

ANNUAL SESSION OF GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. OF MAINE, 1889.

The 45th annual session of the Grand Division of Maine, opened in due form. The following Grand Officers were present at the opening: Fred Stevens, Cumberland Mills, G W P; Mrs Fred Stevens, Cumberland Mills, G W A; Mrs Annie L Hayes, Chelsea, G S; H K Morrell, Gardiner, G T; Rev D B Randall, Portland, G Chap; J E Meader, Chelsea, G S; A K P Buffum, Gardiner, P G W P.

The Most Worthy Scribe of the National Division, Benjamin R Jewell of Boston, was introduced by P M W P, S L Carleton, and was received by the Grand Division with due ceremony.

On motion of Bro Boothby, it was voted that members of subordinate Divisions be admitted to this session of the G D, on being obligated and furnished with a special password by the G W A in the ante room.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following committees: On Finance—Bros J Thomas, Gardiner; I N Blackwood, Cumberland Mills; T E Ransted, Waterville.

On Reports—Bros Patrick Hayes, Chelsea; S L Carleton, Portland; H K Morrell, Gardiner.

On Appeals—Bros Boothby, Waterville; E H Dolley, Windham; C Stuart, Windham.

On Location—Bros P Hayes, Chelsea; J M Larrabee, Gardiner; E H Dolley, Windham.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made his report as follows: GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT Officers and Members of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Maine:

We meet here to-day at our Annual Session as guests of Ticonic Div, No 13; and in presenting my report, I regret that I have not been able to do more since we last met.

Two new Divisions have been organized, one at Mattawamkeag, July 2, by Brother Hayes, with Charter Members. I have not heard from them, but learn from other sources that they are doing well.

The fourth session of the District Division was held with Central Park Division June 6th, and although there was a small representation, we had a profitable meeting. We elected Bro Dolley D W P and Bro Irving Kemp, D Scribe.

Aug 29th the fifth session was held with Pine Tree, No 1. There was between two and three hundred members and visitors present, and a very enjoyable day was passed in speaking, boating and other sports. The next session will be Nov 7th, at West Gray.

I would recommend that the G D send the Journal to every new Division organized this year. In closing, I hope that we shall have an interesting and profitable session and go home with new zeal to work for the Order.

I would again call your attention to the Sons of Temperance National Mutual Relief Association. It gives relief to members from \$500 to \$3,500 at the actual cost of insurance.

been able to. I would extend my thanks to the G S for help and counsel at all times.

All of which is respectfully submitted In L, P and F, FRED STEVENS, G W P.

Referred to Committee on Reports. GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT. WATERTVILLE, ME., Oct. 23-24, '89.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Brothers and Sisters: Again we meet in annual session as guests of Ticonic Division, No. 13, and I herewith present, as Grand Scribe, a detailed report of the standing and work of our Order in Maine for the past year:

Table with financial and membership statistics for the Grand Division of Maine, 1889. Includes items like 'Number of Divisions reporting', 'Admitted', 'Reinstated', etc.

You will see that although this is the hardest part of the year to keep up an interest in the work, especially through the midsummer months, our Order has held its own and made a slight increase in membership over the April quarter, although we have lost in Divisions.

I will say in regard to the Cadets of Temperance that the National Division has not sent out any password this year, as they voted to recommend that all sections join the National section, at the session at Saratoga last June, and I think it would be for the best interest of the sections now in our State to connect themselves with the National Section, if they did so they could form a Grand Section and thus do a good work among the young in our state.

Our Grand Division was represented at the session of the National Division on June 26 and 27, by P G W Ps, J B Thorncliffe, Patrick Hayes, and P G W A, Mrs L F Mason.

I am grieved to announce the death of our worthy brother, W H Phillips, P G W A, who passed away Sept 5th. Bro Phillips was a strong temperance man, and an earnest worker in the cause. He joined this Grand Division Oct 22, 1884, at Portland, and was elected G W A at the session at Portland Oct 27, 1886. Brother Phillips was 62 years of age at the time of his death. His last thoughts were of temperance and his last words were 'have the boys kept their pledge.'

The thanks of the Grand Division are due Bro J B Thorncliffe for his generosity in turning the charter fee of \$10 for Casco Division, No 34, which he organized, over to the Grand Division.

I will again draw your attention to the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, published by Bro H H Pitts, and I think if the paper was properly supported it would be a great help to the Order in our State. I have a letter from Bro Pitts which I will submit to the Grand Division.

I wish also to draw your attention to the Sons of Temperance Mutual Relief Society. In my opinion there is nothing like it to keep up the interest in the Divisions, as we must keep up our membership in our Division to hold a policy in the Mutual Relief Society.

It is not my place to make recommendations, yet I think it would be good policy for the Grand Division or the Propagation committee to appoint someone to visit Divisions, and have expenses paid to do so, as I have received letters from a number of Divisions saying they thought they should have a visit from some Grand Officer, especially in the cases of Atlantic and Freeport Divisions. They both evidently needed nourishment and some one to stir them up a little.

Now is the time to revive the work in our state, and I trust through the winter months we may accomplish a great deal in the way of new Divisions and adding to the ranks of our own Divisions good, strong temperance workers. It is our individual duty to work for the advancement and growth of our Order, and I trust we may at this session legislate to extend the work of propagation. With a noble work to do, and excellent facilities to do it with; with the obligations of duty and the vows of brotherhood upon us, let us spring to action, and labor for God and home and country.

Most of the Deputies are prompt and efficient; and to those and also to R S, I wish to extend my thanks. I have held considerable correspondence with all of the Divisions, and most of it has been very pleasant.

I have answered all letters of inquiry to the best of my ability, and as promptly as possible. I find in looking over the reports of the Grand Division that the work of this office has largely increased in the last three or four years and I find it just all I can do to carry it on properly and preform my household tasks. Yet I am willing and glad to do all in my power to help the Order of the Sons of Temperance, my birthplace in the temperance work; and though I am a member of various other Orders, Soldiers Division, No 5, holds the first place and always will.

We are to have with us at this session Brother Benj R Jewell, M W S of the National Division, as I received a letter from him to that effect a short time ago.

I wish to return thanks to the G W P, Fred Stevens, and to other Grand Officers for their kindness and courtesy during the past year.

Trusting we shall be materially benefitted and encouraged during the session, I remain, Yours in L P and F, MRS PATRICK HAYES, G. S.

Mr. Geo. C. Hatt of the C. P. R. Telegraph staff, St. John, spent a few days in town this week.

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