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GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT
(Continued from last issue.)
IN MEMORIAL.

One by one the workers are called from the field of labour to their reward, and it is my sad duty to refer to the becase of the following members of this body:—Bro Mitchael Taylor, P W P of the late Haldinand Division, No 56, and for many years D G W P of his division. So far, I have not been furnished with date of death, or of his connection with our Order. Bro J R Ault, one of the pioneer members of the order in this Province, having united as a charter member of Charlesville Division of Aultville, in 1851, and was its first W P and D G W P. He became a member of this Grand Division in the same year, and continued his connection with the Order until his death. Bro L W Tye, D G W P of Brampton Division, No 148, was suddenly called from his labour on the 28th September last. On the previous evening our brother was, as usual, in attendance at the regular meeting of his division, was taken ill while attending to his duties, and passed away to the higher life early the following morning. Truly, in the midst of life we are in death. Bro Tye was elected Grand Conductor at the Brampton session in 1887, and at the time of his death held the position of Co D G W P, of the county of Peel. Brother John McCaffrey, P W P of Mount Meldrum Division, No 210, died August 29th 1889. He was connected with the Order for 35 years, and a member of this Grand Division for many years. He too was faithful unto death. Sister Hall, P W P of Oshawa Division, No 35, the beloved wife of our esteemed Brother Andrew B Hall, D G W P. Our sister first united with our Order as a lady visitor, March 30th, 1857, and was initiated as a member November 17th, 1873. The following July she was installed as W P of her Division, and became a member of this Grand Division at the session of 1880. She was ever active in and devoted to the work of our Order, as well as to every good work. Death has taken them from us now, but we will be with them by and by.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL.

The Grand Scribe, to whose courtesy and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties I desire to bear testimony, will submit to you the usual statistical statement; and our Grand treasurer, to whom we are greatly indebted for the present excellent system of managing our financial affairs, and who knows how, and no doubt, will show a balance on the right side, will submit a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year. The Trustees will also present for your information their annual statement of the money and property held by them in trust for this Grand Division.

IN CONCLUSION:

Brothers and sisters, permit me to express the wish that our deliberations at this session may be guided by that wisdom which cometh from the Great Patriarch above,—that we may realize how great our responsibilities are,—and that, as true Sons of Temperance, we have a great work to perform. Whilst faithful to the Order, zealous of its purity, and earnest for its extension, let us never forget that we have other duties pressing upon us. We are members of the civil body, and the world has

claims upon us. We have a mighty responsibility to sustain as citizens, and there is only one way of meeting that great responsibility, and that is by an earnest and continued protest against the legalized iniquity—the liquor traffic. As you love the noble cause of Temperance and desire to prove your title to the honors of membership in our Order—as you value your connection with an organization that has been founded and perpetuated for nearly fifty years—see to it that you are consistent in life and conduct. Do not let the enemy reproach you by reason of any inconsistent act on your part. We must seek to make the entire traffic illegal, and to brand it as criminal. As one of you in principle, spirit and aim, I utter my thoughts truly and earnestly, and plead for the cause and Order we all love, the claims of which we all recognize and for the advance of which we all pray. Let us remember that while our organization may be considered only the work of men, the movement is the work of God. We, and our best effort are human and feeble, but the work itself is divine and enduring. Let us never forget then that we are co-workers with God for humanity, when we are promoting the glorious principles of our beloved Order, of which it has been truly said:—No other organization has ever existed that has produced so much real good to the community—that has carried more joy and comfort to distressed and heart-broken wives, and worse than orphan children—that has made so many happy homes, and restored to society so many of God's fallen humanity, as the Divisions of the Sons of Temperance. Let us be true to this record and worthy of this reputation. And now brothers and sisters of the Grand Division, I sincerely tender to you my grateful acknowledgments for the uniform favour in which you have approved of my efforts to discharge the important duties of my elevated position. From that honorable station to which your kindness and partiality elevated me, I am now about to retire, but not, I trust, from the active work of the Order. Full of the warmest and most grateful emotions, my heart assures me, as I assure you, that my great ambition is and has been to promote the harmony, advance the interests, and preserve unsullied on my part the reputation of the Sons of Temperance. One more qualified can easily be found to discharge the important duties of the distinguished office from which I now retire, but not one who more sincerely desires the success and advancement of our cherished institution and its glorious principles. May I not then, in handing over to my successor the insignia of office, express the sincere wish of my heart, that the blessing of Heaven may rest upon you all and upon our Order forever.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

THOMAS WEBSTER,
G W P

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 3rd, 1889.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members:

Once more by the permission and approbation of "Him who doeth all things well," we have met in Annual Session in this beautiful city. As we grasp each other's hands, exchange words of greeting, sympathy or cheer, and take faithful counsel together, may it be ours to devise ways and means to still more effectually disseminate the truths and principles of our Order, and yet further increase its numbers, influence and usefulness.

During the year that is past much work has been done. All has not been accomplished that was desired, but progress has been made; a fair measure of success has attended the efforts put forth. In many parts of our jurisdiction there is an increased and increasing interest in our work; harmony seems to prevail within our borders; prospects for future work and success are good. A

vast field lies open before us. It is for us to enter in and occupy, to cultivate and educate; an ample reward awaits such labors. As our Order has ever been foremost in breaking the soil and in scattering the seed, so shall it, if we are faithful to our charge, be foremost in reaping the bountiful harvest.

THE NATIONAL DIVISION SESSION OF 1889.

The forty-fifth Annual Session of the National Division was held at Saratoga Springs, N Y, commencing on the 26th of June last, at 10 a. m. Eighty-three representatives were present from eighteen Grand Divisions. There were in attendance from this Grand Division the following representatives viz:—P G W P's, G M Rose, Thomas Caswell, P G W A's W H Orr, W H Bewell and Jas Brooks. The session was very interesting and harmonious.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The following is a copy of the annual returns furnished the National Division for the year ending December, 1888:

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the National Division will be held at Ocean Grove, N J, in the second week of July, 1890.

Number of members last year	6634
Number admitted by initiation and by card	2653
Number of members reinstated	146
Number of members withdrawn	695
Number of members in Divisions who have chartered have been surrendered	881
Number of members suspended	980
Number of members expelled for violation of pledge	68
Number of members expelled for other causes	165
Number of members died	34
Number of violations of pledges	214
Number of present members	6015
Whole amount of receipts by subscriptions	\$3526 35
Cash on hand and invested by divisions	\$17023 00
Per capita tax to Grand Division	\$1466 08
Per capita tax to National Division, 5 cents per member	\$300 75
Number of representatives in Grand Division	480
Number of representatives in National Division	31
Number of Temperance meetings held	350
Number of tracts distributed	3000

Some of these figures are worthy of the most careful study. There were large accessions to our ranks during the year—a number equal to about 44 per cent. of the membership at the beginning of the year. Withdrawals were numerous and should be lessened. Suspended, chiefly for non payment of dues, 980. This was a heavy drain upon our membership, though a better showing than that of the previous year, was yet very large. Returns received for three quarters indicate a still further improvement for the present year.—It may be interesting to note that of those returned under this heading for the three quarters of this year 44 per cent. of the total suspensions were in six divisions; 76 per cent of those suspended were in 19 divisions, while 130 divisions making returns furnish but 24 per cent. of the suspensions. The number "suspended" in a division it is true is an unsafe criterion by which to judge of its energy or usefulness. A large number "suspended" may occasionally indicate greater activity or better business methods, it frequently indicates the lack of these, past or present. A small number of suspensions sometimes indicates inactivity, but frequently it indicates energy and carefulness on the part of the division, and attention to duty by its Financial Scribe. The wilful non-payment of dues is dishonorable and dishonest. If our divisions will faithfully inculcate this truth we may confidently expect still further improvement from year to year. Financial Scribes, as a rule, are paying closer attention to their duties than formerly. If each member in arrears be promptly notified or waited upon every quarter, the division finance will be benefited, and some members at least will be saved to the Order, who, otherwise would soon be placed among the "suspended," and lost to the division. Unperformed duty is not a kindness but a wrong to a member in arrears. "Number in Divisions whose charters have been surrendered, 881." This was lower than in 1887, but was yet too high. Greater attention to exist-

ing divisions, and the general adoption and support of District Divisions would I believe materially lessen our annual loss under this heading. During the present year I have devoted nearly all the time that could be spared from the office to visiting weak, struggling and discouraged divisions. Bro. Jas Brooks, P G W A, who has given his whole time to the Order; Bro. R Coulter, who has given much time, and others, have paid special attention to this department of work. It is gratifying to know that at least some divisions that were evidently on the verge of dissolution, have by these visits been revived and now promise well for future usefulness. A reference to the returns for the past four quarters indicates that our losses for the present year under this heading, will be less than two-thirds as large as that of last year.

Expulsions for all causes were less than 4 per cent. while deaths reported were about 5½ per thousand upon the average membership.

RETURNS.

Though promptly notified, 20 Divisions that make returns for the quarter ending June, have thus far neglected to do so for the quarter ending September. I again urge upon Divisions the great importance of making returns promptly.

PROPAGATION.

Bros Edward Carswell, P M W A, and J C Tisdale, Pro D G W P, devoted a portion of last winter to propagation work. The pending Scott Act campaign and stormy weather interfered materially with the progress of the work, yet a number of promising Divisions were organized. Bro J Arlington Cooke, Pro D G W P, during the past few weeks has been lecturing in Northumberland and Renfrew Counties; excellent reports of his work are to hand. During the year many deputies and a number of Divisions have given valuable aid to the Order in organizing new Divisions, resuscitating dormant ones, and in visiting and encouraging those that seemed about to fall. A few have given much time, and many have given some time to this work. Twenty-six new Divisions have been organized, ten dormant ones resuscitated, and two sections of Cadets have been instituted.

A number of Divisions that had ceased to work for a time have renewed operations, but for various reasons cannot be properly classed as resuscitated. I am deeply indebted to several Deputies and others for the information that enabled me to take steps to save such Divisions. In some cases the information came to me through Bro F M Bradley, General Manager of the Relief Society. At least two Divisions are now in operation that were reported defunct at Washington. Neither of these Divisions were three months in arrears for returns. Had it not been for the information thus obtained it is evident that further time must have elapsed before I would have had reason to suppose that such Divisions had ceased working, and during that time the opportunity for their revival might have passed also. This is one of the many incidental advantages of the Relief Society, whose benefit to the Order, as well as to its members, may in future be still greater, as that Society has recently received large accessions to its membership from our Order in this Province. Many Divisions, which from various causes discontinued meeting, might be saved to the Order, if facts concerning them were promptly reported to G W P or G S, so that special attention could be given them at times of difficulty or discouragement. Greater attention might be paid to all existing Divisions with advantage to the Order. The M W P Rev R A Temple, says that the great prosperity of the Order in Nova Scotia is chiefly due to the fact that much attention is paid to strengthening Divisions now at work, and that a surrender of a Charter is scarcely known there.

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