

GRAND DIVISION OF VERMONT.

GREENSBORO BEND, VT., Oct. 30th, 1889.

The forty-first Annual Session of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Vermont, met in the Division rooms in the M E Church Vestry at 10 o'clock, A M, G W P, John O Spring, in the chair.

Meeting opened in due form.

Roll of officers called.—

Present; Bro. J. O. Spring, G. W. P.; Sister Anna E. Heald, G. W. A.; Bro. H. C. H. Lewis, G. S.; Bro. A. G. Alston, G. Sent;

Appointed pro tem.; G Treas, J A Bush; G Chap, Bro. C. O. Davison; Past G W P Bro Benj R Jewell, Boston; G. Con. G L Kibby.

BUSINESS.

Appointment of Committees.

Credentials. — G W A, Anna E. Heald, J A Bush, Dept. A J McLellan.

Appeals.—Dudley Leavitt, A. Hutchins, Sister R. M Goodrich.

Finance.—Bro G L Kibby, L M Hogaboom, Sister Eliza Alston.

Resolutions.—G S., H C H Lewis, Mrs. H T Bodwell, C O Davison.

State of the Order.—J D Whiteside, A Perrin, G L Kibby.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Lamville Valley Div. Greensboro Bend, 12. Present 5.

Bellows Falls Div. Bellows Falls, 21. Present 5.

Alpha Div. Putney, 4.

Excelsior Div. Williamsville 2.

Star of Hope Div. Vergennes 2 Present 1.

Lafayette Division Newfane 11.

Green Mountain Div. Greensboro 2 Present 1.

Number of representatives present 12.

Credentials of Delegates examined and approved.

J A Bush } Committee on Anna E. Heald } Credentials.

Bro G H Paine was obligated before the Initiatory ceremony to act as organist, by vote of G. D.

On motion B R Jewell, P G W P, pro tem was instructed to retire to the anteroom and obligate Subordinate members that they might be admitted before the Initiatory ceremony.

INITIATORY.

J D Whiteside, D Leavitt, Rena M Goodrich, A Perrin, Eliza S Alston, Sam'l King, Chas. Wilson, G H Paine, were initiated.

Journal of last meeting read and approved.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

Officers and Representatives:—

In the providence of God we meet to day in Annual Session, as the representatives of one department of temperance work in our State

We meet to get inspiration from whatever encouragement we may gain from reports of last year's work, and to note failures that may have occurred, that we may shun them in the future; and having learned lessons of wisdom from the past, plan for a future work that will lead to the grandest results for our Order and the Cause.

One year has passed since our last meeting, and whatever we have accomplished for good is recorded, and is still having its influence.

While we might have done more, still I have words of encouragement for the G D of Vermont.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The Grand Scribe's Report will show that we have increased in membership in the state the past year about 33 per cent. With the same rate of increase for the next 5 years we would have a grand total of 2,300 members, and allowing 58 members to each Division which is a little above our present average, we would count 40 Divisions. Forty Divisions with a membership of 2,000 can be secured within the next 5 years if our temperance workers feel that they are needed, and work for it. We have now 9 Divisions, located at Greensboro Bend, Putney, Bellows Falls, Williamsville, Gratton, Newfane, Vergennes, Hinesburg and Greensboro Village. The last three have been organized within the past year. Star of Hope Division, Vergennes, and Hinesburg Divisions were organized last winter by T M Lewis.

Green Mountain Division was organized by Bro A J McClennan.

These three new Divisions make up about one half of the increase of members in the state. Two other Divisions were formed by Bro T M

Lewis our state organizer, one at Lincoln and the other at Monkton. But both of these died in infancy—they never got on to their feet.

Lack of interest is said to be the cause of failure.

This suggests to my mind that it is not enough simply to get a certain number of names in forming a new Division, but at least a few names of leading citizens should be obtained, who feel that their honor is at stake to support and perpetuate an Order to which they put their hands. Bro Lewis had many discouragements in his work in the State.

From correspondence with the different Divisions I find that there is an increasing interest in the Order in the state, especially at Putney, Bellows Falls and Greensboro Bend, whose prosperity has been the result of work among its members. Bro T M Lewis of Nova Scotia spent about three months in the state as organizer, which was not without its results, though not as much was accomplished as we had hoped. Two Divisions are still living as the fruit of his labours, besides the influence of his work as a lecturer. As for his report he held 41 public meetings, visited 45 schools, and made 10 visits to the Subordinate Divisions. To support him in this work about \$100, was expended from our G D fund, \$220 from the National Propagation fund, and the amount that he collected at his lectures made about \$400 in all used in our state propagation work.

Nearly all the work your G W P has done as an officer of the G D has been by correspondence. It was with great reluctance that I took the position, knowing that I could not give the time to visit the Divisions that I wished to, but I have hoped that the correspondence has been of some worth.

It has been very gratifying to me to receive the cordial and frank letters that I have from the Officers of the different Divisions.

Some of the smaller Divisions while showing a heart in the work have written their discouragements because some had moved from the place and left them weak. I tried to cheer such with the thought that possibly they might be doing as much or more than the larger ones. It is true that when they send out a faithful "Son" with fixed temperance principles, ready to work in any field, they are sowing seed that will spring up and yield a rich fruitage for others, and finally be garnered in eternity.

"The bird will sing on the highway The song it learns in its mother's nest."

I have not been called upon to decide any points of law during my term of office.

By request of Putney Division I granted them the privilege of allowing their members under 18 years of age to vote in the Division room, this order to hold good till our annual meeting. We have no right as a G D to legislate in the matter as the limit is fixed by the National Division, but the G W P has discretion in the matter in special cases. I granted the dispensation to Putney Division on account of the large number of youthful members.

I also made A J McClennan D G W P, with power to institute Divisions in his part of the state, whose term will expire with my retirement from office.

OUR FUTURE.

The G D is made up from representatives of the Subordinate Divisions, and the Subordinate Divisions are made up of individuals. It is really an individual matter with us what our G D shall be and what it shall accomplish.

The success and future results of the G D meeting is not the work of a day when we meet in annual session to transact business, but it depends in a great measure upon the preliminary year's work in our respective Subordinate Divisions.

This is like the clock that strikes the hour, we must get wound up at home, and this costs something. It is often a sacrifice to leave the pleasant, cheerful, home fireside and go to the regular meeting, but if we benefit some who go there for the good they may receive through the sympathy and influence of others, and if the Division rooms scattered through the land have an influence in making a public sentiment in favor of a righteous cause—it pays.

PROPAGATION WORK.

This should employ our thought and constitute a considerable part of

our work the coming year or two. We need a larger membership. Not necessarily a few large Divisions, but we want new centers of interest in different parts of the State, that the influences of the Order may be disseminated over a larger field. I hope these matters may be discussed at this session. I am of the opinion that a man may be a good organizer and not be a platform orator and may be better if he is not a good public speaker. Possibly the best speakers have not the patience to attend to the detail of working up the matter that the case demands. Vermonters want plenty of time to think for themselves.

I have no doubt but that it would be profitable to employ an organizer for a limited time if we had the money to pay him.

Some man of tact and executive ability.

But aside from this we can do much as individual divisions without cost to the Grand Division. Green Mountain Division was started by a member of Greensboro Bend. If each Division would do as well next year, our next report would show a large increase in membership, for it is a fact that we cannot do for others and not be greatly stimulated and benefitted ourselves. And much of this work could be done by correspondence through some influential friend of the cause in the town where the Division was to be started. Let him secure the names for the Charter. Then take a company and go up and "possess the land" organize the new Division.

The development and growth of a new interest started by ourselves would be a matter of much interest and we should feel responsible for its success.

FINANCES.

Above all things keep a surplus in Treasury, though it may be small, have something there. Many Divisions and Lodges have wrecked because they had more debts than money. It is well to have the dues high enough in the Subordinate Divisions to pay all bills promptly. Our G D Treasury is made up from the per capita tax of members. As we have a limited number of members in the state at present, we must be careful of our expenditures until at such times as we have a larger surplus. It will be well when we can afford it to have the proceedings of our Annual Sessions published in pamphlet form, and be on a par with other states in this matter. This is a subject that will be in the hands of the representatives to determine at any Annual Session.

I would also recommend that a small compensation be allowed our Grand Scribe in the future.

IN CONCLUSION

It is not enough to live we must grow—we must have renewed interest in the work, and whatever is proper and legitimate that will create interest, either in the G D, in the Subordinate Division, or in individual members, should be sought after.

Let us go forward If we fail it is our own fault. Our future will be what we make it.

Respectfully Submitted.

JOHN O SPRING G W P.

Report of the G S was read and referred.

Report of G. Treas. read and referred.

Report of the Finance committee was as follows:

BELLOWS FALLS, VT., Oct 29th, '89. Brethren of the G. D. of Vt.:

Your Finance Committee after carefully examining the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treas, beg leave to submit the following report:

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand from last report, \$102 24 " returned by J O Spring, Propagation fund not used, 2 90 Cash received from Grand Scribe, 139 99 Total \$245 13 Cash paid as per vouchers, 176 93 Cash in Treasurer's hands, \$68 20

GRAND SCRIBE'S ACCOUNT.

Cash collected and paid G Treas, for which vouchers are held, \$139 99 Respectfully submitted,

Wm H Taylor, } Finance Com. James H Heald, }

G W P Spring reported that Star of Hope Division of Vergennes, Hinesborough and Green Mountain

of Greensboro had asked for and been granted charters.

A recess was then declared from 12 to 1.15, P M.

The session was re-opened at 1.30, P M. Officers present as at the morning session.

An address by Bro Benj R Jewell, of Boston, M W Scribe of National Division, was listened to.

The Committee on State of the Order made a report.

The Propagation Committee made the following report:

T M Lewis, of N S, was employed to do temperance work and organize Divisions in Vermont. The National Division and our Grand Division to bear proportionate parts of the expense. His work commenced the 1st of December, 1888, and continued about three months. The cost to the Grand Division was \$90.30. The whole cost, as per his report, was \$400. His collections at his lectures paid part of this.

Your committee advised with him after about plans of work. Bro Lewis was a hard and earnest worker, and gave entertaining lectures, but he partially failed to influence the peo-

ple enough to form permanent Divisions of S. of T. Four Divisions were organized as follows: At Vergennes, Lincoln, Monkton and Hinesburgh. Two of these never reported, Lincoln and Monkton. Hinesburgh is a small Division, but will live. Vergennes, with nearly thirty members is a live, wide awake Division and we shall hear more from it in the future. Its influence will be felt among us.

According to his own report Bro Lewis gave 41 lectures and visited 45 schools and made ten visits to Subordinate Divisions. This had its influence and indirectly helped our Divisions, no doubt, but the Propagation Committee was of the opinion that Bro Lewis might be better fitted for the work in his own field where he is used to the wants of his people than in Vermont.

John O Spring, } Propagation Com. Anna E Heald, } H C H Lewis. }

NEW BUSINESS.

On motion it was voted that the Grand Division extend to the Subordinate Division the privilege of making (Continued on eight page)

GOOD NEWS!

Till 1891 for \$1.00.

New subscribers and renewals for this Month and December, will be sent the paper to 1891, on prompt remittance of the subscription, One Dollar.

RESOLUTION.

(To be moved by some Brother in active Divisions, where they do not already subscribe for the JOURNAL.)

Believing that our officers and members should be kept informed as to the doings of the order, and the duties of their several officers, therefore

RESOLVED, that this Division subscribe for six copies of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, a weekly, 8 page paper, the Organ of the Sons of Temperance of America, published at Fredericton, N. B., Canada, and that the paper be sent to the address of the Worthy Patriarch of this Division for distribution each Division night, and that a cheque be issued on the Treasurer for the sum \$4.20 in payment of the same, and the money forwarded to the Editor.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE



BADGE PIN.

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE ONE.

It has been found that one drawback to the more rapid extension of the order of the S. of T. is the inability of the members to know each other as public as Sons. It is generally conceded that a way to overcome this is the more general adoption by the members of the order of the authorized badge pin, to be worn on the lapel of the vest or as a tie pin.

This Badge Pin stands for a principal and it is expected and hoped that the members will all stand by the emblematic triangle of the orders, and wear it in public. It is for us to stand by our colors, that we may be living epistles known and read of all men.

The lady members of the order are expected to wear them as well as the male members.

THE PRICES LOW ENOUGH FOR ALL.

The prices of the pins is within the reach of all the membership. Plated Pin, - - - - - 30 cents. Heavy Rolled Plate (fine) - - - - - 75 " Solid Gold, - - - - - \$1.50 Ladie's Heavy Rolled Gold Plate Lace Pin, \$1.00.

Pins sent all over the world at these prices.

A handsome badge pin is given away to every new subscriber to the Sons of Temperance paper, the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, published at Fredericton, N. B. The subscription price, for this 8 page weekly is \$1.00 per year, this includes the badges as well. Or for \$1.50 a copy for a year of the JOURNAL and a Lady's Gold Plated Lace Pin

S. of T. Bureau, Box 325 Fredericton, N. B.