

Grand Division

OF

ONTARIO,

THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION,

BEGUN AT

Kingston, 3rd Dec. 1889.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT

(Continued from last issue.)

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have taken advantage of every opportunity to visit Subordinate Divisions, and have always been accorded a cordial and hearty welcome as your chief Officer. During my visits in the Kingston and Ottawa District, I was particularly impressed with the interest members manifested in the extension and building of Divisions, as well as the fidelity of the older members, who are still loyal to our Grand Old Order. You will understand my appreciation of this fact, when I tell you that in Ottawa I was officially introduced to the Division by a brother who, as Worthy Archon, administered to me the obligation as a Cadet of Temperance; and in Kingston by one who was Worthy Patron of the same Section of Cadets in which I was initiated in this city. In the Welland District, I found the Order in a highly prosperous condition. My visit there was on the occasion of the Quarterly Session of the District Division of that County, which was presided over by D W P Bro Robert Coulter, G W A. Here, too, I was highly pleased to meet many of the fathers of our Order, who, with their children and grandchildren, united in their allegiance to the banner of Love, Purity and Fidelity. I was unable to visit the Divisions in the Western District as fully as I would wish, and I think that this, and the Northern part of our jurisdiction, should receive special attention during the coming year. It has also been my privilege to take part in the public advocacy of our cause in the interests of Divisions, as well as being actively engaged in the recent campaign in opposition to the repeal of the Scott Act.

STATE OF THE ORDER

For a detailed statement of the progress of the Order during the year, I have to refer you to the report of the Grand Scribe. Although up to the date of the preparation of this report, I have been unable to obtain the necessary information as to the exact numerical strength of the Order at the close of the September quarter, yet I am in a position to say that the returns for the quarter ending June last show an increase of membership over the corresponding quarter of last year of over 500 members. I am, for want of information, unable to say what the real strength of the Order in Ontario is at the present moment.

DORMANT DIVISIONS.

Our Order annually sustains a loss in both divisions and members through delinquency. While we have a large number of new divisions organized, we do not seem to gain the strength we should. This fact has so impressed me that I have endeavoured to ascertain the cause of the loss thus sustained, and I find that the large proportion is from the delinquency of the new Divisions. I cannot in this report go fully into statistics in this respect, but for your information I give the following figures for the past three years;—

In 1887, we had organized and re-suscitated 22 divisions; in 1888, 54 divisions; in 1889, 35 divisions, making in all 111 divisions, and of these divisions only 64 are now in operation. This is a matter, in my opinion, which requires our serious consideration, for a large amount of money is annually expended in organization work. The cause of this fatality in our new divisions, I attribute to the lack of thorough and systematic organization, and a want of knowledge how to carry on the work, to conduct the ceremonies, and observe the rules of order. In consequence of this differences of opinion eventually arise, and the contentions resulting therefrom prove fatal to the division, while it is yet in its infancy. In looking over the roll of divisions, it will be found that

the strength of our Order at present is among the older divisions. To prescribe a remedy for this great loss seems difficult. I would, however, recommend for your consideration the propriety of securing the services of one or more competent brothers as organizers or agents, whose duty should be to visit divisions, instruct them in the work of the Order, hold public meetings where desirable, and personally canvass the neighbourhood he may visit for new members. I cannot in this report enter fully into the plan of carrying on this work, but I have no doubt your Executive would be able to carry out the idea suggested if the Grand Division approve of this recommendation. It will, of course, necessarily follow that your Executive must be provided with the funds to carry out my suggestions.

DISTRICT DIVISIONS.

While I have urged in my correspondence, and in my official visits, the organization of this branch of our Order in the several counties, I have no progress to report. Should my recommendation in regard to a permanent organizer be carried out, the services of the same officer could also be utilized for the organization of District Divisions in each county he may visit, and I am sure it would prove of great advantage in sustaining the Order in such counties.

JUVENILE WORK.

I am glad to be able to report that our National Division has undertaken to revive the interest in this branch of our work, and that at its recent meeting decisive and important action was taken. The report of the committee on Juvenile Work, as published in the "Journal of the National Division," should be read in each division. It might tend to influence some brother or sister to undertake the work, and assist to usher in the day so devoutly wished for by the committee. It truly says: "The door of the millennial has a child's hand on the latch." The privilege is ours to help that little hand to lift the latch, and usher in the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Since our last meeting the Council of this body have adopted a resolution providing that the Council shall be composed of representatives of the different religious and Temperance bodies throughout the Dominion, and in compliance with the request of its Executive, I nominated three members of this Grand Division, with the G W P, as your representatives, viz, Brothers J W Manning, G M Rose and Thomas Caswell, that being the number from each Provincial Temperance Organization which shall compose the Council. The meeting, which was held in the city of Toronto on the 12th and 13th of September last, was a large and representative one. The proceedings having been fully reported in the public press at the time, it is unnecessary for me now to attempt to review the many important questions which were discussed, all bearing on plans in future to be followed with the view to secure the Total Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. In response to a resolution of the meeting, I would recommend an appropriation from the funds of the Grand Division to assist in carrying on the work of the alliance; you are also requested to elect four of your members as your representatives to the next meeting of that body.

THE WORK OF THIS SESSION.

The different questions in the interests of the Order which will be presented for your consideration will require your careful attention, and on the result of your deliberations will depend to a great extent the success of our work during the ensuing year. The proposal to return to the system of holding semi-annual sessions you will dispose of at this session. It may be, therefore, of interest in this connection to know the system adopted by other Grand Divisions in our national jurisdiction. I find that of the 56 Grand Divisions, 9 met semi-annually, 8 quarterly, 12 annually. With regard to the other seven I do not know how often they meet. I may also add, that among those which hold their sessions quarterly are our three strongest jurisdictions, viz:—Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. This re-

ference may assist you in coming to a decision on this question.

INSURANCE AND SICK BENEFITS.

The question of Insurance and Sick Benefits are subjects which I anticipate will also call for your deliberation, and I have no doubt will receive your wisest consideration. There seems to be a great difference of opinion as to the wisdom of adopting either of the above schemes, although similar organizations to ours have undertaken such obligations. In the early history of our Order I find that it was first organized as a benefit society, and it was compulsory for each division to pay benefits. The system, however, was apparently continued only for a time, for in May, 1853, the Grand Scribe suggested the advisability of the divisions being permitted to admit non-benefit members; and at the October session, held in the same year, the Grand Worthy Patriarch in his report said: "I would say that steps should be at once taken to permit divisions, at their option, to throw off what many of them consider a great burden, and I am confident that the adoption of the non benefit system and nominal dues would be the means of doubling country divisions in a very short time." The Grand Scribe at the same session, in his report, said: "I consider that the want of the non-benefit plan has kept many from joining our Order, and driven thousands out of it." Subsequently each division was allowed to adopt or reject the benefit system, and in May, 1854, the Grand Worthy Patriarch in his report stated: "I have reason to believe that the suspension of sick benefits and reduction of the interests of every division where it has been adopted, and I am confident that were all the weaker, and in a pecuniary sense poorer, divisions to adopt the same plan their prosperity would be materially promoted thereby." Being aware that this question would likely engage your attention, I have given you the causes which led to the abolition of the benefit system by our divisions after an experience of several years.

In regard to Life Insurance, provision is already made by which the lives of members may be insured in our Mutual Relief Society, which was organized in 1879 by a commission of nine members selected by the National Division at its session in 1879, and I am pleased to notice, by the annual report, that the society has proved very successful, and in my opinion should receive the sympathy and co-operation of every member of our Order.

To those who prefer insurance on other plans than is thus provided, we have the "Temperance and General Life," with one of our most faithful and honored brothers as its president, and under the management of another of our well-known and popular members

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Kingsclear Division, No. 315.

DEAR EDITOR, Knowing you were very busy while the Scott Act Election was in progress I delayed writing until the present. I am sure Frederickton did nobly in sustaining the Act by such a good majority of votes on the 28th ult.

Some of the members of our Division in speaking of the glorious victory felt like passing a vote of thanks to the liquor party for bringing on the Election and thus proclaiming to the County as well as the whole Dominion how weak they were and what a strong temperance sentiment still exists in the Celestial City.

We also rejoice to see the practical effort put forth on the same night of the Election by the better class of citizens, for the enforcement of the law.

Your hint in a recent issue for enforcing the Act at Spring Hill was a step in the right direction, I think your efforts in that line would receive the hearty support and co-operation of the members of this Division.

We have recently made very much needed repairs on our Hall. The interior has been plastered, wainscoted and painted. The stair at the entrance has also been widened, and provided with a good baluster. In order to raise money for these repairs the people were called upon to subscribe and nobly responded to the call; but we found after all had been paid in, there was still needed the sum of \$47.00 to complete the job.

We then called upon the ladies to provide good things for a supper, to be held on the 20th ult and I need not add that they were ready and willing to do what they know so well how to do. Everything was in readiness, and on the 20th the rain came down in torrents and prevented what would otherwise have been a grand success. The committee met and postponed the supper until Friday 22nd but if possible it rained still harder that night than on the 20th, so then we concluded to have it Saturday night rain or shine and though the mud was ankle deep we secured a fair share of patronage and netted the handsome sum of \$30.55.

Our meetings continue quite interesting and the attendance is good.

We had the pleasure of initiating four young persons at our last meeting and the prospects seem good for a good winter's work.

We are looking for a fraternal visit from Prince William Division as soon as the sleighing gets good.

Fearing I have trespassed too much upon your valuable space,

I remain,

Yours in L. P. and F.

O. C.

Kingsclear, Dec 12th 1889

A Significant Testimony.

The oldest and one of the most influential missionary organizations in the United States, embracing many of the leading men in our country has just held its 80th anniversary at the Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York City. Its age and standing in our country make its utterances weighty as to questions of a moral and religious bearing. The following from the annual address given by the president Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., L. L. D., is very significant. It shows where this great and influential body of Christians stands with reference to the liquor traffic:

"So Christianity helps commerce everywhere, and Christianity has the right to require that commerce shall help it (applause) and shall not hinder it. Christianity has the right to demand that the agents of commerce on foreign shores shall not be men of loose life and vicious manners and an infidel spirit; and Christianity has certainly the right to require that commerce shall not debase the nation which it is trying

to lift (applause) by helping the opium traffic in China and by pouring millions of gallons of the vilest liquors into Africa. (Loud applause). Every dollar won by a traffic of that kind ought to burn in a man's hand like a bit of the infernal asphalt which is the pavement of hell. (Loud applause). Riches so acquired simply reek with the blood of immortal souls; and Christianity would be false to its trust if it did not remonstrate and commerce are false to their trust if they do not in their sympathies with the Gospel of our Lord and of His Christ."

Canada.

The Ontario branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance has issued a call for a Convention to be held at Toronto on the 18th of December, to inaugurate a policy for securing immediate prohibitory legislation as far as the same is within the competence of the local Legislature, and for "electoral action for the securing of legislators in favor of prohibition." The call is signed by W. H. Howland, President; J. J. McLaren, Chairman of Executive and F. S. Spence, Secretary.

The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, recently in session at Ottawa, adopted unanimously the following:

That this Convention, being deeply convinced of the enormous evils of intemperance as it exists in this Dominion, and also fully believing that the total prohibition of the liquor traffic is the only effectual remedy for that evil, and that the failure of restrictive legislation, as embodied in the Scott Act, has been produced by a condition of public opinion which would cause the same result to arise in connection with any other temperance legislation.

This Convention, therefore, most earnestly requests all our ministers and churches to promote the cultivation of temperance sentiment and habits in their own localities, and also to take measures to organize undenominational societies to enlist, and as far as possible educate, the youth of our land in the principles of temperance, with the view of obtaining in this way at the expiration of a brief period a number of electors and a power of public opinion that will compel and render effective legislation for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

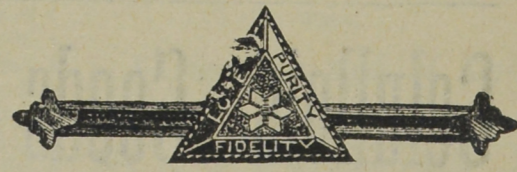
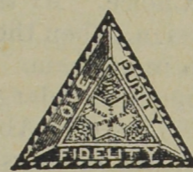
RESOLUTION

(To be moved by some Brother in active Divisions, where they do not already subscribe for the JOURNAL.)

Believing that our officers and members should be kept informed as to the doings of the order, and the duties of their several officers, therefore

RESOLVED, that this Division subscribe for six copies of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, a weekly, 8 page paper, the Organ of the Sons of Temperance of America, published at Fredericton, N. B., Canada, and that the paper be sent to the address of the Worthy Patriarch of this Division for distribution each Division night, and that a cheque be issued on the Treasurer for the sum of \$4.20 in payment of the same, and the money forwarded to the Editor.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE



BADGE PIN.

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE ONE.

It has been found that one drawback to the more rapid extension of the order of the S. of T. is the inability of the members to know each others in public as Sons. It is generally conceded that a way to overcome this is the more general adoption by the members of the order of the authorized badge pin, to be worn on the lapel of the vest or as a tie pin.

This Badge Pin stands for a principal and it is expected and hoped that the members will all stand by the emblematic triangle of the orders, and wear it in public. It is for us to stand by our colors, that we may be living epistles known and read of all men.

The lady members of the order are expected to wear them as well as the male members.

THE PRICES LOW ENOUGH FOR ALL.

The prices of the pins is within the reach of all the membership.

Plated Pin, - - - - -	30 cents.
Heavy Rolled Plate (fine) - - - - -	75 "
Solid Gold, - - - - -	\$1.50
Ladie's Heavy Rolled Gold Plate Lace Pin, \$1.00.	

Pins sent all over the world at these prices. A handsome badge pin is given away to every new subscriber to the Sons of Temperance paper, the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, published at Fredericton, N. B. The subscription price, for this 8 page weekly is \$1.00 per year this includes the badges as well: Or for \$1.50 a copy for a year of the JOURNAL and a Lady's Gold Plated Lace Pin

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