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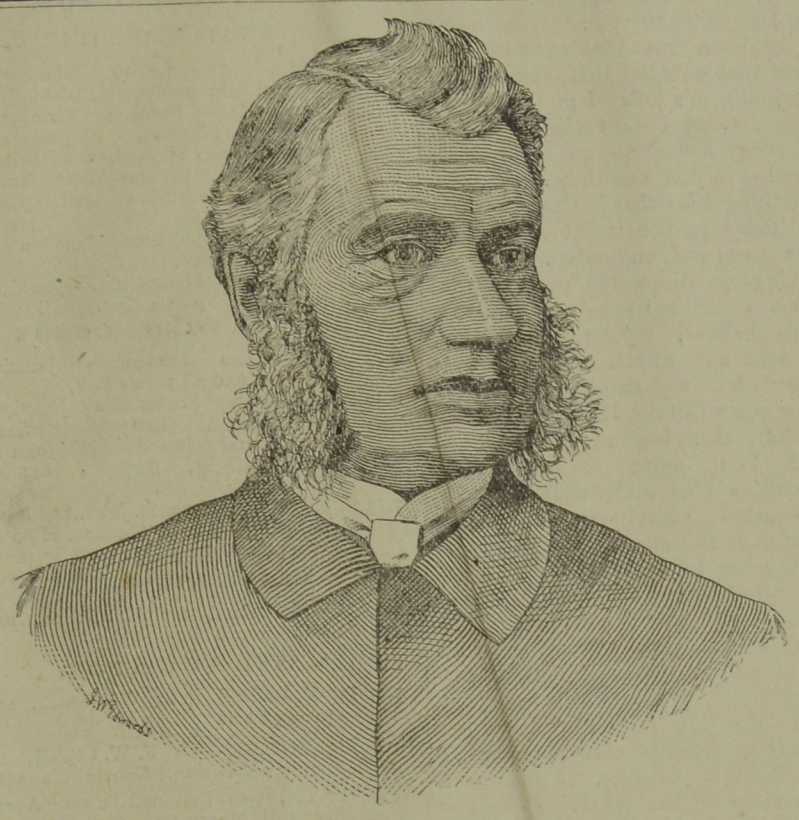

REV. ROBERT ALDER TEMPLE.

MOST WORTHY PATRIARCH OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF NORTH AMERICA.

The subject of this sketch is the son of the late Rev. Wm. Temple, a Methodist Minister, who, in the year 1820, arrived in this country from England—sent hither by the Wesleyan Missionary Society—and, who, during more than half a century, was widely known for remarkable energy and usefulness.

Robert Alder was born in Sackville, N. B. in 1826. His education was the best that the country at that period afforded. In his twenty-second year he was accepted as a Probationer for the Methodist Ministry, and in due time was ordained to the full privileges and responsibilities of that office. From the first it was seen that the young Itinerant possessed special gifts as a speaker; and during his early ministry he began to give indications of that remarkable business capacity which in recent years has gained for him so much respect and admiration. His methods are peculiarly his own, and, accompanied as they are by singular care, perseverance and tact, they have resulted, without exception, in bringing the books and documents of the various offices to which he has been appointed, into harmony and clearness of detail. His success in this respect is almost phenomenal. In the Church of his choice he is beloved and honoured. From time to time every position of value and importance in the gift of his brethern has been entrusted to him. He was connected with the secretariate of his conference for twenty one years, was District Chairman for seven years and was elected President of the Nova Scotia conferance in 1876, which position he retained for one term. He was elected as one of the delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Church which was held in Toronto in 1874. In 1880 he was obliged by ill health to retire from the active work of the Ministry. He has not, however, ceased to take services in public, but preaches when necessities arise. His brethern in the Ministry have given repeated expression, in their assemblies, to the regard they cherish for his character and labors.

The Temperance reform has done much to develope the powers of Mr. Temple, and he has returned the compliment by years of untiring devotion to its interests. There are sections of the Maritime Provinces in which while yet a young man, he made such an impression by his flaming eloquence against legalizing the liquor traffic, that no licenses have been granted in them from that day to this. He became a Son of Temperance in New Brunswick in 1850, and was initiated into the Grand Division the following year. In 1857 he first became connected with the Grand Division of Nova Scotia. Here he was soon elected to the highest office, that of Grand Worthy Patriarch, to which he has since been re-elected on two occasions, in '76 and '77. In May 1859 he was initiated into the National Division which was held that year in Philadelphia

In 1881 Mr. Temple was elected Grand Scribe of the G. D. of Nova Scotia, which position he still holds. From somewhat similar duties performed gratuitously in previous years, he brought to the office a degree of experience which laid the foundation for his subsequent great success. It is generally acknowledged that his masterful correspondence, his energy, his business capacity and promptitude, and his powers of public address, have been largely the means of placing the Order in Nova Scotia in its present efficient and vigorous state of organization.

In 1884, at Halifax, Mr. Temple was elected Most Worthy Scribe of the National Division. The same assiduous application to duty and happy methods of conducting routine and business arrangements, which won for him this distinction, have continued to merit the approval of the entire Order. From which position, in July 1888 he was elected to the high distinction of Most Worthy Patriarch of the Order in North America and West Indies.

It is confidently believed by those who know him best that there is but one limit to his success—the ultimate failure of strength to discharge his duties. Members of the National Division, with visitors, who were present at the session of 1884 at Halifax, and those who have heard him elsewhere, in the several States and Provinces, when he was at his best, will not soon forget Mr. Temple's wonderful rhetorical power. They have seen and heard how far the Divine Creator has conferred upon him those elements of oratorical strength which always rise with the occasion, producing at times extraordinary effects of excitement and admiration.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

In our last issue we published the balance of the report of Grand Worthy Patriarch Monaghan, after which Grand Scribe Temple presented his report, a synopsis of which was as follows:—

The Grand Scribe feels gratified that he is able to present a highly favorable report to this session. The last quarter's work will rank among the most successful, for the summer season, that the Order has known for years. And perhaps at no period have greater disadvantages been encountered. The elements have conspired against all out-door movements with an energy and persistence "unknown to the oldest inhabitant." It is a source of satisfaction that we are able to report that the number of Divisions on the roll is the same as last quarter; that the agregate membership of the working Divisions has suffered no loss; and that were it not for the necessity of striking from the roll the names of some ten dead Divisions our summaries would show a net increase of some two hundred and fifty members. Two hundred and fourteen quarterly returns have been received at this office for the quarter ending September 30. From these returns the following summary of the quarter's work has been complied, viz:

Number of divisions last reported..		303
" " September 30..		303
" Members last reported..	15,978	
" " admitted during the quarter.....	1,248	
		17,226
Withdrawn	412	
Expelled for violation of pledge	57	
Expelled for other causes	502	
Deaths	10	
In suspended divisions	388	
		1,369
Number of members Sept 30.		15,857
Net decrease of members		121
Number of violations of pledge		90
" members suspended		19
" " reinstated		6
Receipts of subordinate div.		$2,143.88
Cash on hand and invested by subordinate divisions		13,758.31
Per capita tax paid grand div.		817.48
Amount paid by divisions for benefits		28.00
Public temp. meetings held		160
Temperance tracts and papers distributed		5,650
Number of *Clarions* taken by div. (as far as reported)		432

The above summary exhibits the following gratifying facts: (1), The admissions to membership are nearly eight per cent. of the whole membership—an excess of nearly three per cent. above those of the corresponding quarter of last year; (2), the number of members withdrawn and expelled are considerably below the general average, as is also the number of violations of the pledge; (3), the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is trifling in a membership of nearly sixteen thousand.

In the race for numerical priority Cumberland county must yield its honors to Hants, which has 33 divisions, and Halifax has the largest number of members, 1.842. The largest net gains in membership have been made by Pictou, and the heaviest losses have been sustained by Kings. The district division of Kings has done excellent work, but could not prevent the loss of two dormant divisions. Of the subordinate divisions, Oriental, Pictou, reports the largest net increase of members, 34, and Springhill, Cumberland, the largest net decrease. Mayflower, of Halifax, is still the banner division of the jurisdiction.

The usual supplementary returns for the annual session of the grand division have been received from one hundred and ninety-two divisions, and the following is a summary of the items of interest which they contian, viz:

Number of divisions meeting in halls	147
" " " school houses	37
" " " private rooms	4
" " " churches	4
" " supplied with regalia	186
" " " officers emblems	129
Number of members who are also members of the Mutual Relief Society	108

The followingis the statement of the receipts and disbursements of the grand divisions for the year ending October:

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To cash in hands of grand treasurer and invested		$2,131.87
Receipts, 1st quarter	$865.63	
2nd "	902.83	
3rd "	841.54	
4th "	901.81	
		3,511.81
Interest on monies invested		51.12
Repaid to the fund by R. T. M.		25,00
		$5,719.80

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By paid subsidy to official organ	$500.50	
" per capita tax to national division	800.95	
" Agency fund	750.00	
" Supplies purchased	100.25	
" Supplies made to order	32.50	
" Printing, advertizing, stationary, &c.,	421.81	
" Salary of grand scribe	400.00	
" Office expenses (including) rent)	259.24	
Travelling expenses, &c., of grand officers	98.47	
" Representatives to national division	100.00	
" Representatives to N. S. alliance	10.00	
" Janitor	9.00	
" Messenger	2.00	
" Temperance papers and tracts	168 04	
" Reception of M. W. P., E. H. Clapp	50.00	
" City taxes	3.08	
Balance in hand and invested	2,013.96	
		5,719.80

Grand Treasurer Taylor's financial statement was read, and together with the preceeding reports was received and referred to appropriate committees.

A communication was read from the grand division of New Brunswick asking concurrent action on the part of the grand division in petitioning parliament and otherwise working for prohibition.

The grand division, S. of T. resumed business Wednesday morning at 9.30 o,clock G. W. Patriarch Monaghan presiding. After routine, a communication was read from the national division, appealing for help for the Florida yellow fever sufferers. The committee on charters and new diviions reported the formation during the quarter of five new divisions.

The report of the agency committee was read. It eulogised the work of the agents and lecturers, Messrs. Hutchings, Lewis and Coffin. Figures as follows were submitted of the year's work.

Public meetings held	442
Attendance at them	43 000
New divisions organized	8
Divisions resuscitated	28
Members added thereby	624
4 bands of hope organized with a membership of	214
Divisions visited	208
Present membership	300
Schools visited and addressed	277
Tracts and papers distributed	2,100
Cash collected for the order	$730

The report was laid on the table. It was agreed that an edition of 350 copies of the proceedings of the grand division be printed and sent to the divisions immediately after adjournment.

Grand Scribe Temple called attention to the circular issued by the publisher of the *Temperance Journal*, of Fredericton, N. B., stating that that paper was likely to become the organ of other Grand Divisions beside that of New Brunswick. Cold water was thrown upon the celestial paper's enterprise by the grand division deciding that the *Clarion* and not the *Journal*, is the organ of the order of Nova Scotia.

The committee on juvenile organizations reported, among other matters, that temperance principles and temperance organizations are popular among the young people of the province. Much good has been done by the distributions of temperance literature, and much is hoped for from the training of the young in right ideas. The clause referring to the great word done by the late G. G. Grey and W. M. Brown on behalf of the young was adopted by a rising vote. The report waa discussed fully and finally accepted as a whole. The morning session adjourned at 12.30 o'clock.

The first business after resuming work in the afternoon was the obligating of a number of candidates. The election for office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

G. W. P.—D. W. B. Ried, M. Musquedoboit,

G. W. A.—T. W. Offen, Halifax.

G. Scribe—Rev. R. A. Temple, Halifax.

G. Trea.—H. A. Taylor, Halifax.

G. Chap.—J. R. Skinner, Whittenburg, Colchester.

G. Con.—.I L. Barnhill, Shubenacadie.

G. Sent.—R. Sutherland, River Phillip.

There was a contest for each of the offices except that of the chaplain, scribe and treasurer, who were elected by acclamation. Halifax county. or its immediate vicinity, has a monopoly of the office-bearers, River Philip being the only distant point.

In connection with the adoption of the report of the agency committee an animated discussion followed as to the utility of the system of district divisions. Some doubted their usefulness, but the majority beleived in the necessity of such organizations, and that they are destined to do a great work. Before the debate closed the sentiment on behalf of district divisions was unanimous.

The grand division adjourned at 5 30 o'clock, to meet next morning at 9 30.

In the evening the members attended the 'complimentary soiree tendered the grand division by the city divisions, when an exceedingly pleasant three hours was spent.

The grand division, S. of T., resumed work Thursday morning at 9.30 o'clock, G. W. P. Monaghan presiding. Invitations were read from Lawrencetown, Granville and Springhill for quarterly meetings of the grand division. Most worthy patriarch R. A. Temple, of the national division of North America, was officially introduced. He was duly welcomed by the chair, and delivered an instructive address. He goes out shortly to visit the different grand divisions of the continent. A request was read from the national division to have the services of Mr. T M. Lewis as a lecturer in the United States. The matter elicited a spirited discussion. It was finally decided to allow Mr. Lewis to engage in work there for a time.

The committee on communications reported action taken on the memorial from the New Brunswick Grand division in the matter of petitioning parliament for prohibition. It was decided to work in line with the platform laid down by the Montreal Alliance.

After recess the officers elect were installed, and addresses were delivered by the grand worthy patriarch and others.

It was decided to meet during the ensuing year at the following named points: February session at Springhill; April session at Lawrencetown; July session at River John; the annual session as usual to be at Halifax.

The grand division adopted a resolution urging a more patriotic support for the *Clarion*, the official organ of the order in Nova Scotia. The importance of forming district divisions in the different counties was emphasized by the grand division.

In connection with the introduction of temperance text books into the schools it was resolved to put forth greater efforts to form bands of hope in all schools, and thus the better to teach the young the evil effects of the liquor habit and traffic.

The appointment of standing committees took up the time from 8 o'clock to 9 30, an animated discussion taking place in regard to the *personal* of the committees as regards representation thereon by city and country members respectively.

The report of the committee on the state of the order was read. It alluded to the evident vitality of the order, and recommended the adoption of the suggestion of the G. W. patriarch that a sum of money be appropriated, and to be expended under the direction of the agency committee, to enable that officer to visit district and subordinate divisions not in his immediate locality. Gratification was expressed at the attention being devoted to bands of hope. The valuable work calculated to be done by district divisions was emphasized and their usefulness the past year recognized. The official organ, while not supported as it should be, is improving in circulation. The importance of the work of the agency committee and the arduousness of their labors it would be difficult to conjecture, and the hope was expressed that the grand division be directed wisely as to the best way to carry on the work of the agency committee. In regard to prohibition the committee. reiterated the strong expression of the grand division last year. Satisfaction was expressed at the healthy state of the finances of the grand division. The treasurer's balance sheet seems to show that the order stands well in the hearts of the people of Nova Scotia. A resolution, endorsing the platform adopted by the Montreal convention, was adopted without discussion.

Ten representatives were appointed to the Nova Scotia branch of the Dominion alliance.

$100 was voted to purchase literature for bands of hope, and $50 was voted to provide literature to be used by the agents. $50 was voted to defray extraordinary travelling expenses of the grand worthy patriarch, and the other usual money votes were passed. The enrollment committee's report showed an attendance of 136 representatives from 42 divisions. Seventy-one visitors were present.

Leave of absence for three or four months was granted to Rev. R. A. Temple, to enable him to perform the duties devolving on him as most worthy patriarch.

Various votes of thanks having been passed and routine having been transacted, one of the best attended sessions in the history of the grand division adjourned in due form shortly before 1 o'clock Friday morning.

MAINE.

Since the annual session of the Grand Division of Maine which was held at Cumberland Mills on the 24th and 25th, of Oct. 1888, one new Division has been instituted at Deering with forty Charter Members, to be called Riverton Division, No. 21. This Division was organized Nov. 5th, by Bro. E. H. Dolley, D. G. W. P., of Windham, who has done grand and good work for this Grand Division during the past year. He was assisted by several members of Pine Tree Div., No. 1, and of Rechab, No. 4. The following are the Officers for the present quarter:—

Albert J. Minott, W. P.; Mabel Walker, W. A.; Charles Colley, R. S.; Lizzie M. Colley, A. R. S.; Mamie Hawkes, F. S.; Henry Varney, Treas.; R. C. Hawkes, Chap.; Fred W. Dyke, Con.; Maud Pollister, A. Con.; Perley W. Hunt, I. S.; Geo. H. Marsh, O. S.; Moses Hunt, P.W.P.

This new Division starts with favorable prospects. The glorious work of Propagation is going on in this state, and as Brother Dolley is to remain in the field as organizer, we hope to report a very large increase in new Divisions at the next session of the Grand Division.

Special Notice.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16, '88.

A Special Session of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania will be held on Wednesday evening November 28, at 8 o'clock, in the Hall of Morris City Division, No. 11, 2038 Ridge Avenue, (above 20th and below Jefferson Street,) to elect a Grand Worthy Patriarch, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of G. W. P. William Wallace.

By order of the Grand Worthy Associate,
HARRY C. JONES, G .S.

Temperance Notes.

The open saloon is the universal public enemy.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

It is impossible to license crime by halves; to authorize injustice and hope to regulate the measure of it.—*Prescott.*

The law-defying saloon is a vicious, dangerous plague-spot on our civilization, and it must be rooted out. There is not room for it and liberty. One of the two must go.—*Indianapolis News.*