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TEMPERANCE POEM.

FOR THE JOURNAL.

Welcome, thrice welcome, welcome to our lodge
Our honored guests, as we your humble host,
Shall strive to lure you with intensest love,
Back from the bye-paths where both rich and poor

Have been degraded, made a servile band
To live in wretchedness as abject slaves.

Like one of us assert your liberty,
Snap every fetter, burst your prison doors
And come where freedom's songs laugh with
glee

Just like the bird elastic on the wing.
Beyond the gun shot of the crafty man
Who flatters to destroy just who he can.

Welcome, thrice welcome, make now a resolve
As God shall help thee in thy misery
To dash the wine cup from thy favored lips
Spilling it to the earth like lived wine,
As thou deest purpose in thy inmost heart
To be a freeman—free, forever free.

Pluck and Prayer.

There wasn't any use o' fretting,
An' I told Obadiah so,
For ef we couldn't hold on to things,
We'd just got to let 'em go.
There were lots of folks that'd suffer
Along with the rest of us,
An' it didn't seem to be wurth our while
To make such a drefle fuss.

To be sure the barn was 'most empty,
An' corn an' pertaters scarce,
An' not much of anything plenty an' cheap
But water—an' apple-sass.
But then—as I told Obadiah—
It wa'n't any use to groan,
For flesh an' blood couldn't stan' it; an' he
Was nothing but skin and bone.

But laws! ef you'd only heard him,
At any hour of the night,
A prayin' out in that closet there,
'Twould have set you crazy quite.
I patched the knees of those trousers
With cloth that was noways thin,
But it seems as ef the pieces wore out
As fast as I set 'em in.

To me he said mighty little
Of the thorny way we trod,
But at least a dozen times a day
He talked it over with God.
Down on his knees in that closet
The most of his time was passed;
For Obadiah knew how to pray
Much better than how to fast.

But I am that way contrary
That ef things don't go quite right,
I feel like rollin' my sleeves up high
An' gittin' ready to fight.
An' the giants I slew that winter
I ain't going to talk about;
An' didn't even complain to God,
Though I think that he found it out.

With the point of a cambric needle
I druv the wolf from the door,
For I knew that we needn't starve to death
Or be lazy because we were poor.
An' Obadiah he wondered,
An' kept me patchin' his[knees],
An' thought it strange how the meal held
out,
An' stranger we didn't freeze.

But I said to myself in whispers,
"God knows where His gifts descends;
An' t'isn't always that faith gits down
As far as the finger-ends."
An' I wouldn't have no one reckon
My Obadiah a shirk,
For some, you know, have the gift to pray,
And others the gift to work.

—JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

"I Wonder If Ever."

I wonder if ever the children
Who were blessed by the Master of old
Forget He had made them His treasures
The dear little lambs of His fold?
I wonder if, angry and wilful,
They wandered afar and astray—
The children whose feet had been guided
So safe and so soon in the way?

One would think that the mothers at even-
ing,
Soft smoothing the silk-tangled hair,
And low leaning down to the murmur
Of sweet childish voices in prayer,
Oft bade the small pleaders to listen,
If haply again they might hear
The words of the gentle Redeemer
Borne swift to the reverent ear.

And my heart cannot cherish the fancy
That ever those children went wrong,
And were lost from the peace and the shelter,
Shut out from the feast and the song.

To the days of gray hairs they remembered,
I think, how the hands that were riven
Were laid on their heads when He uttered,
"Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

He has said it to you, little darling,
Who spell it in God's Word to-day;
You too may be sorry for sinning;
You also believe and obey.

And 'twill grieve the dear Saviour in
heaven
If one little child shall go wrong—
Be lost from the fold and the shelter;
Shut out from the feast and the song.
—The Child's Paper.

Trusting.

Through all strife and tears
I have a Friend;
He'll safely guide and comfort
To the end.

Through sickness, pain and death,
He has my hand;
He'll bring me safely through them all,
To Canaan's land.

What care I if the way is hard and cold?
He knoweth best;
When I am faint, and can no further go,
He'll give me rest;

And such a rest as that is worth
All pain and tears;
In Him I'll rest and feel secure
From all my fears.

So take and lead me, Lord, where'er Thou
will,
But bring me safe at last
To Zion's hill,

Where I no more shall know what here
Is ill;
And there, with loved ones and my Saviour
blest,
I'll lay my weary burdens down
And take my rest.

For a Lack of a Kind Word.

The victim of intemperance who determines to shake off the chains which bind him, and in a public meeting takes, or signs the pledge, frequently realizes a most discouraging loneliness, which drives him back to his old haunts. The mere signing of the pledge is too simple an expression of the great and important change which he proposes to make in his life. He is to break the ties of friendship and familiarity which attach him to his old companions. Who are to take their places. What is everybody's business is so often nobody's business. Although nearly every heart in a large audience throbs with joy and satisfaction when a well-known drinker takes the pledge, how many go to him at the close of the meeting, and warmly shaking his hand assure him that they are his brothers and sisters. Who is appointed specially to follow him until the next meeting to comfort and encourage him? Oh, how many have gone out from such a meeting, frozen to the heart, feeling that they have no moorings, drifting helplessly? At least there is the notion that they belong to nothing.

The Throbbing of Life.

The best evidence of life is the breath. The surest evidence of a vigorous life is a free palpitation of the heart. Judged by this symptom, who will say that the ambition of Canada for Prohibition is dead or dying? Look at the discussion of church assemblies, the springing up of new temperance organizations and papers, the powerful circulars and petitions that are going out and forward on every hand. If any one can see a solitary trace of weakening of discouragement, of relaxation as regards the people's one cherished purpose and hope, he must surely be willfully purblind to broad and accumulating proofs.

Down deep in the heart of Canada there is a living ambition. Its growth may be retarded by bad men, by imperfect laws, by money freely and corruptly spent, by schemes and arguments that are vain and superficial, but, as with the child that endures pains, diseases, bad nursing and unwholesome food, the growth goes on nevertheless. The child has already reached youthful manhood, and will, before many years, snap in under the thongs that bind it. When that day comes, the liquor traffic, that has been the foundation evil of many evils, will have a short shrift. Men in the trade profess to work against Prohibition because it would have little patience with their business or their claims. They may rest assured their conclusions are correct. When once the people learn—as they are too slow to learn—that they have under their heel a gigantic evil, they will not be sparing of the will to keep it where it can do the least mischief forever after.

Forty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

National Division

S. of T.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

REPORT OF
THE MOST WORTHY SCRIBE.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,
June 26, 1889.

Most Worthy Patriarch and Representatives:

From the Annual Returns received from the Grand Divisions, the following summary of the year's work is given:

Number of Subordinate Divisions in operation Dec. 31, 1887	1,596
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Increase during the year	21
Number of members (corrected) Dec. 31, 1887	79,066
Number admitted by card and initiation	31,103
“ reinstated	1,524
Total	111,693
Number withdrawn	8,005
“ in surrendered Divisions	7,998
“ suspended	13,599
“ expelled for violation of pledge	1,426
“ expelled for other causes	3,264
“ deceased	522
Total	34,814

Total number of members Dec. 31st, 1888 77,879

The following are the Grand Divisions, eight in number, which report an increase in membership, viz:—New Jersey, Maryland and District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Maine, Quebec, Virginia, Delaware, Manitoba and North West Territory. All other Grand Divisions reporting show a loss in membership.

The Grand Division that has made the largest net increase of members during the year is Pennsylvania, which has gained 1,519, and is numerically the second on the roll; and the Grand Division which has made the largest percentage of net gain (based on the membership of the previous year) is Maine, which has increased 51 per cent.

The Grand Divisions which have made a net loss of members three years in succession, are New Hampshire, Ontario, Michigan, Florida and Vermont.

The Grand Division which has reported a loss for four years, is Missouri.

The following Grand Divisions report a loss in membership for two successive years: Western New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois, Rhode Island, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, California and Maryland Junior.

Missouri, Delaware, and North Carolina report less than seven Subordinate Divisions in operation; and the two first jurisdictions have so reported for four years in succession. No returns have been received from the Grand Divisions of Virginia Junior, and the Bahama Islands; the latter has failed to report for three successive years.

The following Grand Divisions have failed to pay their per capita tax for the past year:—Virginia, Virginia Junior, Newfoundland, Bahama Islands, and West Virginia.

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURNS.

For eight years it has been the custom of the Most Worthy Scribe to ask of the several Grand Divisions for Supplementary Returns for the term ending March 31st. Five years ago I questioned the wisdom of this plan, and the experience of the past year confirms my opinion that it is unwise. In Dec., 1887, the membership reported was 79,158, and, according to the Supplementary Returns, three months later, the number of members was 83,706; upon that basis the loss of membership in the Order for nine months ending December 31, 1888, was 4,847, while the loss for the year is 1,279.

In April, 1888, the Supplemental Returns reported the number of

Divisions as 1,677, while the Annual Returns give the number of the Subordinate Divisions as 1,617, a decrease of 60 in nine months. Thus it is clearly indicated that the Supplemental Returns are misleading in reference to the actual condition of the Order, and I have made no effort to secure them on that account. I have received information that the Grand Divisions of Wisconsin, Quebec, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan and North Carolina, are now doing exceedingly well.

SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

Pearl River Division, No 1, New Orleans, La.; St Marys, No 1, Missoula, Montana; and Western Star Division, No 1, Manhattan, Kansas, have not made any returns during the year, and all correspondence has failed to receive a reply. Old Guard Division, No 1, Larwell, Indiana, is inactive. Mechling Division, No 1, Mechling, South Dakota, was instituted November 22, 1888, by D M W P Joseph Johnston; and Sparkling Water Division, No 2 Huron, South Dakota, was instituted February 17, 1888, by Charles Mason, D M W P. The three new Divisions are reported to be in a prosperous condition.

The executive officers, in connection with the General Secretary of the Sons of Temperance Mutual Relief Society, anticipate the opening of several new Divisions in the great West during the coming year.

District Divisions have been organized in several of the Grand Divisions, and where the system is faithfully operated and receives the hearty endorsement of the executive officers and the prominent members, the result is satisfactory and they become an efficient auxiliary in propagation work. An explanatory circular, together with the blanks for credentials, etc, are needed to give the necessary instructions in regard to the opening and manner of conducting District Divisions.

APPEALS.

The following appeals have been received, and are herewith presented to the National Division, viz:—

1. W H Johns vs Grand Division of New Hampshire.
2. C Benedict Rogers, M J Slatery vs Grand Division of Florida.

MEMORIAL.

I have received a memorial from Liberia, and immediately notified the signers of its reception, and that the same would be considered at this session of the National Division.

(A.) Memorial of H S Bell et als, to the National Division.

The Most Worthy Patriarch has given in his able and exhaustive address the names, dates and ages of the members of the National Division who have passed away during the year. With each succeeding year those who have most faithfully labored in our annual gatherings are called to their reward, and "their works do follow them."

I desire to express my gratitude to the members of the National Division and to the executive officers of the Grand Division, for their uniform courtesy, and forbearance; and I hope in the year to come to more fully meet the requirements of this official station.

The Most Worthy Patriarch, my honored predecessor has made me his debtor by many kindnesses.

Fraternally Submitted
BENJ. R. JEWELL,
M. W. S.

The death-rate in the London Temperance Hospital during 1888 was the lowest of any of the London hospitals, being 7.5 per cent.

Dr. Bombaugh an experienced medical examiner, claims that out of every hundred heavy beer drinkers not more than five pass the age of fifty-three.