

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE



TEMPERANCE HALL
KETTLEBY

The Sons of Temperance was first started in Kettleby in the year 1849 with Robert Boyd, Ira Webb, Thomas Boyd, John Tyson, Ellis Lloyd, Murdock Lloyd, Albert Hodgins and Jacob Walton charter members. This fraternal order was organized in David Watson's home at the corner of the 4th concession. This order surrendered its charter due to some trouble. On February 4th, 1855, a new charter was applied for by Peter Bogart, George Bogart, Martin Lockhart, A. Gordon, George West, Nelson Srigley, Robert Srigley and Joseph Stokes. This division was organized on the 22nd of February, 1855, and retained its charter as No. 252 in the Grand Division of Ontario.

When the Division had 30 members the venture of building a hall was carried out. The members turned out in bees and felled the standing timber during the winter. Logs were hauled to the local sawmill and sawn, and the building erected. William Stokes gave a 50 year lease on the hall site for the consideration of one barley corn a year.

Tea parties were sponsored by the Division and held in the Butler grove near the village. They grew in popularity and attendance until they were the biggest event in the county. Bands were brought from the railway in gaily decorated wagons drawn by three teams. These were the finest military bands from Toronto and nearby towns.

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE - CONT'D

Ladies were admitted to this order in 1856, first as visitors, and later into membership. Pledge violation gave some trouble in the early days, but it is to be remembered there were 17 licensed places for the sale of liquor in the township and two hotels in Kettleby.

In 1860 an addition of 20 feet was built to the south for lodge room purposes. Weekly meetings were maintained on Saturday nights for three generations. Some years later another addition was made to bring the hall to its present size. In this hall practically all the public meetings of the community - social, religious and political.

In 1875 a junior order known as Cadets of Temperance was organized by Joseph Webb. The charter members of this branch were Silas Stephens, John Webb, William Stokes, Charles McArthur, William and Walter Rodgers, George and Alfred Butler, I. Hollingshead, Alfred Webb, Elias Hilborn, Levi Watson, Henry Shropshire, Clara and Jennie Walton and Carrie Stokes. This division at one time had a membership of 225 and for several years was the banner division of the province.

Hymn of Old Division No. 232:

While the light beams bright
in the old hall to-night
And the voices of loved ones are gay
Let us think of the brave
Who the good cause to save
Have gone to the lands far away

Chorus:

'Tis our boys on the land
And our boys on the sea
Who in heart to their colors are true
'Tis they who will stand
Or they will die a hero band
in defence of the red, white and blue

Let us sing them a song
As the days pass along
For well their devotion they prove
Let them know though they roam
There are warm hearts at home
Let us sing of their valor and love

Chorus

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Hymn of Old Division No. 232 - Cont'd

Though you sail far away
There temperance foes lay
You know they ever will try
Here at home we are true
And we pray, boys, that you
May return in the sweet bye
and bye.

Chorus

Then here's to our boys
We will add to their joys
Their temperance tried and true
And when God gives us night
When we fight for the right
We will cheer for the Red,
White and Blue.

Chorus

KETTLEBY - At the regular meeting of the Sons of Temperance Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Proctor, prior to their departure for Newmarket, were the recipients of a handsome silver tea service presented them on behalf of the order by Mr. Artemus Hambleton. The address was read by J.M. Walton, who said: "Friend after friend departs. These walls have witnessed many happy scenes, where warm friendship and enjoyment made pleasant the practice of the virtues our Order inculcates. May they never be effaced from your memories. With all the sunshine there have been seasons when the shadows of adversity and opposition darkened the outlook, but through this your constancy and fidelity kept you true to the institution."



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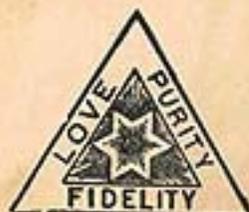
THE HILBORN SETTLEMENT TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY:

On May 1st, 1842, one of the first societies in this part of Upper Canada was formed at Kettleby, carrying the above title. The first officers were:

President - William Hilborn
Vice-Pres. - Job Armitage
Secretary - Peter Lockhart
Committee (Male) Martin Bogart, Wm. Walton,
Isaac Armitage, Wm. Blankenship
(Female) Eliza Armitage, Lavina Hilyer,
Ann Lemon

Rally Night

1842



1906

*You are invited to attend a meeting of
Kettleby Division No. 232,
Sons of Temperance,*

*Saturday Ev'g Sept, twenty-ninth
nineteen hundred and six.*

*Special exercises commemorating the sixty-
fourth anniversary of the order.*

Program and Refreshments 8 p.m. sharp.

W. T. D. Ramsden, W.P.
John Foxcroft, R.S.

The pledge was: We, the under-
signed, do agree that we will
not use intoxicating liquor as
a beverage, nor traffic in them;
that we will not provide them
as an article of entertainment,
nor for persons in our employ,
and that in all suitable ways we
will discountenance their use
throughout the community.

The founders of this movement were:

William Hilborn, Sarah Hilborn,
Jacob Lemon, Catharine Lemon,
Martin Bogart, Elizabeth Bogart,
Peter Lockhart, Carthusia Lockhart,
Jesse Walton, Eliza Walton,
Zephaniah Wisner, William Stokes,
William Armstrong, Thomas Lemon,
Ann Lemon, Mary Lemon, Sara Lemon,
John Walton and Hannah Walton.

In the first 7 years 259 members
were pledged and signed on the
roll. Among the families repre-
sented were:-

8 - Hilborns
9 - Waltons
8 - Lloyds
6 - Lockharts
10 - Lemons
8 - Bogarts
6 - Hambletons
4 - Proctors
6 - Tattons
8 - Dales

SIXTIETH OR DIAMOND JUBILEE - FEBRUARY 20, 1915

Kettleby Division was instituted on the 22nd of February, 1855, and the sixtieth anniversary was celebrated on February 20th, 1915, with the hall beautifully decorated with flowers, bunting and flags for the reception of past and present members. A social reunion was held from 3 to 6 p. m. A group photograph of the assembly was taken by Mr. Fergus of Newmarket. At 5:00 p.m. a banquet was served. The menu has never been surpassed and reflected great credit on the ladies. Bro. J. M. Walton acted as toastmaster. The toast to the King was received with more than usual honors. The toast to the National Division was responded to by Bro. J. O. McCarthy of Toronto, P.M.W.P. of the National Division of North America. The "Pioneers" was responded to by Brothers W. G. Proctor, Artemus Hambleton and W. T. Elliott. It is worthy of note that in the course of sixty years there have been but three brothers held the office of D.G.W.P. for the Division. These have been the late Joseph Stokes, Bro. Joseph Rogers now of Tofield, Alberta, and the present incumbent Bro. W. T. Elliott. The fidelity of these men in office has been exemplary. Bro. Elliott in the course of thirty-five years has not been absent a single quarter.

The toast of former members brought forth excellent speeches from Messrs. Luke Gibbons and H. S. Watson. The Girls of Yesterday brought interest reminiscent addresses by Mrs. W. G. Proctor of Newmarket and Mrs. Sterr of Pine Orchard. The gallants coupled with the toast of to-day and to-morrow were Brothers W. T. Ramsden, Walter Hambleton and Elmer Terry.

Letters of regret that they could not be present on this occasion were received from Geo. R. Anderson, Rugby, G.W.P., Theo. N. Willmot, G.S., Orillia, W. A. Tice, G.P., Toronto, F. C. Ward, Pres. Benefit Dept., Toronto, Robert Tilson, Calgary, Mrs. Webb, Toronto, Kansas, and others. There is but one charter member alive Bro. Martin Lockhart of Toronto, Kansas.

In the evening the hall was filled to hear the excellent program that was provided. The Aurora Orchestra played a program of music that charmed the audience. Miss Mamie Love, A.T.C.M., Miss Bertha Carey, Contralto, Miss Hattie Love, Pianist, Miss Leila Starr, Elocutionist, Miss Clunis, Reader, all rendered their parts to the pleasure of the audience. Mr. Dales of McMaster University made a short address, and Bro. J. O. McCarthy of Toronto, who has many friends in the district, delivered a stirring oration on this historic occasion, which added even greater lustre to his fame.

Bro. Walton presented the Division with a fine portrait of the late Bro. W. C. Bogart and family to be hung upon the walls of Division room.

NAMES RECORDED AT THE 68th ANNIVERSARY OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE
OCTOBER 13th, 1923

Jas. H. Gallick	Toronto
E. M. Davis	"
W. Mills	"
Wm. A. Tice	"
Elmer Terry	Kettleby
Wm. T. Ramsden	"
J. W. Elliott	"
Agnes Seymour	"
Jessie Davis	"
Mrs. M. A. Ramsden	"
Morley Proctor	"
Carl Proctor	"
Rachel Borden	"
Effie O. Charles	Aurora
Mary M. Walton	"
A. Megill	"
Rachel Hambleton Towns	"
Elizabeth Hambleton Aull	Toronto
Mrs. Ada Heacock Starr	Newmarket
Almeda Hambleton Norris	Aurora
Emma C. Heacock	"
Leonora Starr	Newmarket
Mary E. Bogart	"
Mrs. W. S. Bogart	"
Mrs. Robinson	Kettleby
R. A. Heacock	Aurora
Florence Hunter	Kettleby
Gladys E. Bogart	Newmarket
Walter Bogart	"
Jessie H. Elliott	Kettleby
Mary E. Elliott	"
Lena Proctor	"
J. M. Walton	Aurora
Mrs. M. R. Walton	"
Mrs. W. G. Proctor	Newmarket
W. G. Proctor	"
Mrs. Rankin Stewart	Orillia
Mrs. F. Skinner	Schomberg
Mrs. W. A. Tice	Toronto
Ruth Hambleton	Toronto
Lorne C. Bogart	Newmarket
Bertha Fox	Toronto

KETTLEBY CRUSADERS



Photo Taken - November 1899.

In 1875 a junior order of the Sons of Temperance known as the Cadets of Temperance or "The Crusaders" was instituted by the late Joseph Webb, whose name is remembered with great respect.

The chartered list of the junior branch were Silas Stephens, John Webb, William Stokes, Charles McArthur, William Rogers, Joseph Rogers, George Butler, Alfred Butler, Isaac Hollingshead, Alfred Webb, Elias Hilborn, Levi Watson, Henry Shopshire, Clara Walton, Jennie Walton, Elizabeth (Lib) Walton, Carrie Stokes, officers for the Cadets were Elizabeth Walton, Mrs. Rankin Hughey, Mrs. Wakefield Proctor.

The mother order known as the Sons of Temperance Society was Kettleby Division, No. 232, the banner division of the Province of Ontario. At one time among the families represented were 8 Hilborns, 9 Waltons, 8 Lloyds, 6 Lockards, 10 Lemons, 8 Bogarts, 6 Hambletons, 4 Proctors, 6 Tattons and 8 Dales.

Mary Walton Corns