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## PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

Ark of Safety Division No 385 initiated one on 10th, and have another candidate for 17th.

During the past three months thirty persons were initiated into British Division No 107. They now have one hundred and fifty-eight members.

Simmons Division No 124 added six persons to its ranks during the past term.

Good Intent Division No 119 made a net gain of five during last quarter. They now number forty-three members.

There were fifty-eight members in Pittston Division No 193 on Oct 1887. They now have seventy-seven members.

On Feb 9th 1888 Invona Division was instituted. They have thirty-seven members.

Bush Hill Division No 76 now numbers one hundred members.

Hydetown Division No 325 instituted April 3rd 1888 with 20 applicants, now numbers forty-two members in good standing.

On Washington's birthday 1888 Coloms Division was instituted with 20 members. They now have 45, a net gain of two since July 1st.

South Fork Division No 181 reports a net gain of eight over last October.

Gordon Division No 187, reports fifty-two members a gain of five for the term.

Aiken Division No 125 gained two last term.

On Feb 25th Grampian Division No 312 was instituted with forty charter applicants. They now have sixty-one a gain of four since July 1

Laeony Division No 7 reports one hundred and eleven members a gain of ten for the year.

Mount Hope Division No 167 initiated six last term and now have sixty-nine members. Sister H D Fritz is W P and Ellen Otto R S.

Nushoppen Division No 252 has fifteen members, the same as at last report July 1st.

During last term Myrtle Division No 251 initiated thirteen and now reports thirty members.

Olive Branch Division No 158 has ninety-three members.

Lone Star Division No 348 gained three last quarter.

Mount Zion Division No 287 now has forty-two members.

There are at present thirty-four members in Forestville Division No 304.

Spartan Division No 323 now numbers thirty-six members.

Sawyer Division No 272 now numbers fifty-four members. They were instituted on Dec 7th 1887.

Ætna Division No 67 added six to its roll during last term, and now has forty-five members in good standing. D G W P Th H Evans is at present W P.

A net gain of four was made by Lansfords Division No 214 during last term, and now have fifty-three members, a net gain of ten for the year.

Helping Hand Division No 70 made a net gain of five for the term, and now have one hundred and sixty seven members.

Six persons were initiated into Burgettstown Division No 84 during last term making their total membership fifty-one, a gain of thirty-one during the year.

Love Division No 254, now has forty-nine members, a net gain of twenty-three during the term.

The G W P, accompanied by P G W P's Clough, Wear and Shelley, G Scribe Jones, G Chap Keely, G Sent Loane, P G Cond Johnson, P W P's Mrs Shelly, Miss Clara Dean of No 73 and R A Spuce No 34 visited Angora Division No 168 on Tuesday evening 16 inst. The R S reported

that the Division at present numbers one hundred and twenty-nine members and is in good financial condition. P C W P Clough gave quite an account of his trip through England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the progress of our Order in Great Britain.

All the visitors favored with remarks congratulated Angora Division on its work during the past twelve years and urging the members to increased efforts in behalf of our cause.

Alleghany Division No 185 is in a good healthy condition, during last term nine were initiated. They at present number forty-six. They hold public Temperance meetings in their Hall every Sunday evening.

## GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

(Continued.)  
AGENCY.

During the year, the Order was benefitted to a large extent by the labors of our Agents—Rev J. S. Coffin (for several months,) Thomas M. Lewis, and Thomas Hutchings. Their work has helped to place our organization in its present excellent condition. I have to thank Bros. Lewis and Hutchings for summaries of their work; but as fuller reports from them will be laid before you, it is not necessary that I should quote figures here.

I cannot refrain from bringing to your notice the claim the Agency Committee have on your esteem and gratitude. For half of the year the late W. M. Brown presided at their meetings—planning, counselling and directing. His associates have missed him; yet I can assure you they have been faithful, active and successful. The meetings were always fully attended; and much time devoted to their work. Care, prudence and a sincere desire for the welfare and advancement of the Order characterizes their actions. The Grand Scribe rendered the Committee valuable services. Personally, Bro. John E. Butler, J. Parsons, J. McCrowe and Thos. W. Offen have my sincere thanks—an inadequate appreciation of their disinterested services.

It is to be regretted that so few Divisions have made provision for regular contributions to the Agency Fund. Generous contributions to this fund is money well spent.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

I would here thank the County and District Deputies who have represented me faithfully during the year. Their services are appreciated. I must also recognize the faithful attention to duty of (with a few exceptions) the Division Deputies.

My relations with the Grand Officers have been most pleasant and satisfactory. The Grand Associate has been indefatigable in paying official visits to Subordinate Divisions and encouraging them by kind words and good advice. He has represented the G. W. P. on numerous occasions. The Grand Conductor and Grand Sentinel have also paid official visits to Divisions when opportunity offered. The Grand Treasurer has guarded well the treasury and rendered valuable aid on all occasions when his services were required. He has just closed the ledger in which are posted the financial accounts of this Grand Division for the past forty years. To the Grand Scribe I am indebted for courtesies and for valuable services rendered me during the year. We were one as to plans to conserve the best interests of the Grand Division and the Order.

To the membership at large, I would be lacking in duty did I not acknowledge the kindness extended to me both by individuals and Divisions. As head of the Order I have been treated with the greatest courtesy, and all due respect paid to the dignity of the position in which you placed me. My correspondence during the year was voluminous—was of the most interesting character, and of considerable pleasure to me from the fact that my new relations to the Order caused the renewal of frequent

correspondence with brethren with whom I labored for many years when I held another official position. For the reasons stated in these acknowledgements, the year just closed will be a memorable one to me as a Son of Temperance.

## A SUGGESTION.

During the year I have had numerous invitations to pay official visits to Subordinate Divisions. I was unable to comply with the large majority of the requests. I would suggest that—as it would encourage many Divisions, and help the order materially—that the Grand Division, at each Annual Session, appropriate a sum of money from which the expenses of G. W. P. in visiting, officially, Subordinate Divisions be defrayed. And if agreed to, I would further suggest that the visits of the G. W. P. to Divisions located more than twenty miles from his residence be made with the concurrence of the Agency Committee.

## CONCLUSION.

We are now assembled in forty-first Annual Session. Various questions will demand your attention: How to maintain the present status of the Order; the best method of increasing the membership of the Divisions with good material; the best means of advancing Temperance among the young without conflicting with denominational organization; how the *Clarion* can be improved and its usefulness extended; the necessity of impressing upon Subordinate Divisions their duty towards the Agency Fund; the advisability of increasing the number of District Divisions; how the young men of the Order, between the ages of twenty and thirty can be induced to interest themselves more heartily in its behalf, with the view that they may be prepared to carry on work when those who have toiled for forty years or more will have passed away. Prohibition—to which this Grand Division is committed—is it advisable that on this question we shall proceed as heretofore, and gaining adherents to the principle; or shall this body enter the arena of partisan politics in order to secure its enactment? I would commend these subjects to your careful consideration, and trust that the discussion of them will prove advantageous to the cause of Temperance. Let us enter upon our labors with earnestness, relying upon the guidance of Providence in perfecting measures for the benefit of our fellowmen.

A few hours hence I will be called upon to hand over to the Most Worthy Patriarch the badge of office and the emblem of authority which by your will were confided to me a year ago, in order that he may deliver them to my successor in this high and honorable station. In my inaugural address I promised to perform the duties incumbent upon me to the best of my ability. You can now judge whether or not that promise has been redeemed. Of one thing you may be assured I tried to do my duty, because I have a deep interest in the welfare of the Order. With regard to the successes of the year I am disappointed, but pleasingly so. When assuming the duties of the office, remembering the number of successive years of prosperity, I could not hope for a continuance thereof; but (and I say it candidly) I looked forward to a decrease in both Divisions, and membership—a loss in Divisions of about 30 and in the membership about 2000. You will be pleased, however, as I am, that when I step down from this chair I can place the Order in charge of my successor in as equally good condition as I received it from my predecessor. I ascribe the credit of the year's success as much to the active membership of the Subordinate Divisions, who were faithful to their duty in adding new members to our ranks, thereby advancing our principles, as to the various committees and officials of this Grand Division. Thanking you

for your kind consideration, this report is,  
Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

PAT. MONAGHAN, G. W. P.  
Halifax, N. S., November 6, 1888.

## To the Friends of Temperance.

The Order of the Sons of Temperance has now been in practical operation, fulfilling its mission of love, for more than forty-six years, during which time over two million of men have been connected with it. Tens of thousands have been reclaimed from drunkenness, and numberless families, on two continents, have been blessed with comfort, prosperity and happiness through its instrumentality. The Church of God has had its number largely augmented from those whose first step upward from sin and degradation was taken when they entered the gates and took upon them the vows of our Order. It is the oldest organized body now actively engaged in the cause of temperance, and well justifies the confidence and co-operation of all good men. Its principles and its aims have not changed; its objects have ever been simple and pure, its aim single—the good of all mankind.

But it has not been altogether changeless in its plans and operations. It has kept pace with the advancement and progress of the age, and profited by the experiences of the passing years. Whatever tended to retard the advancement of the Cause has been discarded, and new features have been added as there need and their utility have been demonstrated. The Order has been popularized, and its workings made easy and simple.

Ladies are admitted in full equality with gentlemen, and are often the most efficient and reliable members of a Division, accompanying their husbands, brothers and sons, and exerting a salutary influence in the Division room.

Youths at fourteen can become members, so that parents and children can unite in one common brotherhood, to aid one common cause. The Order of Cadets, under the direct supervision of our Division, cares for those under fourteen, educating them, in the principles we advocate, and preparing them, in due time, to become intelligent and useful Sons of Temperance and citizens.

As an auxiliary, we have The Sons of Temperance National Mutual Relief Society, which furnishes insurance on the lives of such members of our Divisions as desire it, at actual cost, without interfering with, or diminishing the aggressive Temperance work of the Order.

We desire to establish and maintain a Division of this Order in every town—a *live, working* Division, that shall be a recognized power in the vicinity of its location—a terror to evil doers, and an instrumentality blessed of Heaven for the reclamation of the drunkard and the suppression of drunkard-making. Will you help us?

## Voices from the Pulpit.

The late Rev. J. Edson Reckwell D. D.; of Staten Island, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a public address, address, testified as follows;

The more I learn of the workings of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, the more I am convinced of its soundness, and assured of its ultimate success. Its sole tendency is to elevate man; and while it does not offer itself as a substitute for religion, it *points towards it*, and inclines its members to respect and venerate its institutions, and to seek after the mysteries there revealed. There is not an object aimed at, not a ceremony performed, on which we cannot ask the blessing of God. And I do not feel that I cease to magnify my office as an Ambassador of Christ, when, the Chaplain of my Division, I open the Word of God, and read therefrom a lesson of Divine truth, and call upon the Great Father of us all to be present in our assembly, and invoke his benediction to rest upon the cause we are united to perpetuate.

The following extracts are from a letter written by the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., of Brooklyn after a practical experience, as a member of the Order, in Grand Division, of nearly a quarter of a century;

The Sons of Temperance have a close, fraternal and social tie, and a personal *kinship* to each other than can never be reached by the looser style of association formed in ordinary Temperance societies. There is a *family feeling* in our Order that has great power to bind us together and to influence the new comers into our household.

The influence of all the Divisions I have been connected with for twenty years has been decidedly sound and religious. I find our Order to be a valuable auxiliary to the church; and but seldom is it a rival. The two harmonize completely. Christians can honor their Divine Lord in a Division room as truly as in a Sunday School. That tie may be used to lead souls to Christ. After twenty years' experience in its ranks, I do most earnestly recommend all my brother ministers to come into the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and give a new impetus to one of the vital wings of the grand army of reform.

The Rev. Peter Striker, D. D., of Saratoga Springs, now President of the New York State Temperance Society, adds this testimony;

I do not believe the Sons of Temperance, even if they have become old enough to be fathers, have fulfilled their mission. Every intelligent Temperance man must see that we need some organization which will *push* the work all through the year, and never let the reformed drunkard topple over for the want of sympathy and assistance. I know of no Order better calculated to do this work than the good old Sons.

From a letter addressed To the Clergy of the State of New York, some years since, by Nine Pastors of Brooklyn Churches, the following extracts are taken:

Permit us to bring to your notice the Order of the Sons of Temperance. We are familiar with its workings, and have confidence in its power for good. Its simple but beautiful services are both attractive and impressive, and well designed to set forth solemn and important truths upon the minds of those who are entering its circle. It seeks by a combination of social and moral influence, to draw men away from temptation and to enlist them in earnest effort for the salvation of others. It makes permanent the impression which occasional temperance meetings may produce, by a regular and systematic and combined effort for the reformation of the drunkard and the preservation of those who are in danger of becoming such.

Testimony of this kind could be extended almost indefinitely. Almost everywhere the Order depends largely upon the sympathy and co-operation of the Christian Ministry, while the Christian Church derives reciprocal advantage from friendly relations with our Divisions.

## Saloons Depend Upon Drunkards.

The cost of alcoholic liquor in the United States is \$900,000,000 annually. In 1883 there were 203,970 liquor dealers and manufacturers, and the capital is estimated at \$1,000,000,000. The saloons could not exist upon the patronage of moderate drinkers. The maintenance of these places depends upon the drunkard. Intemperance is often an intangible quantity. The sufferer himself is not conscious of its ravages. Every morning the police calendar is black with the names of men and women arrested for drunkenness. The Bureau of Labor of Boston, after a careful investigation, declares that eighty-four per cent. of all crime is the direct or indirect fruit of alcohol. All studies of American political economy bring the conclusion that poverty would scarcely exist were it not for drink.—*Prairie Farmer*.

"I'll do better next time," said a man who had been drunk when it was necessary for him to be sober. "Oh, no!" said his employer; "you will not do at all. Some one else will be doing in your place."