

GRAND DIVISION OF RHODE ISLAND.

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION HELD WITH FOUNTAIN DIVISION NO. 4, AT WOONSOCKET, TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1889.

The Grand Division opened in due form at 10.30 o'clock A. M., Grand Worthy Patriarch Rev. B. H. Lane in the chair.

The following officers were present at roll call: Rev. B. H. Lane, G. W. P.; William Legg, G. W. A.; N. B. Bowers, G. S.; Alonzo D. Vose, G. Trea.; Rev. J. W. Willett, G. Chap.; Allen P. Peck, G. Con.; O. P. Park, G. Sentinel.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Representatives to fill vacancies:

P. G. W. P. Higgins of No. 2 as sitting Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Representative Holmes of No. 4 to obligate visitors.

Representatives Smith of No. 19, and Chase of No. 8 on Finance Committee.

Representatives Tabor and Williams of No. 11, and Riley of No. 30 as Committee on Obituaries.

The Committee on Elections and Returns presented report which was adopted and ordered on file.

The Grand Conductor retired and found in waiting Representatives, and they were presented and duly initiated.

After a partial reading of the minutes of last session, upon motion of Representative Vose of No. 4, voted that the records be approved as printed.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch presented his report as follows, which was received and referred to the Committee on the state of the Order:

REPORT OF GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH.

Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 15, '89.

Officers and Representatives of the Grand Division of Rhode Island Sons of Temperance:

I have been honored with the highest office in your power to bestow, and appreciate this expression of your confidence and esteem. For your sakes I wish I had more ability to bring to the office, and more time to give to the work of our beloved Order. We fight a way foe, and need to have open eyes, and be vigilant and watchful in our service. Our Order is one of the best of the benevolent and fraternal organizations of the day. It ought to be a moral power in the State, and a creator of temperance sentiment looking to the enforcement of Law. To this end I recommend that resolutions be passed expressing the sentiment of this Grand Division against the resubmission of the Prohibitory Amendment to the people, and in favor of the enforcement of Law. I also recommend that a petition be sent to the State Legislature, asking for the enactment of the so-called Kansas Injunction Law. In this day of temperance agitation our influence should be on the right side. Our Order is what we make it. It has always prospered when each member was personally interested, and did all in his power for its advancement.

I am sorry to Report that Silver Bell Division, No. 5, has surrendered its Charter. A proposition to do so was presented to the Division early in November, and laid over for final action until each member could be notified. In company with my esteemed D. G. W. P., Smith Quimby, I visited them on the night of their final action, November 30. Seven of their members were present, and seven visitors. In spite of all we could say, the vote to surrender was unanimous. Their property is in the hands of Bro. Quimby, awaiting your Order.

Reports of Divisions here follow. It is my sad duty to report a visitation of the death angel, who bore away from our ranks P. W. P. Sister Sarah A. Brown of South Providence Division No. 11. She died December 1st, aged 26. She will be greatly missed in the circles where she moved.

There has been no meeting of the Propagating Committee during the quarter.

It seems to me that if our Order could be brought to the attention of the people, and they understand its principles, and the provision it offers to the families of the members in its Insurance, it would grow rapidly. Each of us could help increase the membership by talking up our Order.

I thank the Deputies for their faithful and efficient services, and for their endeavors to aid me and make my task light.

Respectfully Submitted,

In L. P. and F., B. H. LANE, Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The Grand Scribe presented the following report which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order and Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 15, '89.

To the Grand Division of Rhode Island, Sons of Temperance:

Your Grand Scribe would respectfully submit the following report for the term ending December 31, 1888: Returns have been received from all the divisions but Rainbow No. 1 and Silver Bell No. 5, which divisions, I understand, have disbanded, and their property is now in the hands of their deputies. Chepachet Division No. 14, shows the banner report for the term, having initiated 21 and lost but 1, showing a gain of 20, indicating an awakening to temperance work. The other divisions showing gains are Nos. 12, 18, and 16. Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 16 and 30 show a loss; and Nos. 7 and 17 remain as at last report. Taken altogether the condition of the Order is unsatisfactory. The propagating committee has not been called together the past term, and no division reports the distribution of temperance literature, or the holding of any public meetings.

Constitutional prohibition has been strengthened in the State by the action of the Supreme Court in its decisions in appealed cases, which has settled cases that have been standing for a year and a half, and the violators of the law are now in jail serving sentences, with more to follow in the near future. What the Legislature intends to do to further the enforcement of the law is of course problematical and will be watched with interest.

The Mutual Relief feature of the Sons of Temperance should be more generally adopted, and until some thing of that nature is adopted, I do not see how we are to stop our downward course. Nearly every order now before the public is beneficial, and people will go where they get the greatest return for their outlay.

Death has visited the ranks of South Providence Division and removed two P. W. P.'s, whose familiar faces we miss to-day, as they were good attendants of the Grand Division.

The following statistics show the condition of the order:

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Divisions at close of last quarter	16
Number of Divisions at present time	15
Members at close of last quarter	793
Members admitted this quarter	40
Total	833
Number of members Withdrawn this quarter	12
Suspended	33
Expelled	1
Died	2
In divisions, charters surrendered	29
Total	77
Present membership	756
Loss in membership	37
Representatives in Grand Division	218
Number violated pledge	4

FINANCES.

Amount received for fees and dues	\$199 70
Amount received from other sources	125 11
Amount paid by Divisions for expenses	421 41
Amount paid by divisions for per capita tax	47 46
Amount paid by divisions for supplies	5 03
Total cash in hand and invested	2825 16

CASH STATEMENT.

Rec'd for per capita tax due last quarter	\$ 54
Rec'd for per capita tax this quarter	47 46
Rec'd for sale of supplies	5 03
Total receipts	\$ 107 99
By Cash paid A. D. Vose, Grand Trea.	\$ 51 03

The following bills have been presented:

Bill of Sibley & Lee, Printing	\$ 25 50
Bill of Grand Scribe, Salary, Postage, etc.	13 12

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Representative Vose moved that we take a recess at 12.30 until 2 o'clock. So voted.

Representative Peck of No 16 moved we appropriate \$37.80 to pay the per capita tax of this Grand Division to the National Division. So voted.

The time for recess not having arrived, P. G. W. P. Willet of No. 2 was called on for remarks and responded, stating that we had much to be thankful for, and that the cause of prohibition never looked better, and thought brighter days were coming in the near future.

Remarks on the Mutual Relief feature of the Order were made by P. G. W. P. Higgins of No. 2, and

P. G. W. P. Vose of No. 4, urging the members to pay more attention to this feature of the Order.

At 12.30 took a recess till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Finance Committee present the following report which is received and recommendations are adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 15, '89.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members:

Your Finance Committee have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer and find them correct as read to the Grand Division, and recommend their adoption. We also recommend the payment of the following bills, viz:

Sibley & Lee for printing	\$ 25 50
N. B. Bowers, G. S., Salary and Postage	13 12
Total	\$ 38 62

Submitted in L. P. and F.,

O. P. Park, A. T. Smith, H. T. Chace, Committee.

While waiting for the report of the Committee on State of the Order, remarks are made by P. G. W. P. Blundell of No 11, Representative Sister Cornell of No. 4, Representative Peck of No. 16 and others.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report which was taken up and discussed by section and finally adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Representatives, Greeting:

Your Committee on the State of the Order find but little in the present condition of our Order to give us great encouragement. Yet there is a little to be thankful for. Some of our Sub. Divisions are healthy, hearty and growing, while others are decidedly sickly, but there is an old saying, that while there is life, there is hope. We recommend that the G. W. P. immediately institute earnest, active measures to either resuscitate Rainbow Division or ascertain its actual condition, that proper action may be taken thereon at our next session. We heartily agree with the G. W. P. that we ought to make known to our General Assembly our desires in regard to the present condition of the non-enforcement of our laws in regard to prohibition. To that end we submit the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Division, representing the Sons of Temperance of the State of Rhode Island, does respectfully, yet earnestly, protest against the resubmission of the Fifth Amendment of our State Constitution to a popular vote.

Resolved, That we respectfully petition the General Assembly to enact the so-called Kansas Injunction Law, at their present session.

In this connection your Committee take the liberty to call attention to some things of special interest at the present time. We should remember that the "Reason to be" of our Order is the promotion of Temperance Reform. Its success, is our success; its failure, our failure, however we may seem to flourish as an Order, and however pleasant, as socials, our gatherings may be. These social delights are but incidents of our work. By our union with this Order we declare that we are ardently devoted to Temperance Reform. This being so, will not people be justified in looking upon our profession of zeal as mere pretense, unless we are actively engaged in public temperance work? Should we not be active in holding public meetings, not waiting for others to take the lead? Is there not great need of old-fashioned temperance meetings in all our communities? Our enemies are terribly in earnest. They are appealing to the public in ways to lead all to overlook for a time, the awful results of their business. They purpose the resubmission of the Fifth Amendment to a popular vote. Nothing will more certainly defeat them in this than a general temperance revival. Let the members of the General Assembly see that the State is aroused to stand by what it has done, and they will be slow to favor resubmission. Should they persist in bringing this before the people again, there is nothing better than such a revival to prepare for good work at the ballot box. The arguments for Constitutional Prohibition need not be repeated, they are not forgotten. All now needed is a revival of in-

terest in the reform itself. While this is the great object just now there is nothing better than such old-fashioned temperance work, for recruiting the ranks of our Order. A primary object in the institution of this Order, was to furnish a social, helpful home for reformed men. It is a sad fact that very few such are now found at our doors. This is not because drunkards are few, but because so little is directly done to lead them to reform. Let us, in our several localities, be found in the front rank of outside temperance workers. We shall reap if we faint not, and our triumph will be glorious. Who among us is willing to come to that hour bearing no scars won in the battle?

Respectfully Submitted, In L. P. and F.,

A. D. Vose, Amie A. Cornell, John W. Willett, Smith Quimby, Committee.

Representative Vose of No. 4 moved that a copy of the resolutions be signed by our G. W. P. and G. S. and be presented to the General Assembly. So voted.

Representative Blundell of No 11 invited the Grand Division to meet in Temperance Hall, at South Providence, at its April session, and the invitation is accepted.

Rev. Mr. White of Woonsocket offered some entertaining remarks for the good of the Order, and no further business appearing, the Grand Division was closed in due form to meet in South Providence, on Third Tuesday in April.

Forty representatives and six visitors were present as shown by the roll books.

Charlo Division, S. of T.

Mr. Editor:—I would respectfully beg leave to say for the Good of the Order that Charlo Division No. 259 of the Sons of Temperance N. B. is in good working order. The officers and members finding that there has been no communication between our Division and the JOURNAL for a long time thought it best to change the official correspondent. I having been appointed to that office will now endeavour to give a short account of what our Division is doing. In past years our Division was considered the banner Division in the County of Restigouche, I would almost dare to say that it is the banner Division yet. It is true we have suffered from the loss of some very good members, yet I feel pleased to be able to say with confidence that the best of our members are still with us.

There are certain seasons of the year that our meetings are not just what we would like them to be, yet as a rule we have very good meetings. Our young ladies are the principal support of our Division, they are always in readiness, with something to offer for the good of the Order, that is sure to be both interesting and instructive. I noticed one thing in our Division. That is worthy of remark,—within the last eighteen months there have been three Worthy Patriarchs married to the Worthy Associates during their term of office; no doubt these offices will be sought for in future by several of our members. In this section of the country we are not troubled with many liquor dealers. Many of our young people have never seen a man under the influence of whiskey, yet we find our Division of lasting good. Our young men leave home and go out into the world, and in nearly every case they are true to our principle. The old proverb holds good, "as the twig is bent so doth the tree incline." I fear I am taking up too much of your valuable space. Will write again by the first of next quarter.

I remain Yours in L. P. and F., O. C.

Alcohol is not only unattractive but violently repulsive to the uncorrupted sense of taste, and that repugnance is not limited to the instincts of the human race.

Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, doesn't mince matters on the drink question. He says that when they disestablished the liquor traffic they would have nothing to fear for any House of Parliament that should ever assemble, and when they got rid of the English brewer he thought the millennium would come. This is the straight sort of speaking that is wanted in these days.

A GRAND MEETING.

St. John N. B. March 7th, '89

DEAR JOURNAL,—I thought I would drop you a few lines about our Division and its work. Last night we had a fraternal visit paid us by the members of Granite Rock Division of Carleton. We met last night in Gordon Division Hall King Street and will meet hereafter D. V. on each Friday night commencing March, 15th, '89

We had some very interesting readings, recitations and songs from the members of both Divisions, also some speeches which had the right ring about them. Some of the speakers referred to the Prohibition resolution passed by the Grand Division of New Brunswick expressing a hope that the committee appointed were gathering information from every Sabbath School, Church, Christian Association, Temperance Union and from every source the committee might deem it advisable, informing all these Christian workers that the Grand Division believes that the time has fully come when all the Christian and philanthropic institutions should unite and place petitions in the hands of every voter in this entire Dominion and ask them to say whether it is their wish that this monster iniquity strong drink should be licensed to be manufactured or imported or sold for beverage purposes in this Dominion. We are aware there are a few persons who do not believe the time has yet arrived for the total Prohibition of this traffic. But we would ask who are the persons that should be consulted in the matter. You would not ask the thief whether the time has arrived when a law should be made to punish theft nor an habitual profane man, a law punishing profanity. I believe wisdom would teach us that the proper persons to ask these questions are those who have suffered from the effects of theft and profanity. For illustration, a person who has had something stolen from him which he prizes very highly, do you think there ought to be a law to punish theft? Go ask a mother who has taken a great deal of pains to train up her boy and to guard him from the use of all profanity. That boy going out and mingling in society and coming back to his pure mother foul-mouthed and profane, should there be a law against profanity? Go ask that mother and father who have trained up a family of boys and girls and taught them the evil of intoxicating liquors, and these go out and intermarry into other families that have not been so carefully trained and suffer from the effects of the use of intoxicating drink. Do you think there should be a law to prohibit this? I am writing this from memory as I did not take any notes at the time. There was a pretty full expression of opinion that the members are looking to the Prohibition Committee and expecting them to push the work. They were appointed to do to the utmost extent it is possible to be pushed. About 9.30 p. m. the members of Excelsior Division passed round coffee and cake to all present. A few more speeches were given, after which the Division sang the old closing ode while the members were retiring. It was one of the most pleasant and profitable as well as enjoyable evenings that it has been the privilege of your correspondent to spend for some time.

Excelsior Division No. 346, meets every Friday evening, in Gordon Division Hall, King Street, Robert Wills, D. G. W. P.

CAPE BRETON RAILWAY.

Tender for a Bride at the Grand Narrows.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside, "Tender for Brides," will be received until noon on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1889.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of Government Railways, Ottawa, where forms of tender may be obtained on and after Wednesday, 20th February instant.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit equal to 5 per centum of the amount of the tender. This deposit may consist of cash or an accepted cheque made payable to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and it will be forfeited if the person tendering neglects or refuses to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if after entering into a contract he fails to complete the work satisfactorily according to the plan, specification and contract.

If the tender is not accepted the deposit will be returned.

Tenders must be made on the printed forms supplied.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest of any tender.

A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 7th February, 1889.