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An Old Temperance Poem.

Oh, hark! and listen to the sorrow and weeping
Which rise from the hovel where misery reigns;
To the howl of the winds a wild harmony keep-
ing,
Which chills the warm life-blood that speeds
through our veins.
Sad, sad are the stories those accents are telling;
Like the wail of the dying it pierces the air.
Oh what has so blasted that comfortless dwelling?
The monster intemperance is rioting there.
The wife more than widowed, forlorn and heart-
broken,
While hunger and want make her little ones
cry.
All trembling and pale hears the terrible token
Of anguish—the steps of her husband are nigh.
Those sounds she once caught with unspeakable
gladness,
While lit with affection, her eye brightly
shone.
Now sink on her bosom o'erburdened with sad-
ness
Like the funeral knell or the dirge's slow moan.
He comes, see he comes, but no fond salutation
Breaks forth from his lips which once mur-
mured of love;
Those eyes once accustomed to smile approba-
tion
Look dark as the storm-cloud that mutters
above.
With oaths and reproaches he vents his displeas-
ure,
And smites the frail form he had vowed to
protect;
Her tears and entreaties avail in no measure—
He treats them with scorn or with cruel neg-
lect.
His babes who once crowded around for protec-
tion
And sat gayly prattling for joy on his knee,
Familiar with blows in the place of caressing,
Away from their father instinctively flee.
Ah, the withering curse—the ruin appalling
Which Alcohol wreaks on a suffering world!
Let the people's rebuke, like hot thunderbolts
falling,
Shower fierce on the fiend till from earth he be
hurled.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

OF THE

GRAND DIVISION

Sons of Temperance

OF

Western New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Apr. 23rd, '89.

The Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division of Western New York was called to order by G W P, R J Conover, in Guard of Honor Hall, No. 622 Washington Street, on Tuesday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following officers were found to be present:

R J Conover, G W P, of Harmony Division, No. 73; Sister L W Eaton, G W A, of Auburn, 122; E W Redhead, G S, Niagara, 109.

The following were the *pro tem* appointments:

Bro. Chas. Holzwarth, G Con., Lake Erie, No. 189; Sister E F Redhead, G Sent., Niagara, 109; Bro. R N Sanford, G Chap., Oriental, 39; Bro. A J Lewis, P G W P, Lake Ontario, 81.

The G Trea, Bro George W Smith, of Welcome Division, No. 53, came in after roll call and took his seat.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch filled vacancy on credentials.

The Grand Conductor reported the following Past Worthy Patriarch's awaiting initiation:

Mrs Gertrude Andrews, Holland Division, No. 40; W W Buchman, Holland, 40; R E Hawks, East Holland, 47; Mrs J H Carl, Rochester, 50; O Vanderwalker, Evans Division, 56; E N Pierce, Star Division, 86; J Landon, Lake Erie, 189; C Hill, Lake Erie, 189.

Moved by Bro R J Shearer of Division, No. 39, that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and that it be approved as printed. Carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read the following as his official report: *Officers and Members.*—An all wise Providence has again permitted

us to meet together with unbroken ranks. The past six months have been uneventful ones, so far as they relate to the Order.

Within one month after assuming this office, I received notice that three Divisions had or were about to surrender their charters. Upon inquiry, we found that they had been dragging along for more than a year. After trying to resuscitate them, we were forced to abandon them.

PROPAGATION WORK.

The gains for the past six months are not as large as I would wish.

Bro D Lucas Huff, on his way to his work for the Grand Division of Pennsylvania, at my solicitation visited points on the Lake Shore in Chautauqua County, the result of which were three new Divisions.

Through the efforts of your Grand Scribe and myself we have a strong Division at Tonawanda, a place I have been working for the last four years. I have one awaiting organization at Wyandale, N Y, which will be attended to at once.

Bro L C Weston organized at Rochester, and Grand Scribe re-organized at Perry.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have during the past term visited Wyoming District Division and five Subordinate Divisions. Owing to the fire which visited our city February 2nd, necessitating a change in my business, I have been unable to visit as many as I should have done without incurring more expense than I could afford. Also, owing to sickness in my family for nearly three months, which culminated in the death of my eldest son, a boy full of promise. But God called him. His Will be Done.

Herewith I submit a summary of expense incurred by myself in my official work. I could have accomplished more had I means at my disposal. But I considered I had no more right to use the propagation fund for that purpose than any other member.

ORGANIZERS.

I have been unable to engage an organizer that would give his time to the work for the amount we have been paying in the past few years, as Pennsylvania and other states pay better prices, and I would submit this matter for your consideration.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

Upon assuming this office I issued a circular letter to the Deputies asking for general information regarding the standing of their several Divisions, and the public sentiment in regard to the Order in the neighboring towns; and from about sixty letters I received nineteen replies, most of them encouraging. It is my opinion Deputies should be required to make a quarterly report direct to the Grand Worthy Patriarch, so as to enable him to work with a knowledge of the needs of the Order. I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the Grand Scribe, (Bro Redhead), for the assistance he has rendered me during the past six months.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

We feel greatly the need of an official organ in this jurisdiction. I have heard nothing from your special committee but expect they have something to offer us in this direction.

APPEALS.

There have been no appeals since the last session and the Divisions are all working in harmony as far as I can learn at present.

RELIEF SOCIETY.

The National Mutual Relief Society according to the report of the General Secretary, are gaining ground slow but sure. I am sorry to say however, that our own membership in this jurisdiction do not give it the support it deserves. Our society is the cheapest insurance constituted on the Mutual Plan, in existence to-day.

FRATERNALLY SUBMITTED,

In L, P and F,
R J CONOVER,
G W P.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

BUFFALO, N Y, Apr. 23rd, '89.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Representatives:

Your Grand Scribe would offer the following as his Semi-Annual report to this Grand Division of Western New York.

It is not as complete as I should wish, owing to a large number of returns not yet received.

Since the Annual Session the following Divisions have been organized:

On January 22nd, 1889, Argus Division, No. 16, at Irving, Chautauqua County, was instituted by Rev D Lucas Huff, with twenty-three charter applicants.

On January 23rd, 1889, Golden Charity Division, No. 25, at Silver Creek, Chautauqua County, was organized by Rev D Lucas Huff, with forty-eight applicants.

On January 30th, 1889, Happy Home Division, No. 37, at Smith's Mills, Chautauqua County, was organized by Rev D Lucas Huff, with thirty-two applicants.

Tonawanda Division, No. 4, of Tonawanda, Niagara County was organized by E W Redhead, Grand Scribe and members from Niagara Division, No. 109, on the evening of February 4th, 1886, with twenty-six initiates.

Temple Division, No. 179, at Rochester, Monroe County, was organized on March 19th, 1889, by District Deputy Levi C Weston of Rochester Division, No. 50, with twenty-two applicants.

On Monday Evening, April 1st, Perry Division was re-organized by the Grand Scribe in the parlor of H P Hodge with fifteen charter applicants, eleven of whom were present.

On January 1st Rome Division, No. 22 of Rome, surrendered its charter and the supplies have been forwarded to the Grand Scribe's office.

Rose Division, No. 115 disbanded in December, 1888. Cause unknown. No supplies have been received.

Loyalty No. 24, Harrisville 29, Triumph 69, Victory 72, and Empire 90, are in a weak condition, as they have made no returns for nearly one year, and I, as Grand Scribe of said Grand Division would recommend that the G W P or G S, be authorized to visit these Divisions and arouse their interest in this great cause of temperance.

Respectfully Submitted,

In L, P and F,
E W REDHEAD,
G S.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Grand Treasurer submitted no written report but presented his book of accounts, which was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last session,	\$206 98
Cash rec'd from Grand Scribe,	331 87
	\$538 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Drafts from 1-13, (Excepting Draft No. 7)	\$334 49
Cash on hand	204 37
	\$538 85

Fraternally Submitted,

In L, P and F,
GEORGE W SMITH,
G T.

Moved by Bro Wade of 87 that the report be received and the financial part referred to Finance Committee. Carried.

Moved by A J Lewis of 81 that the Grand Worthy Associate appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions and present them this afternoon in behalf of brother and sister Conover's loss. Carried.

The following were appointed: Bro Francis R Wade of 87, Bro R N Sanford of 39, and Bro A J Lewis of 81.

Bro Redhead of 190 moved that the same committee act in behalf of Bro Smith's loss. Carried.

Moved by Bro R N Sanford of 39 that the Grand Scribe be authorized to procure books of one hundred blanks which shall be sold at fifty cents.

Amended by Bro Wade of 87, that the smaller ones of fifty blanks be sold for twenty-five cents.

Vote being taken on the motion as amended was declared carried.

Moved by Bro Holzwarth of 189, that the Grand Division take a recess until 2.30 P M.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division was called to Order at 2.30, P M, by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, R J Conover.

Same officers as at morning session filling chairs.

The following resolution was read by Bro Wade of Progress 87 and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Division of Western N Y, Sons of Temperance, with gratitude to God, rejoices that our ranks have not been broken by the Messenger of Death since our Annual Session at Lockport, N Y, in October, 1888. And yet this thankfulness is expressed in deep sympathetic sorrow, for we learn that our honored Grand Worthy Patriarch, Bro Conover, has been called to give up his eldest son, a noble youth, after a severe sickness. And also, our beloved Grand Treasurer, Bro Smith, has been bereaved by the death of his wife, a most estimable lady and true sister, being a member of Welcome Division, No 53, of Castile, N Y. Therefore as an expression of sympathy, it is ordered that this minute shall be placed upon the records of the Grand Division, and that a copy of the same shall be transmitted by the Grand Scribe to our sorrowing brethren.

Signed,

Francis R Wade, 87,
A J Lewis, 81,
R N Sanford.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch then appointed the following on the Finance Committee: Bro House of 47, and A J Lewis of 81.

SUPPLIES.

Moved by Bro Wade of 87 that the revision and purchasing a copy right for supplies be left with the Good of the Order.

Amended by Bro Sanford of 39 that Bro Redhead, when in attendance at the National Division, procure the price of the copy right, giving Grand Division the right to print supplies for themselves and report the same to the next session of this body.

Bro Wade accepted the amendment and on vote being taken, the motion as amended was carried.

MILLS MONUMENT FUND.

It was then stated that the amount due on the Mills Monument was \$9.34.

On motion of Sister Eaton, of 122 it was moved that the Grand Conductor take up a collection among the members present for the purpose of liquidating the amount.

Carried.

After collection being taken there was still a deficiency of \$3.14, which upon proposition from Bro Macdonald of 189 the remainder of \$3.14 was assumed and made up between Bro Sanford of 39 and himself, each paying equal shares.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Bro Young of 81, from Committee on Good of the Order being absent, the Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Brother Shearer of 39, to fill vacancy.

The following report from the Committee on Good of the Order was read by Bro Shearer of 39:

Your Committee on the state of the Order respectfully report:

We have considered the various matters referred to us and consider the Order, while not in as flourishing condition as we should desire is so far prosperous, and we have no occasion for discouragement. We recommend that the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe look after the weak and apparently expiring Divisions and that necessary travelling expenses for such purpose be paid by the Grand Division from propagation fund not to exceed \$50 for next six months.

And we urge upon the Subordinate Divisions the duty of looking after such weak Divisions in their several neighborhoods, and upon individual members the same duty.

Committee. } J H Shearer, 39,
Mrs L W Eaton, 122,
A J Lewis, 81.

Moved by Bro House of 40 that the report of the Good of the Order be received and adopted as read. Carried.

Under the Good of the Order a short programme was rendered, among whom participated were visitors from the International Bridge.

Bro T W Atwood of International Division, No 183, acknowledged the receipt of the telegram from the Grand Scribe during their session, and kindly thanked him in behalf of his Division. Also extended a cordial invitation to attend any of their meetings whenever practicable.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the books, and vouchers of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer find the same to be correct. Also that the committee recommend that the bill of Bro Conover's be paid for travelling expenses for visiting the several sessions named in his report.

Yours in L, P and F,

Committee. } C Holzwarth, 189,
A J Lewis,
C W House.

Moved by Bro McDonald of 189 that the report be received, adopted and filed.

Amended by Bro Shearer of 39 that the bill be paid with the exception of the sixteen dollars not memorized.

Moved by Bro Wade of 87 that the amendment be stricken off.

Bro Shearer of 39, with the consent of the seconder, withdrew his amendment.

The original motion was then put and carried.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The majority of the committee on Official Organ being absent it was recommended that they have further time.

Granted.

A circular was read from the committee of arrangements in regard to the session of the National Division at Saratoga in June. [Has appeared in the JOURNAL].

Bro Lewis of 81 offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Representatives and Members of the Grand Division of Western New York, take this opportunity to express to the Brothers and Sisters of the four Divisions of the city of Buffalo (Lake Erie, Buffalo, Harmony and Queen City), for their magnificent and liberal entertainment.

A J LEWIS,

Of Lake Ontario Division,
No. 81, Oswego, N Y.

The following resolution reducing the per capita tax was read:

Resolved, That the per capita tax be changed from seven cents to five cents per member.

Signed,

C H Holzwarth, 189,
D S Conover, 73,
Wm Young, 66.

Resolution laid over until next session under the rule.

On motion of Bro Holzwarth of 189, that the present Grand Scribe be authorized to write for the Past Grand Scribe's books.

Carried.

The minutes were read and declared approved as corrected.

The Grand Division then adjourned until the next session at Oswego, in October, 4th Tuesday.

E W REDHEAD,
G S.

Suppose all the liquor in a town was in one large cask, what difference would it make whether that cask was tapped in one, two, or ten places, so that the liquor was all drawn out and drank? High license proposes to draw all the liquor the people will buy, but it proposes to have a few less taps, that's all.—Dalton (Ga.) Citizen.