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Grand Division OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

The forty-second annual session of the Grand Division was opened on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 23rd at 3 p. m. in Howard Division Hall, in St. Stephen; G. W. P. Watts in the chair. Officers absent the Grand Worthy Associate, Grand Conductor and Grand Sentinel.

Vacancies were filled by the appointment of Reps. C. A. Everett, G. W. A.; F. B. Ellis, G. Cond. and G. S. Hennigar, G. S.

After the usual service by the G. Chaplain, the Grand Division was declared opened, in due form.

The Credential Com. reported credentials correct of the following representatives, Rev. W. W. Weddall, W. H. Clark, Julien Whitlock, Arthur Ridgewell, Francis Smith, C. G. Vroom, Howard No. 1; Rev. J. C. Berrie, Wilberforce No. 3; Mrs. J. H. Lester, Portland, No. 7; S. T. Mosher, Granite Rock No. 77; C. H. Hastings, St. Martins No. 164; N. W. Brown, Lansdowne No. 257; J. B. M. Baxter, Tilley No. 348; and W. Rogers, St. George No. 358.

The above representatives were introduced and initiated members of the G. D.

RESOLVED, that members of subordinate divisions be admitted during the session by giving the quarterly password.

RESOLVED, that the P. G. W. P. obligate any representatives presenting themselves for initiation, during the remainder of the session.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT
Officers and Members:—

A hearty welcome to the 42nd Annual Session of our Grand Body. With hearts filled with gratitude to that overruling Providence which has watched over and preserved us through another year, let us meet the responsibilities of the present filled with the same noble aspirations, firm resolves and fixed determination as were our brethren of the past who 42 years ago met in solemn, may I not say divinely led, conclave to institute a Grand Division of our Order for the Province of New Brunswick. Many of those who were the charter members of this body have passed to their reward, but they have left behind them immortal monuments of their zeal and wisdom. May we gathering new courage from the glorious results which have marked their labors; imbibing new faith in our principles and the power of our institution to foster and develop these principles, go forth from the deliberations of this session inspired with a renewed and more vigorous determination to prove ourselves worthy of those who "though dead yet speak." May not a discordant note be struck to mar the harmony of this session, but may all our discussions and conclusions be such as shall tend to bind the members still more closely together in the bonds of an "exalted friendship," and to the upbuilding of our Grand old Order, and the extension of our cardinal principles of Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

THE FIELD.

It affords me much pleasure to state, as it will you to learn, that our Order has passed through a comparatively successful year. Without wearying you with statistics, which will be given in fullest detail by our Grand Scribe, I may say in general terms that we have made an advance along the whole line. New Divisions, not a few have been organized;

dormant Divisions resuscitated; weak ones strengthened, and new vigor and life instilled into our subordinate branches. Our net membership has been increased by 500 and, altogether, I believe, throughout the entire jurisdiction the order stands on a better working foundation than for some years.

CADETS.

More and more is the fact being recognized and acted upon that in order to the final culmination of our hopes and aims, we must educate the youth in the right direction. To effect this object it is admitted that our section of Cadets is a most able auxiliary, and therefore the responsibility to encourage and foster this vital branch of our order cannot with safety to our principles be ignored. While sufficient importance is not as yet being actively attached to this department, still there is cause for congratulation that something is being done in this direction, and that the year has shown an increase in the number of our sections. This is a subject which may well engage the serious consideration of this session so that, haply some means may be adopted whereby an increasing interest in this branch of our service may be stimulated and some practical mode devised to give this renewed interest active vitality.

PROPAGATION WORK.

The report of the Propagation Committee will be awaited, doubtless, with anxiety, and I know when submitted will prove that the committee has been alive to the importance and responsibility of the trust committed to it, and so discharged its duties as to merit your approval. Propagation work is all important—indeed absolutely necessary—and it should not be allowed to flag, but should be more actively prosecuted than before. If possible, a permanent lecturer and organizer should be employed who would give his whole time and undivided attention to the work. I invite your attention to a careful consideration of this subject.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AND APPEALS.

During the year a large number of Constitutional questions have been submitted to me for arbitration, but most of them of a trivial character. So far as I can learn my decisions have been kindly received, and, as a rule acquiesced in.

I have been asked, and in each case granted dispensations to certain Divisions to allow minors to hold office, and in others to allow members under the Constitutional age the right to vote.

VISITATION.

Under this head I have frankly to acknowledge that I have been unable to carry out the resolve made when accepting office to visit the Divisions of the Province. So far from doing that, force of circumstances has rendered it perfectly impossible for me to visit but to a limited extent. In making this confession, and expressing sincere regret at being unable to redeem my promise, I can only assure you that the fault arose from no want of interest or desire on my part, but was entirely owing to the working of causes which I was utterly unable to control.

DISTRICT DIVISIONS.

An effort has been made, and with a gratifying measure of success in the direction of organizing District Divisions. Already have District Divisions been formed in the following counties, Gloucester, Albert, Restigouche, St. John, and Kings, and I have issued a call to the Divisions in Carleton County, to elect representatives to form a District Division there. We should not cease our efforts along this line until there is a District Division for every County of the Province.

OUR ORGAN.

It is gratifying to know that our organ the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL

constantly improving in tone and appearance; the paper is now creditable alike to its enterprising publisher and to the body it represents. Bro. Pitts appears determined to spare no expense or pains to sustain and improve its character and, admitting, as we all must, the mighty power of the press to aid us in the extension and establishing of our principles, the paper deserves, yes has a right to demand, that it receive the moral and material support of this Grand Division, as well as of the membership at large. A portion of the Grand Division funds spent in the support of an efficient organ, is in my opinion a paying investment.

CONCLUSION.

And now, brethren, in handing over the seals of office I do so with a full sense of my own shortcomings in the discharge of the duties of the high and honorable position to which you exalted me, and can only hope that the mantle may fall on more worthy shoulders; that the sceptre may be taken up by one who shall wield it so wisely and well as to lead our Order on to achieve mightier victories, and under whose regime it shall attain a higher position among the moral forces of the day than ever before reached. A member possessing all these qualifications to a vastly greater extent than your retiring Chief it will be easy to discover, but not so easy to find one who has a deeper love for our Order, or a higher regard for her principles.

And now permit me to return thanks to the entire membership for the universal kindness and courtesy shown me; to one and all I am under obligations of gratitude which will not easily be erased from memory.

To Grand Scribe Thomson I acknowledge my indebtedness for invaluable aid. I have ever found him ready to advise and act, and in him, I believe the Grand Division has had a faithful, loyal, painstaking and efficient officer.

My report is finished, but what shall be the result of the conclusion of this session? Shall we meet and separate bearing with us merely the memory of a pleasant time spent together? Nay, shall we not rather fully impressed with the fact that there are fearfully practical problems to solve; mighty interests to serve; afflicted humanity to aid; an enormous evil to be removed—go to work like men solemnly impressed with the binding obligations resting down upon them, and fired, with a holy ambition to discharge their duties as in the sight of the Great Patriarch above and so cautiously, prudently but resolutely legislate as that a new impetus may be given to our Order, such as shall not be lessened in effect until our great purposes are accomplished. This is no time for standing still; we want no laggards now; work, active, hard, constant and continual work is demanded. What we need is Men!

A time like this demands
Strong minds great hearts, true faith
and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not
kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot
buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will
not lie,
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And scorn his treacherous flatteries
without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live
above the fog
In public duty and private thinking.
May strength and wisdom be given
to enable us to prove ourselves such.

Fraternally yours
JAS. WATTS,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The Grand Scribe read his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE.

Another year has rolled around and we are permitted to assemble

ourselves together in this the 42nd annual session of this Grand Division, to review the work that has been accomplished, and to take into consideration the means best adapted to promote, strengthen and carry on this great and glorious cause.

Since we last met in annual session the order has had the usual experience of successes and failures, of losses and gains, of encouragements and discouragements, but I am pleased to be in a position to report that throughout the year there has been a steady increase in membership by initiation, but the usual drawbacks will appear which, to a very great extent, prevent the advancement of the order both numerically and financially. After a faithful review of the past I am convinced that the prospects for the future are of the most hopeful character and that by entering vigorously and persistently into the work we will accomplish the objects for which we are associated. All this will require time and means, but is there one among our number who prides himself a Son of Temperance and is not willing to make a sacrifice by devoting a share of both to rescue the perishing and care for those lost from the effect of the intoxicating bowl?

Since the semi annual session the following divisions have been organized:—

Prince William, No 360, Lower Prince William, York County.

Redbank, No 361, at Redbank, Northumberland County.

Golden Grove, No 362, at Middle Southampton, York County.

Livingstone, No 363, Lakeville, Carleton County.

Prince of Wales, No 364, Victoria Corner, Carleton County.

Inebriates' Friend, No 365, Hartland, Carleton County.

Granville, No 366, Bonny River, Charlotte County.

Orient, No 367, Morris' Mills, Charlotte County.

Oak Bay, No 368, Oak Bay, Charlotte County.

Happy Retreat, No 369, Tabsuintac, Northumberland County.

Eight of these Divisions were organized by Mr N W Brown, grand lecturer and organizer.

The following Divisions have been resuscitated: Mountain Rose, No 260; Laurenceville, No 261; Twilight, No 276.

All these Divisions have been organized under the most favorable auspices, and have entered upon their work with a degree of vigor and earnestness which will aid in a great measure our cause in the different localities where they are placed.

During the year six divisions have failed to send returns for that period, but from information received, I am in hope that they are not dead but sleeping, and that in time they will arise from their slumbers and take their places among our more favored divisions. The D G W P's do not attach to the forwarding of returns that importance which it deserves, as they must be aware that to give anything like a correct report of the work accomplished is impossible for the want of such.

The following is a summary of the work accomplished during the official year:—

Number of divisions organized.....	19
Resuscitated.....	9
Number initiated.....	2,478
Joined by card.....	54
Reinstated.....	143
Withdraw.....	657
Suspended.....	1,066
Expelled for violating pledge.....	75
" " other causes.....	177
Died.....	33
Violated the pledge.....	80
Present number of members.....	5,911
Amount accrued for per capita tax.....	\$1,396 78
Amount of receipts of divisions.....	5,235 51
Amount of expenses of divisions.....	4,276 94
Amount on hand and invested.....	8,376 84

The oft told story of suspensions has to be repeated. The number has been very large and this, coupled with the withdrawals, decreases to a large extent the numerical standing of the order. The withdrawals cannot be avoided as this is due to members leaving the province to provide homes (it may be temporary) in other climes, but some immediate steps
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