

### Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch of Ohio.

#### Representatives:

In presenting this, my first official report, to this body, I feel constrained to ask the indulgence of the Grand Division, and crave the kindest considerations of its imperfections and short comings, which have resulted from my inexperience. My time for the general advancement of the Order has necessarily been limited, as by far the greater part of my leisure has been devoted to acquiring an adequate knowledge of the functions of my office.

It is with satisfaction that I give you an encouraging report of our progress during the past year. While we may not have advanced as rapidly numerically as in days gone by, yet our growth has been substantial, and after the lapse of one more year of labor, we have met again to greet each brother in the strife, and to grasp the fraternal hand, and feel that warming of the heart, known only to those who stand shoulder to shoulder in a just cause, sharing its toils and privations, its joys and sorrows, who have cast aside all selfish motives, and are looking forward only to the final consummation of their hopes and the rewards of their labors.

One year ago, when most unexpectedly, I was called upon to shoulder burdens and responsibilities, in a great measure, new to me, I could but feel your honorable body had not chosen wisely; still I willingly accepted the trust, with strong determination to do my best for the up-building of the Order, and a faith that I could at all times rely upon members of the Order to sustain me in every worthy endeavor. Though we have not done all that we hoped to, we meet to-day in our Forty-Sixth Annual Session with purposes undaunted and an unwavering determination to conquer the enemy of our people and to promote the virtue and happiness of mankind.

To the representatives whom we meet here to-day for the first time, we extend a truly brotherly welcome. May it not be our last, but rather only the beginning of a brotherly and fraternal friendship, which will lead us to look forward to these, our annual meetings, with pleasant expectancy.

May all our deliberations be characterized by LOVE, PURITY AND FIDELITY; and may we return to our various Divisions stronger, more earnest and enthusiastic, and with a determination to do more work and harder work for the up building of our grand old Order, and for the down-fall of that traffic which has been characterized as the gigantic crime of crimes of the age in which we live; and as a greater scourge upon a nation than war, pestilence and famine combined; if this be true (and we have only to look around us, either to the right or left, to see evidence most conclusive) I say, if this be true, are we, as an Order, or as individuals, doing all that lies within our power to destroy this evil? Verily, I say no! We stand idly by and see our neighbors and friends swept away by this flood, which each year is sweeping away its hundred thousand into drunkards graves. We do not stop to think when we see some one of our neighbors or friends thus go down, that we are responsible, only a small degree less than the man who put the bottle to our neighbor's lips. We all know men who are fighting for very life itself, who need, perhaps, but one little encouraging word from us to help them win the battle. Do not let us solace ourselves by the thought that we could do them no good by saying to such a one: "come into our Division." When we joined this institution, which had its origin, in a desire to lift up the fallen, we took up on ourselves new obligations, and we are ever after looked upon by those outside our circle as having devoted our-selves to the cause of temperance, and when we come in contact with one who has formed the drink habit, or a young man just forming such habit, which, sooner or later, will curse him, body and soul, and we say nothing to him on the subject of uniting with our Order, he feels, and not without cause, that we are not true to our professions, and that we care nothing for him or his success. Let us look at this matter in its true light, and with all seriousness, see if we are entirely clear of the blood of hundreds of thousands of our fellow beings, who now fill drunkards graves, only waiting for that last day when they shall hear the words; "no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of heaven."

During the past year, notwithstanding obstacles and discouragements on every hand, our banner has been held aloft and the work has moved steadily on. The past year has, for many reasons, been one peculiarly adverse to the rapid growth of this or kindred organizations. Added to the great political excitement, which detracts largely from the interest in all such work as ours, is a growing feeling among the people that this question can only be successfully settled at the ballot box, that the work of our Order is accomplished, and that now all that is needed is strong legal suasion. While we have strong faith in the ballot, we yet see work before us. Many a man will yet be saved by this institution before the ballot shall win, and even then we will see that our work has just begun. Truly when we enlist in this army we should enlist for life.

At the beginning of my term of office I had strong hopes of being able to visit a large number of our Divisions, but owing to the pressure of private business affairs, I have been able to visit but few, and those for the most part in my own immediate vicinity.

I had the pleasure of attending the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the National Division, at Toronto, Canada, in July. I was surprised, and some-what disappointed, to find that body composed largely of men who have grown gray in the service. Many were workers in the order in its palmy days. I was, more strongly than ever, impressed with the necessity of work among the young. Soon these silvery haired old Patriarchs will have passed away and we must have younger soldiers in training ready to take up the fight and go on I would advise every Division, so far as possible, to organize sections of Cadets of Temperance. It will not only serve to train soldiers to fill our ranks in the time to come, but will be the means of influencing many to join our ranks at once.

In my opinion one of the things most needed for the advancement of our Order is a good, reliable medium of communication. This want, in my opinion, can be supplied by the Temperance Journal. In September I received a circular letter from Brother Herman H. Pitts, editor and proprietor of the aforesaid journal, containing a proposition, which at his request, I present to you. The letter is in the hands of our Grand Scribe, and if so desired, will be read. Surely every patriotic Son of Temperance wishes the Order every success possible, and often wonder what our Brothers are doing in other jurisdictions. What could do us more good than to receive each week a communication from the various parts of the world where our Order is known, bringing tidings of success and triumphs from every quarter.

From Pennsylvania comes the news that to their list of membership they last year added 2,383 new names. Ohio was one of the sixteen to report a gain last year, showing an increase of 108. Let us emulate the example of Pennsylvania. They have done good work, grand work, noble work, and who will say that Ohio can not do what can be done by any other state in the union.

During the year I have written to a large number of Divisions, particularly the weaker ones, sending them words of cheer and encouragement. In many cases I received such words of hope as to lead me to believe that my labor was appreciated, and not in vain.

It is very important that the finances of the Divisions be kept in proper shape, and to this end each Division should, as far practicable, put its best and most practical business members in charge of the finances. Unless the accounts are kept correctly, and the dues collected promptly, no Division can hope to succeed. Let the dues be high enough to meet all current expenses and leave a balance in the treasury at the end of each quarter, then let them be collected promptly at the beginning of each quarter and the affairs of the Division will move along much more smoothly. Our heart is where our treasure is, and the person who is not willing to sacrifice a small portion of his time and money for the sake of his Division can have but little love for the Order. If the members wish to give public entertainments for the benefit of the Division, let the money thus acquired be used in enlarging your libraries or in missionary work, but by all means let the Division be self-supporting.

I wish to call your attention to the action of the National Division in relation to District Divisions, and would recommend that this Grand Division, take some action looking to the organization, where practicable of District Divisions.

Also to the following resolution as passed by the National Division:

**Resolved.**—1 That the time has fully come when the children of this continent should be organized for temperance work and temperance education, under the direct control and management of the Order.

2—That the general Propagation Committee is hereby instructed to mature a plan of work, perfect in all its details, and submit it to this body at 10 o'clock, A.M., of the second day of the session of 1889.

3—That members of the National Division, and members of the Order generally, be invited to send suggestions relative to the organization of the children to the M. W. S. prior to November 1st, 1888, for reference to the Propagation Committee.

Also to the following:

**Resolved** That the Executive of this National Division be empowered and requested to take immediate steps for placing the principles and claims of our Order before the universities, colleges and great religious assemblies of North America."

Also "That Grand Division be requested to lay the aims and objects of the Sons of Temperance before the higher schools, and State or Provincial religious assemblies within their jurisdiction."

Also "That active steps be taken to secure instruction in alcohol in normal, high and common schools."

Our co-operation is asked in the above. Will it be asked in vain? Do not let the Grand Division of Ohio be backward in extending aid in any cause looking to the up-building of our Order.

Before drawing this rambling address to a close, I wish to extend my heart felt thanks to the officers who have been most worthy helpers.

Our Sister Wright has been indeed a Grand Worthy Associate, coming as she did, from her home, with no hope of reward, except in the consciousness of well doing, and laboring for the strengthening of the weak Divisions in this section, and, at all times, ready to give an encouraging word and a helping hand.

Our G. S., Bro. Morris, and his long and unselfish labor in the Order, is too well known to you all to need any words of commendation from me. I will merely say that he has been in the year past, as always before, ever ready with hopeful and cheering words, and his superior and experienced counsel.

Of our State Deputy and Organizer, Bro. Collins, I can say that through all the discouragements of his trying position, he has always been found faithful.

In resigning into your hands, as I soon will, the trust which you imposed upon me one year ago, I wish to thank you, one and all, for the honor thus conferred upon me, and for the many manifestations of kindness and regard which I have experienced at your hands. May my successor receive the same expressions of kindness and the same hearty support, and may our beloved Order continue to grow and strengthen until the harvest shall have fully come, and the demand for harvesters may be filled from the ranks of the Sons of Temperance.

May this session of the Grand Division be full of harmony, and may it result in much lasting good to our Order.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

C. P. SMITH. G. W. P.

#### Elm Division No. 15.

GRAND DIVISION OF MAINE.

This Division was organized May 24th 1888, with 34 charter members. The number now enrolled is 94. They hold their session on Friday of each week. The Division is in a prosperous condition and the prospects for the winter are good. Only one session was missed during the last two quarters. No public meetings have been held this year. No members have been suspended for non payment of dues. The amount of funds on hand last was \$13.58. The division owns no property. There are five divisions within a distance of two miles from "Elm." They are not troubled with liquor-selling in that vicinity.

#### Star of Hope No. 160.

GRAND DIVISION OF P. E. I.

This Division was organized Feb 17th 1886 with 22 charter members. The number now enrolled is 29. They meet on Thursday of each week. The Division is in rather a backward condition. The decrease in membership is caused by the exodus to the United States. The prospects for the winter are not very bright. Several fraternal visits have been made and some public meetings held. They have never been visited by a Grand Officer. Two members were suspended for non-payment of dues this year. The amount of funds on hand last quarter was \$2.08. The amount of property owned by the Division is \$12.00. None of the members have assisted in organizing a Division. There are three divisions within a distance of ten miles.

#### Mapleville Division, N. B. No., 320.

DEAR EDITOR:—Having been appointed Official Correspondant to the JOURNAL, by Mapleville Division No. 320, I send you a few lines, hoping you will deem them worthy of publication.

Mapleville Division has had many difficulties to contend with since its organization, but has so far triumphed over all its enemies. It owes its success in the past largely to the interest that its lady members have taken in the temperance work. The present quarter bids fair to be a prosperous one from the fact that we have called one of the fair sex to the Worthy Patriarch's chair.

About nine months ago we adopted the "credit system," which has proved efficient in maintaining the interest in the Division. Sister Jennie Horsman and Brother Allen Crandal (captains) had a very close contest last quarter. Brother C. struggled bravely to defeat his opponent, but Sister Horsman, by her personal efforts and inspiring manner, led her company to victory.

Some weeks ago, about a dozen of our members drove to Steeves Mountain to visit Mountain Rose Division. We found a spacious and well equipped hall, but the Division failed to come to time. What few of its members were present told us that it had been so long since they had met, that they had forgotten the Pass-word. And sadder still, the mice had destroyed the Blue Book, consequently they could have no Div. that night. We are not discouraged however,—and intend paying Balmer Division a fraternal visit as soon as we can make it convenient.

The time of our second anniversary is drawing nigh (eleventh of December next) and we are already anticipating the pleasure of its celebration.

The following are the officers for the present quarter.

Bertha E. Robertson, W P;  
Thomas Stiles, W A;  
Jennie Horsman, K S;  
Leonard Crandal, A R S;  
John Crandal, F S;  
Allen Crandal, Treas;  
David P Stiles, Chap;  
Richard Kelley, Con;  
Maggie Stiles, A Con;  
James Kenton, I S;  
Wm McFarlane, O S;  
Joshua McPeters, P W P;

I think these officers are capable of running our Division through the present quarter in a way that will be a credit to the Order.

Yours in L P and F,  
O. C.

Stilesville, Nov. 1st, 1888

#### Human Vampire.

The liquor seller is a vampire, feeding on the blood of the manual work, er. He has neither conscience nor heart. He grows rich by drawing the earnings of the poor to his till, and then calls himself the friend of the poor! He sees families ruined by his diabolical trade, and when they are ruined he drives them from his door. He gathers to his den all the elements of disorder—the thief, the prostitute, the obscene talker, the profane swearer, the murderer and the anarchist. His bar is their favorite resort, and hither the police always go when first they wish to arrest a criminal. This accursed pest of our city must go. And when we give up our foolish party politics, fellow-citizens, in our municipal affairs, it will go. Nothing else but these absurd divisions among honest citizens gives the saloon a day's grace.—Dr Howard Crosby

#### THE VICIOUS OX.

[For the Temperance Journal.]

In olden time, when Moses spake  
The sacred law which none should break;  
If Ox there was that pushed with horn,  
And in times past man's flesh had torn,  
The owner having heard the charge,  
And still the creature ran at large!  
The Ox was stoned till robbed of breath;  
The owner also put to death.  
There is a creature some call good,  
Almost Co-eval with the flood;  
When young abundant strength he found  
To push good Noah to the ground;  
But what appears exceeding worse,  
On Canaan he entailed a curse.  
In strength and vigor still he's found,  
Through all the country raging round:  
Both priests and prophets have been found  
Injured and fallen to the ground;  
With added brains, and injured sight,  
So they could not discern aright.  
Our honored judges he assails,  
And oft against their power prevails:  
They who should hold the even scales  
Of justice, till all the oppressed  
Of every grievance is redressed.  
From wounds he makes our young men die;  
And thousands of tender mothers sigh;  
And wounded fathers scarcely heed  
Their children, when for bread they plead.  
E'en ladies fair how e'er discreet,  
Find not a place of safe retreat;  
When oft to their loved homes they go,  
Pursued are they by this known foe;  
And wounded by him in the head,  
Compelled are they to take their bed.  
The wounds he makes are unconcealed,  
They fester and remain unhealed;  
And when death comes to bring release,  
His victims rarely die in peace.  
While many with the law which saith  
Cry stone him, stone him unto death;  
But when to kill him they're inclined  
He would in churches refuge find;  
And least a stone his head should break,  
He doth in pulpits shelter take.

#### Pennsylvania Notes

Twenty-six persons were initiated into Lily Division No. 24, during last quarter, they now number eighty eight members a gain of fourteen for the quarter. D G W P R O Leas and his family take a "most active part in the work of the Division."

Keystone Division 16 has been making steady gain during the past Oct 1887 they had seventy-seven members and been gaining gradually until they now number one hundred and thirty five.

Their Committee on "Good of the Order" has a programme of exercises to be held at each meeting and their meetings have been well attended during the entire year.

Nicetown Division No 171 now numbers one hundred and fourteen members. P W P Valentine Hollan is R S.

Hontzdale Division No 282 reports a net gain of five during last term. This was instituted Jan 4th, 1888, and now numbers ninety-five members. Dr Isaac Guss is D G W P.

Thirteen persons were initiated in to Columbia Division No 44 during last term. They now number one hundred and twenty-nine members. P W P Wm Jenkins is entitled to the gold Badge offered by the Grand Scribe as prize for having proposed and initiated the largest number of members since April 1st 1888. D G W P, W H Dove is at present suffering from an accident in the mines, which prevents him from walking.

On Friday evening 12th inst the G W P assisted by P G W P's Wear, Phillio Cope, Shelley, and Walter and the G W A together with members of Star of the East Division No 149, Unity Division No 73 and Franklin Division No 5 instituted Integrity Division No 22 at Wright's hall, cor Pasyunk Ave and Moore Sts Phila. Eighteen of the twenty-one charter applicants, were present. The following are the officers as installed. Thos Hamilton W P; Mrs Annie F Lloyd, W A; W J Graham, R S; Ella B Chambers, A R S; H A Brainerd, F S; E Alice Sparks, Treas; Chas E Lloyd, Chap; Edw Hamilton Cond; Henry R L Farrow, A Cond; Benj F Lutton, I S; Harry Doggett, O S The Division was organized mainly through the efforts of D G W P Chas H Sparks. They will meet on Friday.

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