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#### The New Year.

The frosty night wind hurries on  
The strangers' lagging feet,  
And, for a moment, in the hush  
The Old and New Year meet;  
And one goes back to God again,  
And one stays on for joy or pain.

And he who stays looks for thy face  
And finds thee in the night,  
And with swift arms encircles thee,  
And claims thee his by right;  
And no one else can come as near  
To thee as he, the Stranger Year.

He will abide his time with thee—  
His own till death do part;  
Therefore receive him tenderly  
And take him to thy heart,  
Not grudgingly, as one who must,  
But generously with love and trust.

Be not afraid to give thyself  
Into our guiding hands,  
For he will lead through day or dark,  
To rough or pleasant lands,  
And he will give thee fight or rest,  
The shine or shade, as shall be best.

Respond to every word of his  
With faith that does not fear;  
Another speaks to thee through him,  
For God is in the Year;  
Oh, love him, for he comes to bless  
Thy life with good and happiness.  
*Marianne Farmingham.*

#### New Year Hymn.

BY REV. W. WIGNALL.

Come, Thou source of life and power,  
Safely lead in every hour!  
Guide our footsteps through the year,  
Fill our hearts with holy fear,  
Keep us from the ways of sin,  
Thus may we the year begin.

Now as pilgrims here we roam,  
Haste we to our heavenly home;  
Soon will pass our fleeting life,  
Soon will end the toil and strife;  
Time is bearing us away  
To the joys of endless day.

Some who now life's pathway tread  
Will have joined the silent dead,  
Will the crown of life have won,  
Ere the year its course has run.  
May this, Lord, our portion be—  
While we live, to live in Thee!

Grace, O Lord, we need to keep  
When temptations strong we meet,  
And Thy love to help and cheer  
In the conflicts of the year.  
Oh, be Thou our constant Friend,  
Guide us to our journey's end!

#### GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S  
REPORT.

Officers and Representatives:  
(Continued.)

SONS OF TEMPERANCE MUTUAL RELIEF  
SOCIETY.

Many of our members being personally interested in this important appendage to our Order, I feel it is deserving of reference in this report. I am gratified to learn that it is proving a valuable auxiliary, and the families of some of our members have been benefited by the provision made for them when death has removed those on whom they were dependent. The last annual report contains the names of diseased members in this jurisdiction whose claims have been paid, as follows:—Mrs. L. M. Misener, Port Robinson Division, \$1,000; Henry Alexander, Bytown Division, Ottawa, \$2,000; Dr. W. N. Whiteside, Bradford Division, \$1,000, and since then the death of Brother Henry W. Manning, Bradford Division, has taken place, who held an insurance of \$2,000. It is very gratifying to know that though our Order does not make a specialty of Life Insurance, we have an institution of this kind exclusively for our members, and which possesses the confidence of some of our leading and practical business men. In connection with this I may state I have received from the General Secretary an important proposition tendering the co-operation of this society for propagation work in this province, and which I will submit for the consideration of the incoming Executive.

#### JUVENILE WORK.

In the early history of our Order we gave special attention to this department of work, but of late years we have contented ourselves by relegating it to others, having understood it

was undertaken by the Sunday Schools and Women's Christian Temperance Unions, but on enquiry we do not find that the temperance work among the young receives that attention from those sources which its importance demands. If we want the young to become interested in our cause and Order, they must be trained up for it, and for this purpose each Division should have its juvenile order. Let our representatives take this vital matter seriously to heart. Some of us who have been long in the work, and who in our early years as Cadets of Temperance, were trained for what has proved to be a life-long attachment to our beloved Order, can yet feel the pressure of hands long since buried, that were once laid lovingly on our boyish heads, while faithful hearts prayed that some day we would be useful workers for God and humanity and those influences laid upon our consciences a solemn weight of responsibility that we never could get over. "Look out for the boys" God help us to lay our hands upon the youth of our land. A great emergency is before us; the final battle for our glorious principles is near at hand. The boys are and will be wanted—the brightest and best—but while we call for the youth to aid us, I desire to enter my protest against the

#### SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

retiring from active work. We are not at liberty to retire from this work. When our work is done here, the Great Patriarch will call us home, and it will be time enough for us to retire when He says "It is enough; come up higher." I believe in young blood; but protest against remanding the veterans to the rear. It is not done in law, or in war, why should it be done in our work? The grey-bearded and battle-scarred heroes are at a premium in other fields of labor, why should it not be so in the work of our Order?

Why should the men of broadest culture and ripest experience excuse themselves from our Division meetings and the work for which they are by every consideration admirably fitted, and leave it to be done by those who are only novices in the work. Let the Patriarchs come to the front, and their juniors, so far from being jealous of them, will deferentially salute them and draw fresh encouragement and inspiration from their presence.

#### THE GRAND SCRIBE.

It is with great pleasure that I speak of the promptitude and devotion to the duties of his office which has characterized your Grand Scribe. I believe the interests of the Order have been his interests, and here I would suggest that it would be wise at this session to place that office in such a position as regards salary, so that the whole of the time of the incumbent should be devoted to the work of this Grand Division. This cannot be expected with the present salary.

#### OUR OFFICIAL ORGAN.

It will be necessary for you at this session to decide if you will continue the grant to aid this publication. I understand, however, that the present publishers, will not continue the publication under the present arrangement, which expires next month.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Since our last Annual gathering, three of the veteran members of this Grand Division have passed from the scenes of this life to the higher life beyond. Bro. John Wilson, P. G. W. P., passed away from his earthly labors, October 7th, 1887, at the patriarchal age of 86 years. He became a member of the Order in 1850, and was elected G. W. P. in 1856. Bro. Abishai Morse, P. G. W. P., died on the 16th December last, at the advanced age of 82 years. He, too, was one of the veterans of our Order, having been initiated in 1850, and elected G. W. P. in 1861. Bro. Abram Farewell, P. G. W. P., another of our pioneer members, was called away on 7th February last. He entered the

Order in 1849, became G. W. P. in 1858. They were all faithful until death; we have reason to believe that those beloved brothers are of those of whom it is written: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

There are others of our brethren to whom the Grand Scribe will particularly refer, who have been called to pass to the other shore, whose labors were ended, but who in silent voices say to us, "Be ye also ready."

#### THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

I have endeavoured to lay before you a report of the affairs of this Grand Division, and the propagation of the cause for which we labor, but what can I say with reference to the body and soul-destroying traffic against which we wage war. It has no redeeming feature—its ravages continue to be more serious among the human race. This traffic which makes men resort to the most wicked devices should be shorn entirely of its power. Perjury, dynamiting, arson, yes, and even murder itself are among its fruits. Brethren, shall this vile traffic continue with our sanction, even under cover of a license system, no matter how guarded. As an Order, I ask you not to recognise the system of licensing this great evil in any form, but while we take this position and declare Total Prohibition as our great aim, let us not neglect to do our part in persuading others to our principles. Have we done our duty in this respect; have we not in our enthusiasm in carrying out our great object neglected the "Moral suasion," part of our work. May we not in the midst of our efforts reflect and enquire. Have we endeavoured to educate the public mind by inducing persons to become members of our Order, where we can educate them in our principles? Have we relied too much on conventions, alliances, etc., and in this way divided our interests in the works? I fear we have felt that the work was being done by other organizations, thus relieving ourselves of an important responsibility which rested on us. If we look back upon the early history of our Order, we find that it was the most prosperous when we realized that the success of our cause depended upon the efforts we as an Order put forth. I think, brothers and sisters, we can profitably take a lesson from that past. Let us then, in continuing our labors for Temperance and Prohibition, avail ourselves of all the instrumentalities within our reach.

Organize Sections of Cadets or Bands of Hope whenever practicable, and cherish these young volunteers, by training them to take our places in the Division Room. Let us be instrumental in educating those in our principles, into whose hands the affairs of this great country shall fall; send forth the printed pages which with silent voice may enter every home; and send forth able and eloquent men and women whose truthful words shall touch the hearts and swell our souls with zealous converts; make your Division Rooms attractive to your wives, sisters and daughters; with the potent aid of women, the triumph of our principles is certain.

In conclusion, I believe the Order is stronger than when we last met; and further, I believe that by increased energy and devotedness to the interests of the cause on the part of the members of this body, it can be restored to its original strength and power.

I thank you, worthy representatives, for the uniform kindness that I have received at your hands; and for the honours which you have conferred upon me, and especially for the confidence you have reposed in me as your Chief Executive Officer. I assure you that, though my term of office has expired, my love and devotion to our blessed cause and noble Order shall in no wise diminish.

I deeply regret that I have not been able to do more to advance the onward progress of our beloved institution.

May our cause be blessed in our coming together, and may our meeting hasten the hoped for day, when the great object of our Order shall be fully realized. We have everything to encourage us, but to conquer we must be united, must be bold, be faithful to the cause, until the tyrant Alcohol shall be hurled from his throne by the strong arm of the law; sustained by a united, happy and prosperous people. For this let us work with firm faith and strong hearts, and the power of truth shall prevail, with the grand triumph of the principles of "moral suasion and Legal Prohibition."

Submitted in L., P. F.,

THOMAS WEBSTER,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

PARIS, ONT., Dec. 10th, 1888.

To the Subordinate Divisions of the Order:

WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,—At the Annual Session of the Grand Division, held during the past week in Toronto, your representatives elected me for the third time Grand Worthy Patriarch, and having accepted this position of "trust, honor and responsibility," I now confidentially appeal to you for your active co-operation in advancing the interests of the Order.

Your representatives pledged themselves by a unanimous vote, to a vigorous and united campaign of aggressive work throughout our whole jurisdiction, and empowered the Executive to make a special effort to extend and build up the Order in this Province. Our desire is to make this the banner jurisdiction of America; and for this purpose it is desirable that we make a general movement all along the line, the watchword being "Forward—Ontario for our Order." To accomplish this we need your practical sympathy manifested by determined work. I am not appealing to you for money. Work by every Division and member will prove of more practical benefit at the present time I therefore ask each Division to organize at least ONE NEW DIVISION, for which purpose a blank application for a Charter will be forwarded, and on procuring twelve or more suitable names, each Division is empowered to proceed with the organization. The application with \$3.50 should then be forwarded to the Grand Scribe, and the five dollars mentioned as Charter Fee may be retained for expenses or donated to the new Division.

I also ask each member to secure at least ONE NEW MEMBER to his Division during each quarter. Both of these requests are practical and easily accomplished if tried, and the results, if attained, cannot be overestimated. Our Order would thus be more than doubled.

Brothers and Sisters, do not under any circumstances postpone action on this matter, but act promptly. Please notify me if you intend to comply with my request, for I desire to know immediately who will respond to this appeal, and how many of our Divisions and members I can rely on for the campaign. "Let us rise up and build," and our hands will be strengthened for this good work.

Sincerely and earnestly urging you to continued zeal and earnestness on behalf of our cause and Order,

I remain, in L., P. and F.

THOS. WEBSTER,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

P. S.—In consequence of the small number of subscribers to our official organ "THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE," the publishers are as yet undecided as to continuing its publication. Will each Recording Scribe therefore, act as agent and inform me how many subscribers at 40 cents each can be obtained in the Division. This should be done before the close of the present month.

T. W.