe, or all.
We are pledged to do our utmost
To break down this tyrant's thrall ;
Ne'er "Am I my brother's keeper ?"
Be our answer to God's call !
See, bright from many a hill-top
New camp fires flash and blow ;
From rank and file and tented field
Hear songs of victory go !
Shout answers, shout, a wave of sound
Breaks an impetuous flow— [ing] ;
"All hail !" "What cheer !" "Tis morn-
"We are conquering the foe !"

NOTES.

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

—Its results will be known in December.

—Remember that good intentions will not pay the printers.

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

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

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

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

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

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

TEMPERANCE ELECTORS AROUSE!

NOW IS THE HOUR TO ACT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote as you pray.

THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

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

ITS BRANCHES.

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

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

it is vested the supreme power of the Order in North America.

The National Division is the law-making body, promulgates the rituals and ceremonies, prescribes the regalia and badges, and its presiding officer issues the passwords for the year. The National Division of North America meets annually, and it has also chartered National Divisions for Great Britain and Ireland, Australasia, and Victoria and South Australia.

Each branch has its appropriate work and together they form a perfect unity, vigorous and effective for the spread of Temperance, Fraternity and Charity.

In Ontario an excellent system of District Divisions is in operation. These are composed of the Subordinate Divisions in certain specified Districts. Representatives are elected and meet as a rule quarterly, for the purpose of making the acquaintance of the co-workers in their District, for counsel, encouragement and inspiration in carrying on the work. This branch of our organization has no legislative functions, but serves a very useful purpose in binding and cementing the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

It has no privileged classes; it enrolls under its tri-colored banner all ranks in society. Women have every right and privilege accorded to any member, and are eligible to every office in the gift of the Order. It recognizes no distinction on account of race, sex, color, or former condition, but all are alike equal, and all join in the common purpose of promoting the public weal and overthrowing the wrongs of intemperance from which the world suffers.

It admits to membership persons of fourteen years of age and upwards, and its quarterly dues and initiatory fees are regulated by the local or Subordinate Division. Its membership is loyal and devoted to the extension of the Order, and it aims to bring to the discussion of this problem, intelligence, patriotism and true heroism.

The Order not only enjoins total abstinence, but it takes all legitimate and honorable means to suppress and prohibit the manufacture of and the traffic in intoxicating beverages, and will never rest satisfied until the annihilation of the drink system is secured.

ITS CEREMONIES.

The Order is made attractive by impressive ceremonies, and a solemn admonition, to so live as to make men better—consequently happier. While classed among the "secret" temperance societies, it is destitute in its mystic features of either sign, grip or degree. It is purely a voluntary association with just and explicit laws.

The ritual service is brief, including admonitions from the Bible, elevating moral precepts, and the refining influence of music.

THE ORDER IS EDUCATIONAL.

No person can fill the various official positions without practically fitting himself or herself for the various duties and positions in public

life outside of the Order in civil, social, municipal, political and religious organizations.

Under the "Good of the Order," readings, declamations, debates, music and other literary exercises are introduced. The relation of the temperance reform to every phase of social, moral, political and religious life is discussed; thus are taught the principles of total abstinence, justice, truth, good government, morality and religion. Temperance literature is widely circulated by the Order at large.

MUTUAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Sons of Temperance National Mutual Relief Society is conducted as a business enterprise. The admission fee is small and the assessments are equitably graded. The insurance is mutual and for safety and economy is excelled by none and equalled by few. An insurance from \$100 to \$2,000 is given. It is a valuable auxiliary in Propagation Work and merits and should receive the hearty support of the Order.

LOYAL CRUSADERS.

The Loyal Crusaders, our children's organization, is new in all respects. It is an open society with a simple and beautiful ritual, with banners, badges and attractive supplies. Each Subordinate Division is required to have a Superintendent of Young Peoples Work, and should at once organize a company of Loyal Crusaders. This branch of the work is rapidly pushing itself to the front. If the boys and girls are enlisted the future strength of the Order is assured. The desire of the National Division is to make the Loyal Crusaders the brightest, happiest, and most aggressive children's organization in the world.

AN INVITATION.

The Sons of Temperance co-operate with all other temperance organizations, either secret or open, and by the influence of Love, Purity and Fidelity, strive to make happy homes, pure lives, and more exalted characters, thus hastening the day when peace, temperance and righteousness shall triumph over war, intemperance and sin.

Will you aid us in this beneficent work? Please send your application for membership, giving name and address to any member of the Order in your vicinity; if there is no Subordinate Division in your locality, please communicate with the Grand Scribe whose address is below.

Address of Grand Scribe:

W. H. Bewell, Whitby, Ont.

SPECIAL.

With next issue we will give to each subscriber a copy of the photo engraving of the representatives attending the 49th annual session of the G. D., held at Toronto in December last. It will be printed on heavy toned paper and will be an interesting picture.

WHAT MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING.

Two letters bringing cheer to the Sanctum.

EDITOR RECORD:—Some good brother favored me with the January RECORD and I must tell you how delighted I am with it. I see many society journals, but seldom, indeed, have I seen so much really interesting news of any Order compressed into such small compass. "The success of THE RECORD depends on YOU," met my eye on the 1st page, so I am sending my mite, 25c., because I cannot attend my Division very often and your newsy paper will keep me posted and in touch with the first secret society I ever joined, now a little over 30 years ago. As you suggest, Divisions should first of all order a copy for each family and then appoint a member to send all suitable items to help make THE RECORD interesting to all.

You will be glad to know that although there is no Division in Bowmanville now, the good work done here years ago has borne abundant fruit. When I came here 20 years ago, if my memory serves me right, there were 9 or 10 licensed bars and shops. Now only 2 licenses are issued in this beautiful town.

Wishing you and THE RECORD the success you deserve and trusting that Ontario will lead, I am

Fraternally yours,

M. A. JAMES.

Bowmanville, Jan. 18, 1898.

CAINTOWN, JAN. 12th, 1898.

To the Officers of the Grand Division:

At the meeting of the Life Boat Division, January 8th, was made the following resolution: Moved by Bro. Jas. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. W. G. Connoley, that we the members of Life Boat Division, No. 242 S. of T. desire to convey to the Grand Division our most hearty thanks for the prize of a regalia which was awarded this Division for increased membership."

I do not know that I could convey to you more acceptable tidings than to tell you how much we appreciate your kindness in awarding the prize, and that it will I believe serve as an impetus to make still greater exertion in the way of gathering in new members.

I have pleasure in telling you that on our last night of meeting we initiated eight new members and have on hand several proposals. We are making our Division very interesting and no matter what the weather is we always have a large attendance. We always have visitors as we do lots of visiting. But we not only have a good time socially, but we are doing a work as the friends of the liquor traffic are aware. We have a great work to do and we believe we can do more by co-operating and in uniting our forces than by any other way, and this is what we are doing.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.

I remain

Yours in L. P. and T.,

GEO. L. BUELL.

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THE LOYAL CRUSADERS DEPARTMENT.

BEGIN AT ONCE.

ONLY TEMPERANCE POEM EVER WRITTEN BY
F. R. HAVERGAL.

Begin at once! In the pleasant days,
While we are all together,
While we can join in prayer and praise,
While we can meet for healthful plays,
In the glow of summer weather.
Begin at once, with heart and hand
And swell the ranks of our happy band.

Begin at once! For we do not know
What may befall tomorrow,
Many a tempter, many a foe
Lieth in wait where'er you go,
With the snare that leads to sorrow,
Begin at once, nor doubting stand,
But swell the ranks of our happy band.

Begin at once! There is much to do;
Oh, do not wait for others
Join us to-day!—be brave and true;
Join us to-day!—there's room for you,
And a welcome from your brothers.
Begin at once! for the work is grand
That God has given to our happy band.

Begin at once! In the strength of God!
For that will never fail.
Under His banner, bright and broad,
You shall be safe from fear and fraud,
And from all that can assail you.
Begin at once, with resolute stand,
And swell the ranks of our happy band.

DEAR FRIENDS.—In compliance with the amended laws of the Order every Subordinate Division elects quarterly a Superintendent of Young People's Work. It is the duty of this officer: 1st. To maintain at all times, if not absolutely impossible, a company of Loyal Crusaders in connection with the Division. 2nd. To present to the Division in writing at the close of the quarter a report of the work performed and the results accomplished.

Each Division is requested to forward a copy of the quarterly report to the Grand District Superintendent. Please notice that a set of supplies containing all that is really necessary to a formation of a company of Loyal Crusaders will be furnished for \$3.20. Badges, banners, etc., may be purchased thereafter as the company grows stronger.

Fraternally yours,
DELLA NIGH,
G. D. Supt.

CHARITY.

St. Andrews, N.B. claims to have the largest company in that Province, their membership is 100.

During the month companies have been organized at Glen Rae, Miss Edith Dennis, Supt., and at Toronto Junction, and Mrs. B. B. Abbott, Supt.

Is there a sweeter charity that can appeal to the hearts of men and women, and to children who are blessed with happy homes, and rosy health, than the Sick Children's Hospital? The little ones hampered in the hard race of life by weak and distorted frames stir the pity. Would it not be a noble deed for our Loyal Crusaders to do something in aid of the little sufferers? We are in correspondence with the Trustees of the Hospital, and in next issue we will lay plans before you.

The paper says it would be hard to find a happier gathering of children than that assembled at the meeting of Company "A," St. Johns N. B., on Saturday before Xmas. Nearly a hundred Crusaders were present, the occasion being the presentation of prizes for attendance, good behaviour, reciting, reading, etc. Several Grand and District Officers and lady visitors were upon the platform and addressed the children, who were delighted with the proceedings. Mrs. E. S. Hennigar is Worthy Commander of this company and received great praise for her devotion to the work.

Many of our members since we last met in Grand Division have begun at once and as a result many more children have been enlisted under the Temperance Banner. One member in the city of Toronto has secured by personally visiting the homes the names of one hundred and eighty children.

Could every member not do something to have the children of our land pledged against that curse that ruins so many homes?

Let each remember the work is your work and let us try to have an increase of one thousand in the Loyal Crusader roll of Ontario for '98.

It is our jubilee year. Is there any better way we could commemorate the life of our Grand Division than to show that it is thoroughly engaged in the temperance training of the boys and girls.

COMING EVENTS.

Welland District Division at Montrose, February 1st.

Lanark District Division at Middleville, February 3rd.

North York District Division at Enterprise, February 11th.

North Ontario District Division at Wilfred, February 11th.

Durham District Division at Orono, February 10th.

Grenville District Division at Kemptville, February 1st.

A mass meeting in South Simcoe for the purpose of instituting a District Division at Stroud, on Feb. 8th.

First quarterly session of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia at Kingsport, Feb. 1st.

Convention of South Simcoe Divisions at Stroud with a view to organizing a District Division. Grand mass meeting in the evening—Feb. 8th.

EAST SIMCOE DISTRICT DIVISION.

The third annual session of this District Division was held at Rugby on Jan. 25th, 1898.

The attendance was unusually large and the meeting was very hopeful in its tenor. Bro. R. Carscadden, D.W.P., presided. Owing to business affairs the popular D.S., Bro. Geo. D. Miller was unable to be present. He is now located at Coldwater, and we trust he will soon organize a Division there.

Eleven Divisions sent in reports and representatives. A net gain of 29 was shown for the quarter.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

D.W.P., Jas. E. Hart, Shanty Bay.

D.W.A., Miss Nellie Miller, Eagar.

D.S., R. W. Metcalf, Hawkstone.

D.T., T. M. Hipwell, Price's Corners.

Chap., Chas. Moore, Jarratt's Corners.

Con., Geo. Anderson, Rugby.

Sent., N. DeHart, Jarratt's Corners.

Supt. Y.P.W., Miss Annie Strathern, Orillia.

They were duly installed by the G.W.P., Bro. J. M. Walton, assisted by Bro. D. Litster as G.C.

The members of this District are greatly elated at the success achieved by them last year, and they enter the work determined to still greater things in 1898.

New ground will be worked and it is predicted that a splendid showing and a hearty welcome will be ready for the Grand Division at Orillia in December next.

In the evening the hall was densely packed. The D.W.P. elect, Bro. Hart, presided. Speeches by Bros. Angus McKay, D. C. Anderson and the G.W.P. were interspersed with well rendered songs and recitations. The event of the evening was the presentation of the Grand Division Trophy to the District. East Simcoe made the best gain for 1897 and thereby secured the award. They were justly proud of their achievement. The presentation was made by Bro. Richard Anderson, Prov. D.G.W.P., and Guthrie being the Subordinate Division making the largest increase in roll become custodians of the Trophy. Bro. Wm. Carscadden, W.P., received it on behalf of his Division.

The concert held in Thorold under the auspices of the S. of T. on Tuesday evening was well attended, the hall being filled by an appreciative audience. Rev. Father Sullivan ably performed his duties as chairman, making a splendid address. The programme was well rendered throughout. The solos by Misses McAndrew and Eva Darker, Messrs. Lorne, Bessey and Sutherland, were much appreciated by the audience, as were also the recitations by Miss Ada Tyson. Miss Janie Thompson in an illustrated reading greatly pleased the audience. Rev. Mr. Calvert made a fine address. The programme was enlivened by an instrumental selection by the orchestra. The concert was a great success throughout, and was well patronized by all denominations.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Every live well-informed, up-to-date Division should keep on hand a full supply of *Application Cards, Pledge Cards, and Notices of Election* to membership.

Application Cards, in the hands of earnest members are an excellent help in securing candidates for membership. Often when pressure of business, or other circumstances will not permit discussion or canvass, an *Application Card* may be given to a prospective candidate with much advantage. On the reverse side of this card is a brief outline of the Order, its objects, principles, etc., 25c. per hundred, or 13c. for 50 cards.

Pledge Cards, on the reverse side of which is a sketch of the Order, are of practical service at public meetings, Sabbath schools, etc., and frequently lead to interest in the Division and its work; 50c. per 100 or 25c. for 50 cards.

Election Notices may be used with good effect in notifying accepted candidates of their election, the place, time of meeting etc., 50 forms, 25c.

Send cash orders to

W. H. BEWELL, Grand Scribe,
Whithy, Ont.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

TRY AGAIN.

TRY AGAIN—It is easy to start a Division. The trouble is to keep it going. Many run well for a while, then the interest dies down, and the Division ceases. That is true of nearly everything, so it need not surprise us nor discourage us. Let us try again. See if we cannot revive the languishing Division. Try new plans. Be in earnest. Resolve that the work shall go ahead. Put a little enthusiasm into it. May be it never had any. If the trouble was that it had nothing else, then put a little intelligent study into it. One young man or woman with a clear idea of what to do, and a firm purpose to do it, can create enough interest in any community to make the Division a success. You need to have faith in God and some stability. Resolve to achieve success. Try again; and if then you don't succeed, why—try again.

WHAT CAN THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DO?—What can he do? In the first place, he can stop criticising and finding fault with those who are doing their best to make the Order grow. He can attend lodge meetings and assist in carrying on the business. There are sick brothers to visit—he can do that; there are official positions to fill—he can accept an office; there are new members to secure—he can do his best in that direction; there is committee work—he can serve. There is no better way to increase the power and influence of the lodge than by cheerfully performing any work assigned him. One earnest member can influence a whole lodge.

Outside of the lodge room there is much he can do for the good of the Order. He can talk to his neighbors and associates about the Order and the work it is doing. He can tell how the late Bro. Brown's widow received two thousand dollars and what a benefit it has been to her. He can say good things about the Order, its objects and work, and no one can measure the benefit derived from such action.

What we want to make our Order prosper is not fine speeches and high sounding phrases and striking climaxes; but what we need is honest fraternal men. Men who believe in the Order and who are not afraid to sound its praises; men who will endeavor to add new members; men who will give freely of their time that the Order may be benefited.—K. of H. Reporter.

ATMOSPHERE OF THE DIVISION ROOM.—

Perhaps it is worth the space occupied to give expression to the thought which is in our mind, that there needs to be exercised more care as to the atmosphere in our division rooms. We do not mean by this that there exists a lack of the proper mixture of oxygen to insure healthful conditions, nor that there exists a moral pollution that should be removed; but we mean that there exists in many that lack of brotherly cordiality and sympathetic friendliness which is so essential to the in-breathing of vital force.

A happy face, a bright, a cordial grasp of the hand, and a welcome word, possess wonderful power of attraction, and a potency to clear away the murky fogs of gloom and indifference. Don't try to impress others with the amount of your wisdom held in reserve under cover of noticeable reticence that says: "I am loaded, look out for me when I fire." Be careful of the feelings of others, and do your utmost to generate a spirit of concord and harmony. If you feel cross and crabbed keep it to yourself. You will not get relief by endeavoring to divide it with others.

Remember that the world and the division room were not made to be glum and sad in, but were meant to be bright and cheerful. There is a time for all things, and one of the best of these times is when you can gather with your brethren, and with wit and story add to the sweets of life. To laugh was one of the first things that nature did after she threw off the cloud of darkness—"The earth smiled in the sunlight."

Total abstainers live longest and are the best risks for insurance. We are glad to see this proven by the twelfth annual report of the Temperance and General Life, a synopsis of which appears in this issue. This company was the first and only company in Canada to give total abstainers an entirely separate classification and after an experience of twelve years their report shows that while the average death rate per \$1,000 in their total business has been \$4.91 for that period, it has been only \$3.77 per \$1,000 in their Temperance section. We believe they are well justified in their report in saying of their Temperance section.

"We believe this is a smaller loss ratio from death claims than has ever been recorded by any other company on the similar amount of business for so long a period."

We are especially interested in the Temperance feature of this company, but are glad to notice that extreme care has been exercised in the investment of the funds entrusted to it, and in the entire management of the company. This company have splendidly increased assets and income during 1897, but what seems to us more important is that they have an asset of several thousand lines selected from among the best total abstinence risks in Canada. The company occupies a strong place in Canadian insurance and the honesty with which it adheres to its Temperance principles commands the consideration of intending insurers.

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PEEL DISTRICT DIVISION.

Brampton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—The annual session of the Peel District Division, Sons of Temperance, was held here to-day. The attendance was very satisfactory, all the divisions except Malton being well presented. Among those present were noticed H. H. Shaver, Prov. D.G.W.P.; J. K. Morley, Grand Conductor; Mr. Barber, Principal Model School; W. Young, A. E. Treadgold, T. Crist, J. Craig, H. Garbutt, T. Mara, J. M. Walton, Grand Worthy Patriarch. All the divisions reported gains except one, and in that case the loss was only three members. Cooksville leads, with an increase of 20 for the past quarter. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. Spiers and Miss Smith, and fully discussed. The sessions were harmonious, and the outlook is very promising for a good year's work, plans for which were duly matured. During the afternoon fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Peel County W.C.T.U., which was in session in Grace Church. The following officers were elected for the year:—D.W.P., Mrs. Spiers, Eimbank; D.W.A., Norman Burrell, Cooksville; D.S., A. E. Treadgold, Brampton; D.T., Mrs. W. Young, Brampton; Chap., W. Young, Brampton; Con. John Pearson, Cooksville; Sent., W. G. Blakeley, Port Credit; Superintendent Young People's Work, H. Garbutt, Summer-ville; P.D.W.P., H. H. Shaver, Cooksville. The installation was performed by the G.W.P. and G.C., who were both present. It is worthy of note that Mrs. Spiers is the first lady yet elected in any district as the presiding officer.

The next session will be held at Meadowvale, in June, when a grand district picnic is in view. In the evening a public meeting was held in the S. of T. Hall. Bro. H. H. Shaver was in the chair. The programme was contributed by quartettes from Brampton and Cooksville, addresses by Bros. J. M. Walton, G.W.P. J. K. Morley, G.C. and A. G. Barber. Musical and literary numbers were added by Mrs. Francis, Misses Greenwood and Donly, Miss Treadgold, Miss Barret, Mr. Garbutt, Miss Readman, Mr. Young, Mr. Treadgold.

LENNOX-ADDINGTON.

ENTERPRISE, JAN., 10th, 1898.

The Lennox-Addington District Division met in their first annual session and the following officers were elected:

D.W.P., Bro. J. T. Howell, Napanee Mills.
D.W.A., Bro. J. Walker, Colebrook.
D. Chap., Bro. Rev. J. S. McMullen, Enterprise.
D. Scribe, Geo. Rowlinson, Newburgh.
D. Treas., J. N. Osborne, Napanee.
D. Con., Dr. Metzler, Odessa.
D. Sent., C. Estes, Newburgh.
D.S.Y.P.W., Mrs. Conway, Napanee.

A strong resolution protesting against the entangling of the straight issue of prohibition, was unanimously adopted by the District

Division and a copy ordered to be forwarded through the proper channels to the Dominion Government.

The resolution also recommended that a committee be appointed in each Division, to procure the better enforcement of the present license law, also that petitions be circulated in each polling sub-division against the granting of new licenses where they are not deemed necessary for the accommodation of the public.

Bro. A. D. Weeks, G. T., arrived during the afternoon, and was enthusiastically welcomed by the members present. The officers were duly installed by Bro. Weeks at the close of the session.

The committee on the "Good of the Order" presented their report which after some discussion was adopted as follows:—

"That we recommend the holding of mass meetings at all possible points, and that we procure the best possible talent for the occasions."

The committee also strongly urged the encouragement of our paper "THE RECORD."

The entire meeting was characterized by a determination to stand by our rights.

A monster mass meeting was held in the Methodist Church in the evening, and was addressed by the following, Bro. Rev. J. S. McMullen, of Enterprise; Bro. Rev. J. H. Chant, of Newburgh; Bro. A. D. Weeks, G.T., Toronto; Bro. J. D. Howell, D.W.P., Napanee Mills and others. It was a meeting to gladden one's heart. The speeches were red hot for our cause and the attention of the large audience showed that they were in sympathy with all that was said.

We fully believe Lennox-Addington will give a good account of themselves when the vote for prohibition is taken.

Geo. ROWLINSON, D.S.

SOUTH YORK DISTRICT DIVISION.

This District Division held its annual meeting on 17th January in Toronto, when over 100 delegates were present from various Divisions in the District, the chair being occupied by Chas. Cottenden, D.W.P. The reports presented by the retiring officers were very encouraging and showed a substantial gain in membership during the year. Four new Divisions were organized and one resuscitated. Two Divisions report a membership of over 100. There are now 12 Divisions in the District. The trophy presented to the Division making the largest increase for the quarter was again won by Orient Division, No. 213. The Loyal Crusaders work has been pushed forward, and there are now three companies of Crusaders organized in connection with St. Albans, Coldstream and Harmony Union Divisions, with a membership of over 200.

Fifty-four public meetings were held during the year, with an attendance of over 6,000. The report of the Executive Committee contained many good recommendations, amongst which

were plans for raising funds, distribution of campaign literature, fraternal visits and jubilee meetings. The RECORD was also strongly endorsed. A resolution of condolence was passed, rendered to be sent to the family of late Bro. John Linton.

The following officers were elected for the year:—D.W.P., Geo. E. Buck; D.W.A., Mrs. Snead; D.D., A. R. Fawcett; D.S., A. Gowler, (by acclamation); D. Ch., Wm. Costain; D. Con., J. A. Templeman; D. Sent., Hugh McMillan; D. Supt., Y. P. Work, Miss A. Clare; D. D. W. P., C. Cottenden.

All the old warhorses in the District were present, and some very interesting discussions took place. Amongst those noticed were John McMillan, D.G.W.P.; D. Rose; T. Caswell, M.W.P.; W. H. Orr, P.G.W.A.; H. O'Hara, P.G.W.P. Others present were F. C. Ward, A. R. Fawcett of *Leader and Recorder*, Rev. J. O. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Ferrier, J. K. Stewart and others.

SOUTH ONTARIO DISTRICT DIVISION.

The seventh semi-annual session of this District was held at Greenbank on the 21st January. The twelve Divisions in the District report a membership of over 700. The sessions were attended by 65 delegates and over 100 visitors. The officers' reports showed good progress during the past year, and the members were full of enthusiasm and intend to work more faithfully this year than before. The election of officers resulted as follows: D.W.P., J. Geo. Miller; D.W.A., May Bennett; D. Scribe, R. Craig of Greenbank; D.T., C. W. Bateman; D. Chap., H. E. Derby; D. Con., R. Robinson; D. Sent., C. E. Rattenberry; S.Y.P.W., S. E. Fraelic; P.D.W.P., Thos. Ward. At the close of the session tea was served by the members of Greenbank Division.

The public meeting in the evening was one of the best held in the District, standing room being at a premium. The programme was excellent in every respect and consisted of short addresses, readings, recitations and music. The Greenbank Division orchestra rendered selections which were much appreciated.

This District intend to extend their operations during the year and a number of places are already in prospect for propagation.

ELGIN DISTRICT DIVISION.

Tilsenburg, Jan. 19th, 1898.—The attendance of delegates and visitors at the Elgin district divisions of Sons of Temperance convention held here on Wednesday was gratifying, 65 being present at the day sessions. The presence of J. M. Walton, grand worthy patriarch of Ontario, was an inspiration to all. The morning session was taken up with the appointing of committees, and the afternoon with the election of officers and discussion. The new officers are:

D.D.E., Rev. Ansley Wooley, Glen Myer.
 D.W.A., Mrs. D. B. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.
 D.S., John A. McDonald, Tilsonburg.
 D.T., Vernon Chute, Corinth.
 Chap., Wm. A. Byerley, Courtland.
 Con., Miss Bertha Topping, Avon.
 Sent., Jas. Flaherty, Putnam.
 Supt. Y.P.W., Mrs. Livingstone, Putnam.
 There are 10 Divisions in the District.

Ways and means of propagating work were discussed and some drastic resolutions drawn up relating to the coming plebiscite. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Methodist church. The retiring patriarch, Mr. Geo. Ault, of Vienna, presided in his usual happy manner. The address of the evening was that of the G.W.P., Mr. Walton, who is the youngest man ever elected to the head of the S. of T. in Ontario. Rev. J. H. Robinson gave the very fine address on "The goring ox" which he delivered at Salford on Wednesday of last week and his eloquence stirred the audience deeply. Rev. Mr. Wooley also spoke happily, but briefly. Three pretty choruses were given by members of the young crusaders: a beautiful solo by Miss Evelyn Murphy, also one by Miss Millicent Robinson; Mrs. F. B. Tillson contributed a fine organ solo; Miss Topping of Avon, gave a recitation in excellent style, and Mrs. R. Woods also gave a recitation with an expression which proved her to possess elocutionary talent of no small degree.—*The Observer.*

LIST OF TORONTO DIVISIONS, AND NIGHT OF MEETING.

Ontario Division, No. 20—Monday, Woolsley Hall, Cor. Yonge and Gerrard Sts.
 Coldstream Division, No. 212—Tuesday, Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Avenue.
 Excelsior Division, No. 28—Thursday, at 100¹/₂ 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.

DISTRICT DIVISION DIRECTORY.

Leeds—D.W.P., C. E. Tennant; D.S., Arthur Lakely, Seely's Bay.
 South York—D.W.P., Geo. E. Buck, 74 O'Hara Ave., Toronto; D.S., A. Gowler, 113 O'Hara Ave., Toronto.
 East Simcoe—D.W.P., James E. Hart, Shanty Bay; D.S., R. W. Metcalfe, Hawkstone.
 Elgin—D.W.P., Rev. A. Wooley, Glen Myer; D.S., J. A. McDonald, Tilsonburg.
 Lincoln—C.W.P., Jas. A. Wiley, St. Catharines; D.S., A. E. Adams, "
 East Grey—D.W.P., Dr. Cummings, Thornbury; D.S., Fred Dickinson, "
 Peel—D.W.S., Mrs. A. Spiers, Elmbank; D.S., A. E. Treadgold Brampton.
 Lennox & Addington—D.W.P., J. T. Howell, Napanee Mills; D.S., Geo. Rowilson, Newburgh.
 Halton—D.W.P., D.S., "
 North Ontario—D.W.P., Geo. Miller, Greenbank; D.S., R. Cragg, "
 Renfrew—D.W.P., J. B. Ferguson, Admaston; D.S., John Brisco, Northcote.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

THE RECORDING SCRIBE.

The duties of the Recording Scribe are defined in the Installation charge and in the Constitution and By-laws. In short, they are chiefly to keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Division.

It is important that this officer be intelligent and well posted. Often it has occurred that a Division after giving proper consideration to an important matter has discovered when too late that the Recording Scribe did not know that it was his duty to communicate the action of the Division to the parties interested.

One striking instance comes before me at this moment in which an enterprising Division got up a grand union picnic and had excellent plans made, and everything was well carried out on their parts, but to their chagrin they discovered when they arrived at the grounds that the Recording Scribe had omitted to notify the other Divisions. This office can only be filled perfectly by a person of superior intelligence and training, and it affords a splendid opportunity to anyone who wishes to improve their abilities. Your Division will often be judged by the character of the correspondence sent from it.

THE MINUTE BOOK.

Roll of Officers—In the front of the book it is well to leave several pages for this purpose and to record their attendance. The roll of officers should be properly filled in after the election and installation, or on the night of institution of a new Division. Thirteen spaces should be ruled after the names for marking attendance or absence as the case may be of each officer.

The Minutes—The Recording Scribe should provide himself with sheets of blank paper or a scribbler on which to make full memoranda of the proceedings at the meetings, and from these write up the records at leisure; but he should always have the minutes of one meeting written up before the next. No person can make a presentable minute book if they enter the business direct in the book, and this practice leads to error, for often rather than erase or cross out, an incorrect entry will be allowed to stand. The record should be clear and concise, and in the order in which the proceedings occur. State the time and place of meeting, name the presiding officer and the names of officers present at roll-call, those who arrive subsequently and those who are absent. Note that the minutes of the previous meeting were read, the omissions or corrections, if any, and finally approved.

The Worthy Patriarch on declaring the minutes approved should attach his signature with the date of approval. Then follows the Order of Business as per Ritual. Propositions for membership with the name of proposer should be given; the names, the committee on character, their report, and the result of the ballot should appear. Give synopsis of reports of special and standing committees, present bills and communications from the District or Grand

Division or other letters, and record the action of the Division thereon. All accounts, reports, and communications should be systematically filed for future reference. See that business not completed at former meetings is called up for disposal under the order of "Unfinished Business." Under head of New Business state the needs of the Division for stationery or supplies, etc.

It is not necessary to report speeches, and under "Good of the Order" merely note the names of the speakers and subjects discussed. Note also the names of visitors from sister Divisions if any. At the close of the Division put down the number of members present and the receipts of the evening as reported by the Financial Scribe.

When it is the desire of the Division that the Official Organ "THE RECORD" be sent to the address of each of the members, it is the duty of the Recording Scribe to furnish Bro. A. Gowler, mailing agent, 113 O'Hara Ave., Toronto, with a legibly written list of the names.

Orders on the Treasurer are drawn by the Recording Scribe, but only on vote of the Division as provided in the Constitution and Laws, except for remittances of per capita tax to the Grand Division. All orders should be countersigned by the Worthy Patriarch. Never tear an order from the book till the stub is properly filled in; then you will never be at a loss for information as to any particular no matter when called upon therefor.

In conclusion, we say to all Recording Scribes, take a pride in your work. See that the Division provides a respectable minute book and other stationery, and then keep them in a creditable manner. Be punctual and regular in attending the meetings of your Division and prompt and courteous in the transaction of business.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

Over 700 subscriptions expired with last issue; we hope all those will be renewed—do not defer sending in your names. We are doing our best to make the paper acceptable and it means a great deal of tedious work. *Do your part.*

Vienna Div. was the first to send in a list of 20 subscribers.

Our paper is well received in some distant fields. One of the first orders to be booked was a subscription for 10 copies from Florida.

Our price is so low that we cannot allow commissions to canvassers further than the club rate. Any one may get a paper free for themselves by getting 4 subscribers at 25c. each.

Do what you can to circulate our paper. Canvass those outside the Order as well; the paper should be a welcome visitor to many temperance homes.

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AMONG THE DIVISIONS.

The officers of Good Hope Division, Price's Corners, Simcoe County, were installed by Bro. Thos. Hepwell. Thirty members were initiated in this Division last year. There is a debt of \$60 on the hall, and a tea meeting will be held on their anniversary, 1st February, to raise the debt. Mr. A. Miscampbell, M.P.P. delivered addresses.

Napanee Mills Division held a jubilee meeting on January 24th.

Eady Division visited Fesserton on January 14th. All expressed themselves as highly pleased at the excellent and hospitable manner in which they were entertained. The following week they visited Garrett's Corners.

CARSWELL'S LECTURE.

The Grantham Methodist Church was well filled on Wednesday evening when Edward Carswell, the inimitable temperance orator, delivered his address on "Charity." Quite a number of members of the Sons of Temperance from the city, principally from Grantham Division, went down and there were also a large representation from Lincoln Division, Port Dalhousie. The choir of the latter Division rendered splendid service, giving a number of fine choruses, while duets and quartettes were also agreeably given. The choir was a decided acquisition. Carswell was in splendid trim, considering his recent severe illness, and his lecture was vastly enjoyed. The droll incidents he related caused much laughter, and his pathetic stories, too, were greatly appreciated. In fact the whole address was capital from beginning to end. District Worthy Patriarch, W. B. Burgoyne occupied the chair. After the lecture the members of Lakeview Division, Gratham, served the refreshments, and these were very much enjoyed. The members of the Division vied with each other in making their visitors feel at home.—*The Standard.*

Uxbridge Division held a basket social on January 7th, which was an enjoyable success. A number of neighboring Divisions were represented in the assembly. This Division made the remarkable gain of 58 last year, and starts out determined to work harder than ever. They have a company of Loyal Crusaders and are one of the very best Divisions in Ontario.

An interesting function took place at Kettleby on Saturday evening, January 29th, when that Division was presented with the Silver Initiation Service that was awarded by the Grand Division for the Division making the greatest gain in 1897, from 1st April to 1st October. The presentation was made by Bro. Edward Carswell, P.M.W.A. and received by the W.P., Bro. Jos. Rogers. A great assembly witnessed the event and there was great jubilation.

Tyrone Division is booming a contest.

Guthrie Division presented the play "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" to a crowded house on January 15th. They will give it at Shanty Bay at an early date.

Vienna Division held an "At Home" on February 11th.

Corinth holds an open meeting on 18th February.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Bro. Geo. E. Buck, the new D.W.P. of South York, has formed a board in his District composed of the D. D. Executive and one representative from each Division. They will meet at least every two months for the purpose of looking over the work, assisting weak Divisions, surviving new ground, making plans for advancing and co-operating in any good-citizenship movement, and generally for promoting the interests of the Order.

A circular has been issued by the District Executive urging the members to active effort, and offering as awards to the Division making the greatest gains. 1st, a Grand Division Regalia; 2nd, a Division Room Bible; 3rd, a Photo of the Grand Division Toronto Session. The term to end on 30th June.

Already increased activity is shown, and no doubt gratifying results will follow.

Don't let the elections interfere in the slightest degree with the affairs of the Order. None of the asperity that sometimes is engendered should be allowed to pass the anti-room. Our Order is broad and fraternal. Views may vary on political questions, but if this should be the case why should it militate against your earnest co-operation with your neighbor in the great moral reform we advocate? Do not dispute upon party politics at Division meetings or after adjournment, nor let the turmoil of the campaign prevent your attendance at your Division. The elections have been brought on at a time that is our most favorable season for work, but we must not allow propagation to suffer by it. Let no meeting however important keep you from duty. One cause demands it. If the Jubilee year is made a source of gratification to every loyal Son we must be up and doing with only one object before us—the extension of the Order, the triumph of the Cause.

We are preparing designs for an elegant S. of T. recognition pin and by next issue we hope to have them ready for sale. They will be new and striking in appearance and every member should wear one. They will be made in suitable styles for ladies as well.

You may have a chance to win one for bringing in new members to your Division. Look out for notice in next "RECORD."

We direct attention to the two letters published in this issue, one from Caintown (Life Boat Division), full of life and encouragement; the other from Bro. M. A. James, Bowmanville, proprietor of the "Statesman" which should bring a glow in the breasts of every veteran in the Order.

We publish these two letters out of several very cheering epistles that have come to us. If Divisions generally could catch the spirit of "Life Boat" we would have our desired gain of 4,000 in six months. Stir up your fires, trim the lamps, brush the dust off your furniture, make your room bright and cheerful, wake up your members and do something. Outside of the high compliment paid the Record by one of the best known publishers in Ontario there is much to encourage and inspire all. Read both of these letters over till you can say them by heart.

All Divisions should see that when a member is about to remove and proposes to withdraw from the Order, that he is prevailed upon to take a card and is given a letter of introduction to the Division in the locality to which he is going. For the information of those who are about to go to Toronto, or who can when in the city pay a visit, we give a list of Divisions there.

NOTES.

Blackstock Division at a recent meeting conducted a mock trial, which was greatly appreciated.

Maple Grove Division held its annual oyster supper on January 7th. As usual it was a great success.

Bro. J. Murray Field, D.G.W.P., writes encouragingly of the work and prospects of Virgil Division and of the benefit derived from a recent session of the District Division held in that place.

Of the prize winners at the Grand Division, Clyde, Orient and Kenmore Divisions, in returns received at the time of writing show gains for the quarter ending December 31st.

Of the recent new and resuscitated Divisions that have made returns at this date, Violet Hill, Haldimand, Rockport, Stirling, Pine Grove and Crowland Divisions show increased membership for the quarter just closed.

Among the Divisions that have made returns at the time of writing, the following show gains of ten or more in membership for the quarter ending December 31st, 1897, viz.; Clyde Division gains 27 members, Oak Leaf Division gains 25 members, Ruskview gains 24, Olive Branch gains 22, Enfield gains 21, Cooksville gains 20, King City gains 17, Prescott gains 17, Whitfield gains 12, and Charlesville gains 10 members. 29 other Divisions show smaller gains.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A DIVISION.

Having located your place where there seems an opening, canvass the people, securing their names upon the "Application for a Charter." Some discretion will be necessary to get the right persons interested. The success of the Division depends upon the character and steadfastness of the charter members. Having enough names to warrant the undertaking, arrange for your organizing meeting. It is always a wise precaution to see what is available for a Division room, and the terms upon which it can be secured, at the outset. It will be found that the *personal canvas* is the most essential matter. Do not rely on platform declamation to accomplish your purpose. When you have your list of applicants up to a fair standard, and your friends assembled, proceed to administer the obligation; then have the officers elected. (This is usually done by ballot without nominations for the offices of W. P., R. S. and F. S. The others can usually be selected by unanimous choice to expedite matters, for the time will be found short enough, if all is completed in one evening.) The officers should be installed, and instructed in their duties as far as possible.

The first business to be transacted is the choice of regular night of meeting and the initiation fees and dues to be charged. The "Organizer's Report" is then filled out and the signature of Deputy G.W.P. (who is chosen by the organizer), is secured thereto, and this, together with the charter fee is transmitted by first mail to the Grand Scribe, who will at once forward to the D.G.W.P., a set of supplies for the new Division. The only forms necessary are "Application for Charter," "Organizer's Report," and dispensation from the G.W.P., all of which will be forwarded on application to the G.W.P. of the G. Scribe.

It will always be found advisable to pay a visit to a newly organized Division a few times after it is started, to get the officers and members familiar with our rules and usages.

Do not imagine that it takes commanding talent, or sublime oratory. Patient effort and earnest zeal, with a clear knowledge of the aims and plans of our Order are all that are necessary. With love for God and humanity in your hearts, and a firm determination to be instrumental in advancing His kingdom and the welfare of your fellow-men, you will succeed.

Celebrate the jubilee year by organizing a Division.

PERSONALS.

Bro. S. Williams, of Salina, is recovering from a very critical illness.

Bro. Thos. Caswell, M.W.P., attended the G.D. sessions of New Jersey, on 26th, and New York on 27th Jan.

Bro. Martin, of Kemptville, and other friends there, have been very hearty in their co-operation—out two weeks in that locality.

Rev. Bro. Cowle, a most devoted worker, has a number of plans in Simcoe Co., in process of organization.

Bro. Weeks has been actively engaged in several of the eastern counties. He visited the District Divisions of Lennox, Addington and also Grenville.

Bro. Richard Anderson, Prov. D.G.W.P., of Rugby, has a record that is, perhaps, unsurpassed. He has organized at one time or another nine Divisions, to say nothing of other work done.

Among the candidates for honors in the present elections for the Provincial Parliament we notice several of the members of our Order. At time of going to press we have not a moment to look up the list. May they and all friends of our cause be elected.

We will be pleased to insert marriage notices of all members of the Order without charge. Bro. Robt. Knox, of Orono, License Inspector, is showing commendable activity in enforcing the law. The convictions secured should have a beneficial effect.

SYNOPSIS

OF

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO'Y.

The above company held its annual meeting at its head office on Tuesday, Jan. 18th.

The report referred to the splendid progress which the company is making. The cash receipts from premiums and interest amounted to \$105,161.98, an increase of \$23,407.30 over the income from these sources in 1896.

The payments to policy holders for death claims, for matured endowments and for cash dividends and surrendered values were larger than in any previous year, as would naturally be expected from the larger business and increasing age of the company.

The following statement was made with regard to death claims:—"Our average ratio of death losses for the past twelve years has been 3.34 lives per 1,000 in number and \$3.77 per \$1,000 in amount of our temperance section, and it has been 4.02 lives per 1,000 in number and \$4.91 per \$1,000 of the annual average of our total business for the same period. We believe that this is a smaller loss ratio from death claims than has ever been recorded by any other company on a similar amount of business for so long a period. That is emphatically true with regard to the experience in our temperance section."

The company's assets increased from \$507,355.50 at 1896 to \$574,291.50 at 1897. "The

high character of our investments is indicated by the fact that for four years we have closed our books without a single dollar of interest in arrears or a single dollar's worth of real estate on our hands.

The company's liabilities, according to the report, had increased to \$474,140.61.

In this connection the report refers to the general tendency of all companies to adopt a higher standard of valuation, which means larger and therefore stronger reserves, and adds:—"For the business of 1897 we have valued our reserves on the basis of a 4 per cent. earning power, instead of a 4 1-2 per cent. standard, as at present required by law. This adds to the strength of our reserves, but of course at the same time correspondingly decreases the surplus we would otherwise show."

With regard to new business the report states that 1,803 applications for \$2,052,100 were received exclusively from Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Of these 1,605, for \$1,790,500 were accepted, and the remainder were either declined or are in abeyance.

The year closed with an aggregate business consisting of 6,314 policies on 5,917 lives for \$7,260,786.

Of these 4,925 policies, for \$5,473,046 were in the temperance section, and 1,389 policies, for \$1,787,740 in the general section.

The report recommends a dividend to policy holders on the basis of previous allotment and a dividend to shareholders of 5 per cent. on their paid-up capital, and refers in complimentary terms to the company's agents and officers, and says:—"We believe that ours is the only company that has year by year for the past seven years sent its preliminary and completed returns to the Government on the first day of the new year."

The financial statement shows the following figures, as compared with those of 1896:—

	1896.	1897.
No. of applications . . .	1,683	1,803
Insurance app'd for . . .	\$2,020,750	\$2,052,100
No. of policies in force Dec. 31st	5,685	6,314
Amount of insurance in force Dec. 31st . . .	6,759,711	7,260,786
Assets, Dec. 31st	507,355	574,291
No. of policies gained	669	629
Amount of insurance gained	708,031	501,075

The full report, containing a detailed statement of all features of the company's business, can be had on application to the company.

LEGAL DECISIONS.—Every Division should have a copy of the "Sons of Temperance Handbook." New Divisions are furnished a copy, but we often find that old divisions know nothing of it. With this book in your hand and a true fraternal spirit in your heart you will have few troubles to refer to the Grand Worthy Patriarch. Copies can be procured from the Grand Scribe, price — cents each.

A drunkard is one who has failed as a moderate drinker.

LEEDS DISTRICT DIVISION.

The twenty-fifth quarterly and annual meeting of Leeds District Division, S. of T., was held on Tuesday, January 4th, in the Union church at Tilley. The morning session opened at 11 o'clock, and after routine business, appointed committees, etc., the Division adjourned till 1.30 p.m. At 2.30 p.m. T. I. Ellis, D.W.P. in the chair, after the reception of committee reports, the officers were elected as follows: D.W.P., Chas. E. Tennant; D.W.A., Mrs. J. Carnegie; D.R.S., A. Likely (re-elected); Dis. Treas., J. Patience; Dis. Chap., Mrs. William Dixon; Dis. Con., D. Root; Dis. Sent., Max Greer; D.S.Y.P.W., F. Herbison; D.W.P. T. I. Ellis. The officers-elect were installed by T. I. Ellis, C.D.G.W.P.

The reports received from the different Divisions showed a gratifying increase in membership, which is now over 800, with good prospects of a large increase during the winter.

Lifeboat Division, No. 242, Caintown, is the banner Division of the District, having a membership of 107, with good prospects of a further increase.

There are 16 working Divisions in the District two dormant, and one that has ceased to exist. Only 10 Divisions reported at this meeting, but the others are known to be in good working condition. Steps are being taken to advance the work of the Order during the quarter.

So much time was taken up with the election of officers it left very little in which to do business, but a short discussion took place on restricting the number of licenses and looking after the License Inspector.

Invitations for the next meeting were received from Mallorytown and Rockport Divisions, and the invitation from Mallorytown Division was accepted. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in March.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the members and friends of Peerless Division, Tilley, for their hospitality to the delegates and visiting members.

A rousing meeting was held in the evening, C. E. Tennant, D.W.P., in the chair. The church was filled to excess. Short speeches were given by Dominion temperance workers in the District, interspersed with choice selections of vocal and instrumental music.

ARTHUR LIKELY, D. S.

RENFREW DISTRICT DIVISION.

All the Divisions in the vicinity of Renfrew were represented at the meeting of the District Division of Renfrew Sons of Temperance, on January 14th. The meeting was held in the Temperance hall, Renfrew, Wm. Stewart, D. W.P., presiding. Reports were made of the state of the work, and plans laid for further extending the influence of the order. The new officers are: District W.P., J. B. Ferguson, Admaston; District W.A., Miss Annie S. New, Renfrew; District Scribe, John Brisco, Northcote; District Treasurer, James Ward, Renfrew.

**J. F. KENNEDY, L. D. S.
Perth, Ont.**

TIDINGS FROM OTHER FIELDS.

Nova Scotia Sons are rallying for the Plebiscite fight. In 1894 that Province gave nearly 44,000 votes for prohibition, and only about one-fourth that number were polled against it.

New Brunswick are also falling into line. Bro. J. R. Woodburn, G. W. P., has just issued his circular to the members of his Grand Division after their jubilee session, which he characterizes as "long to be remembered as one of the most successful and harmonious held for years."

Bro. W. J. Gates represented the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, and installed the officers.

The *Toronto Globe* of Saturday, December 25th, 1897, presents the Grand Division of Ontario grouped in front of one of Toronto's beautiful buildings. The ornate columns, arches, buttresses, revealed in background, are suggestive of a massive architectural structure, but to the physiognomist, the student of character, and its relation to social and national life and development, the possibilities of intellect and energy written by the architect above on the countenances in front, associated with the aims and obligations they have assumed, are suggestive of effect, deeper, broader, higher, more inspiring, than any architectural triumph. Any man should be proud to belong to such a body. Ontario is to be congratulated. May its Jubilee Year be the inaugural of a series of successful years.—"Forward."

COL. DOW PRESENTS MAYFLOWER DIVISION WITH HIS FATHER'S PORTRAIT.

A very interesting public meeting was held under auspices of Mayflower Division on Tuesday evening. The Senior Past Worthy Patriarch, Wm. Murray, acted as Deputy, in the absence, through illness, of the Rev. G. Lawson, and installed, with the other officers, Mrs. G. C. Cook, his grand daughter, as Worthy Patriarch. Not very many Divisions can show three generations of one family as members. The Division was highly favoured as the recipient of Neal Dow's portrait presented by his son. Bro. R. T. Murray read a paper on Neal Dow that elicited unanimous, well deserved praise. We regret that so many demands on space preclude a more extended notice in this issue.

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THE CAMPAIGN.

PROHIBITION.

Lucas vs Grant.

A GREAT PLATFORM BATTLE AT KINGSTON.

A tremendous audience filled the Kingston City Hall on the nights of the 27th and 28th January, to hear the debate on prohibition between Rev. G. M. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, and Rev. D. V. Lucas, of Grimsby. The topic as announced was, "That a law passed by Parliament, prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor would promote temperance and public and political morality."

Dr. Lucas led. Roughly summarised his points were these:

1. The question had not been a new one; more than 500 acts of Parliament had been passed curbing and controlling the traffic. Universal opinion condemned the traffic as bad and dangerous.

2. The state has the right to prohibit. No one questions the right now exercised in prohibiting all but certain persons from selling; from selling only during prescribed hours; from selling to persons of certain ages, condition and race. The argument was clinched by the further statement that in such proportion were these prohibitions imposed did the records of crime and poverty show amendment.

3. The English beer law passed in 1830 to put pure, cheap beer in easy reach of the people to wean them from the evil of gin drinking. The result was general demoralization and drunkenness. Before a year it was repealed.

4. In Britain, in 1854 the Forbes-Mackenzie act was applied to Scotland, to stop Sunday selling only. Result in a year the arrests for Sunday drunkenness were decreased two-thirds. The benefits were so apparent that 43 out of 48 Scotch members voted for a similar act to apply to Ireland. To further prove the good results of prohibition, places where it prevails were cited, viz., Bessbrook, Ireland; Cambridge, Mass.; Pullman, Ill.; Prince Edward Island, Halton and other places; conclusive evidence from official data.

Dr. Grant's arguments were these:

THE EVILS OF PROHIBITION.

"I have proved that, according to the experience of Ontario, the Maritime Provinces and the States which have tried the experiment, prohibition does not prohibit; that the consequences have been:—

1. Increase of drunkenness.
2. The traffic driven into the hands of a depraved class.
3. Multiplication of illicit dives.
4. Evasion of law and consequent increase among the people of contempt for law and general growth of the spirit of illegality.
5. Increase of perjury because people will not give evidence against a man for being

guilty of what the law makes a crime when they do not believe it to be a crime.

6. Opposition to law on the part of respectable citizens who are angry because their personal liberty is invaded without just cause.

7. Increase of bribery in various forms, from the bribery of policemen, sheriffs, deputies or constables, up to the more subtle but more dangerous bribery of politicians, which results from the formation of a vote which is solid on one issue without regard to the general welfare.

8. Violation of the law by magistrates and judges who do not call for former convictions, but inscribe the third or tenth offence as the first because they know that the law inflicts imprisonment for the third offence.

9. Increase of the spirit of hypocrisy, slander, sneaking and spying, and unwarrantable interference with others.

10. The breeding of a low class of infamous creatures called informers, who learn to tell lies with the facility of the father of lies.

I have also proved that those results would necessarily flow in larger measures from a more drastic law applied to the whole Dominion."

His closing words were:—"I have not lost faith in the gospel. I will trust to it every time in place of the policeman, and I will make the law only as the common sentiment of Christendom warrants me to do."

Dr. Lucas' rejoinder was:

The reason it was desired to beat out the traffic was because no portion of it was right. If medicine killed people body and soul its sale would be prohibited. He spoke of the continued opposition to the bill abolishing slavery. Was the bill to be condemned on that account?

The vote of the people by Plebiscite showed what they wanted and society had a right to protect itself from any evil that menaced the lives and welfare of the people.

SECOND NIGHT.

Dr. Grant opened the debate.

He took the case of Fredericton, N.B., cited by Dr. Lucas the night before as one that had proved the benefit of the law. Dr. Grant claimed that it had a very favorable situation yet there were more numerous arrests for drunkenness than in the town of Berlin, Ont., where there was licensed sale (this is a German community). He gave it as his own opinion "That the country should out of the money received from licenses establish a sanitarium where drunkards could be treated with Gold Cure or other means to purify their blood.

He also stated that Nova Scotia (which is largely under Scott Act) had more convictions for drunkenness than Ontario.

He then argued that if a law making it a crime to sell a glass of liquor were put upon a statute book and that view was not held by the public it could not be enforced. Instances were quoted where liquor sellers were committed to jail and were given an ovation by the people on their release.

Public morality depends largely on respect for law. Law should be felt to be the voice of God to the community. But where one law is notoriously violated and chucked over, all law and the community is injured.

He held that immigration to Canada would be interfered with as people would not come to a land where their personal liberty was curtailed.

He closed with a strong appeal for the redemption of the drunkard and warned the people to have nothing to do "with the new-fangled method, invented in the United States.

Dr. Lucas' reply:

He opened by giving the information that in New Brunswick the act had not had a fair chance as the test cases appealed were held in abeyance by the courts for years, before judgments were given. As evidence of the people's desire, he stated the number of municipalities that had accepted the half loaf of Scott Act, when the whole loaf of prohibition could not be got.

His opponent tried to make capital out of the fact that witnesses in liquor trials sometimes perjured themselves and therefore we ought to give them their way and not interfere with the traffic. "If the Redeemer of the world had staid in His carpenter shop and the Apostles had not gone forth there would have been some perjury avoided."

He exposed the "personal liberty" bugaboo with the usual arguments. The present local by-laws governing the health, morals and conduct, quarantine regulations, etc., all prohibitions enacted in the public interest were quoted. "Coercion" is not the proper term. "One man's right of action ceases when it interferes with the rights of others:

He went explicitly into the Maine case, concluding with the statement that after 30 years trial the people of that state were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing and perfecting the law.

Then he concluded by giving the *voice if the churches*, all persistent, unequivocal and oft repeated in denunciation of the whole drunkard making business.

No doubt the debate will set many people to think, and our cause has everything to gain thereby. Dr. Lucas deserves praise for his fearless and able effort. For many years he championed our cause.

He will find few leading men in religious and educational spheres to oppose the movement, started and carried on for one and only one purpose, and that the uplifting of humanity from the slavery of vice, and relieving civilization from the greatest evil that besets it.

FIELD NOTES.

FROM THE DIARY OF OUR GRAND TREASURER.

On January 4th, I arrived at Ballantrae and held a meeting in the Methodist Church, Rev. P. A. Brace, the pastor, presided, and rendered splendid aid by his friendly interest. Bro. W. P. Widdifield brought a sleigh load of friends from Siloam, 8 miles distant, and their

presence inspired the meeting. A Division with 15 members was formed. Bro. John Flower, the teacher of the public school, is the W. P. Next day I visited Sandford and found that through the unhappily strained relations between the members of the Order, and those who controlled the place of meeting, nothing could be done for the present in reviving the Division here. On 6th I started for Zephyr, where Bro. M. M. Dafore, D. G. W. P., had arranged a meeting. The junior Methodist minister, Rev. J. C. Jeffrey, took heartily hold of the movement. The juvenile band of Zephyr delighted the audience with their music. Bro. Thos. Pickering, Sr., the veteran temperance worker of Scott, presided. The result of the meeting was 34 members. Officers were elected, and the work well started. This Division has its own hall, an organ, furniture, and its own brass band. Its career should be a great success.

Friday, the 7th, I struck Sutton, the next place on my list. Unfortunately a popular local event, an annual supper, intercepted my meeting. I called on Rev. Jas. Fraser, the Presbyterian minister, who was the chief worker in the old Division, which some twenty years ago, had 100 members. He struggled manfully to keep it going. Sutton has suffered much from the loss of organized temperance work since the "Sons" ceased. It has four hotels and a reputation for drinking. Ten names were given in, and arrangements made for a second meeting of local workers. Reluctantly I left that place where I had hoped to do good and much needed work. On reaching home I found orders from headquarters to proceed by first train for Lennox-Addington to attend their District Division, which was to meet at Enterprise. I succeeded in reaching the place at 4 p.m., and found a large and representative gathering. The work done was eminently practical, and the reports presented very encouraging. The public meeting in the evening was a grand success. The spacious Methodist Church was crowded to the doors. During the following week I visited Camden East, Morven, Odessa, and Newburgh. In Morven, through the efforts of Bro. Bow-lison, we secured 24 names and a committee are trying to get a suitable meeting place. In this county six or seven Divisions, who were brought in by the tide last year, have been caught in the undertow. Time did not permit me to work the ground thoroughly and it is left in the hands of the local workers of which we have a fine staff here, among whom are Bros. Row-lison, Karr and Arnot, and others who might be mentioned.

By telegram I was called to Kemptville for Wednesday noon 19th, which necessitated a midnight ride to Prescott. I found Bro. Martin, and laid out four meetings for the remaining nights of the week. Our first place was North Gower, and our company comprised a sleigh load of Kemptville friends who furnished the programme for the meeting, and made the journey merry going and coming (except when we were crossing a lake on the ice when the frost was so deep you could feel it with your

mitts on). A nice temperance hall crowded to the doors awaited our coming. Rev. Mr. Lock-hard, Presbyterian, and Rev. Mr. Richardson, Methodist, were present to greet us. The former presided; the latter gave an address. A spicy programme, a fervid appeal, 24 candidates initiated on the spot. The Kemptville members go out again on Feb. 2nd to complete the work.

The next night we drove to Bishop's Mills; storms of sleet and rain spoiled the meeting, and so I have arranged to return on Feb. 2nd, which I trust will result in the resuscitation of the old Division. Friday night drove 14 miles to Spencerville. The splendid Division there had a grand public meeting in the town hall, Rev. Mr. Philp in the chair. Local singers and our load gave a good programme. After the meeting a warm welcome and much relished refreshments were received in Bro. Bennett's hospitable mansion.

A second visit to Oxford Mills gave us a good audience, close attention, and rapturous applause, but would not re-open the dormant Division.

Monday, Jan. 24. Visited Kemptville Division. Bro. Walter Martin, W. P., in the chair; membership 601, with 10 propositions that night.

Tuesday, Started for Prescott. Bro. Jas. E. Coates has fixed 4 meetings. Owing to bad weather and short notice the results were not what was hoped for. North Augusta, No. 3, where we met on 26th, has a wonderful history. Here lies buried A. B. Pardee, father of the late Hon. T. B. Pardee, and one of the fathers of the Order in Canada. A beautiful monument, erected by the Grand Division, at a cost of \$300, marks his honored grave. A good meeting was held. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Poiser, and Bro. G. W. Carpenter, a champion of our cause, gave good help.

Thursday, 27. Rev. M. Poiser drove me to Shiloh—good meeting. People anxious for a Division, but lack meeting place; are trying to secure school house.

On Sunday, by request, gave a temperance address in the Methodist S. School, Kemptville.

A. D. WEEKS.

NOTES FROM DIVISIONS.

Ontario Division, No. 26, are holding excellent meetings each week, and their membership is increasing.

"Our Jubilee Foolscap" is a title of a paper which the members of St. Albans Division contribute each week to have read by the editors, G. E. Buck, and A. E. Cates. An extract from this paper will be found in another column. The Division had a membership on 1st January of 107 and initiations take place every night. Bro. John Lewis is a hustler and many of the initiations are the result of his work.

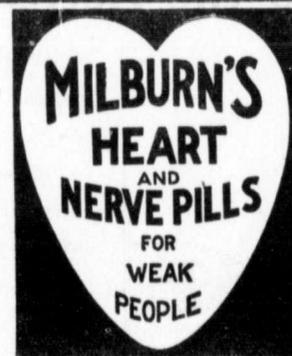
A good resolution made by Harmony Union Division, No. 44, in Toronto on New Year's day

was to endeavor to have an initiation take place each meeting night this year, and Sister McIntosh carried out the resolution personally last month, and so is the first entitled to one of the rewards made in our last number. The Division will hold a concert on 7th February in Broadway Hall, when J. S. Robertson, President of Canadian Temperance League, will preside.

The departments of work as outlined in our last issue are now in full running order at Excelsior Division, and are proving effective in getting all members interested in the work. F. C. Ward, 258 Bathurst St., would be pleased to furnish further particulars to Divisions wishing to start this method.

Orient Division, No. 213, although only a little over a year organized, are now in a fair way to be the leading Division in the city. Every member takes the view that he or she is responsible for the work of the Division, and in this way all take an active part in the proceedings. This probably accounts for their winning the District trophy again. They are workers.

The interest in Coldstream Division, No. 212, still continues, and in fact has grown a good deal since the Crusaders were organized. The Division were entertained recently by the Crusaders, an account of which appears in another column. Arrangements are being made for a series of visits with Court Abstinence, A.O.F.—as the name signifies, a Court of Foresters composed entirely of total abstinence. Coldstream Division will celebrate its 48th anniversary this month.



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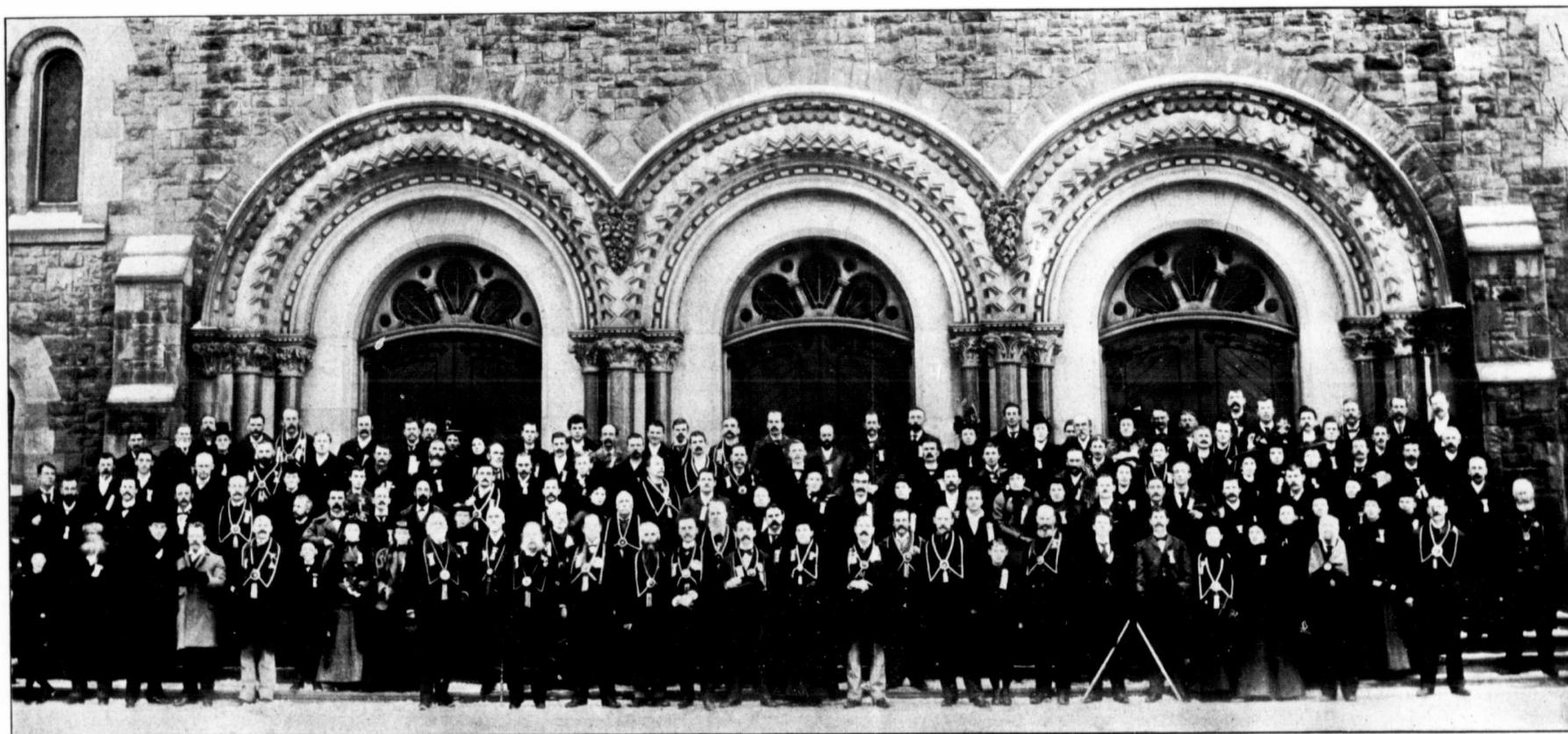
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