

GRAND DIVISION OF MICHIGAN.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

YPSILANTI, Oct. 10th, 1888.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Michigan met in Annual Session in the hall of Ypsilanti Division, No. 106, and was called to order at 2 o'clock, p. m., by Mrs. M. C. Fisher, the Grand Worthy Associate, and acting Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Officers present:—Mrs. M. C. Fisher, G. W. A.; Joseph Falk, G. S.; G. W. Cade, G. Chap.

Officers appointed to fill vacancies:—Czar Jones, G. W. A.; Mrs. Ada Falk, G. Con.; Edward Lesprome, G. Sent.; Rev. Wm. A. Taylor, P. G. W. P.

The Grand Division was opened in due form, Grand Chaplain leading in prayer.

On motion by P. G. W. P., Rev. Wm. A. Taylor, the Grand Division voted that members of the Order in possession of the quarterly password, or duly vouched for, be admitted as visitors, after being obligated in the ante-room.

The act. G. W. P. directed the P. G. W. P., Wm. A. Taylor, to obligate the visitors after which they were admitted.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following which was adopted:

YPSILANTI, Oct. 10th, 1888.

To the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Michigan,—Your Committee on Credentials having examined the credentials of the following representatives, and finding the same correct, would recommend that they be admitted to seats in this body for the ensuing year: Detroit, No. 1, B. J. Holcombe; Mrs. M. C. Fisher, Miss Madison, Rosio Reed, Czar Jones, Chas. Hamilton, A. B. Champlin, Rev. F. B. Cressey, all P. W. Ps.

Lake Shore, No. 21, C. B. Maxfield, W. R. Maxfield, E. B. Clark, Lucy Tennilizer, Mary Campton, Wm. Campton, Mrs. W. R. Maxfield, A. D. Maxfield.

Fenton, No. 104, L. J. Phillips, Hattie Kirby, BeVee Kirby, Gertie Kirby, Laura Kirby, G. W. Butcher, Mrs. Wm. Butcher, H. Hunt, H. Vanatta, Robert Deming, Wm. Butcher, E. Fredenberg, Chas. Kelly, Miss J. Bunting, A. Aaron Smith, Wm. McOmber, G. J. Butcher.

Ypsilanti, No. 106, J. Falk, Mrs. Ada Falk, C. Goodwin, J. E. Pulver, Mrs. S. E. Pulver, Edward Lesprome, Joseph Soper, Mrs. Amelia Stratten, Frank Stratten, Ed. Williams, Leonard Bealle, C. M. Holmes, Miss Lottie Mitchel.

Anchor, No. 203, A. L. West, J. H. Gunnison, Mrs. Amanda Gunnison, B. A. Regs, C. A. Livermore.

Pine Lake, No. 204, G. M. Smith, E. L. Cochrane, J. L. Fletcher, B. W. Cade, Hattie Fuleton, Wm. A. Taylor, Dr. A. R. Hicks.

Respectfully Submitted,

In L., P. and F.,

Mrs. Ada Falk, Wm. A. Taylor, Joseph Falk, } Committee.

The Grand Conductor announced the following representatives in waiting:

G. J. Butcher, of 104, Frank Stratten, Mrs. Amalia Stratten, C. M. Holmes, and Miss Lottie Mitchel, of 106.

They were admitted and duly initiated into this branch of the Order.

The acting G. W. P., Mrs. M. C. Fisher presented the following report, which was read and referred to Committee on Distribution, consisting of P. G. W. P., Wm. A. Taylor, G. Con, B. W. Cade, and P. G. W. P., Czar Jones.

After which the Grand Scribe read his report, which was referred to the same committee.

The Grand Treasurer not being present, no report was received but in an unofficial letter to the Grand Scribe a statement given, that there were \$42 and 60 cents in his hands, which he is ready to remit as soon as the order is given. He further says: I am sorry to inform you that it will be impossible for me to be there at this meeting. I have attended every meeting of the Grand Division since I have been a member and regret very much that I cannot meet with you this time. I always enjoy such meetings and am anxious to do what I can for the cause and hope and trust you will have a good attendance and device some means whereby the S. of T. may be revived and flourish.

On motion by P. G. W. P., Wm. A. Taylor, voted to receive in a social "Good of the Order" verbal reports from the Divisions present.

Rep. G. J. Butcher, of Fenton Division, No. 104, reported that his Division is somewhat discouraged at present, and are financially embarrassed, not being able to pay the tax to the G. D. and keep up the rent of hall and other necessary expenses. But the assurance of the Grand Scribe,

that if the Division renew their efforts in keeping up, although forbidden by the decision of the National Division to remit the tax, the Grand Division will take advantage of the donation clause and donate the amount due for tax, has removed the pressure and embarrassment and discouragement, and that he has been instructed by the Division to extend their thanks to the G. D. for the donation, and that he hopes they will be able to give a better report the next time. On motion voted that the action of the Grand Scribe in regard to Fenton Division be approved, motion carried unanimously. L. J. Pheleps, D. G. W. P., of Fenton Division, reported by letter that the cause of the condition of Fenton Division is non-payment of dues, that they have a large number of members on their books, of which only about one-half are paying members, and the rest are only a dead weight to the Division, and by investigation are found to have moved away from town, and that in his opinion, the present system of paying tax on persons that are six months in arrears is detrimental and discouraging to the paying members, that there were sixteen Divisions in the three adjoining counties, of which Fenton is the only one left, all of which were killed by draining their treasury with the tax; that he personally has organized the majority of these Division, but thinks that further effort in this direction is useless, as it would add more dead divisions on our list, unless the tax system is remedied.

Rep. B. W. Cade, of Pine Lake, No. 204, reported that his Division is doing well, they own the hall in which they meet, that they have paid for it with the exception of about \$100 which payment is impeded by the draining of their treasury each quarter with tax on members that do not pay their dues. They have representatives from their division in many parts of the United States and Canada, but as they do not pay their dues the division refused to pay tax on members that are thousands of miles away with no prospect of ever coming back.

Mrs. Amanda Gunnison, the Grand Conductor, who has entered and taken her station during the foregoing, reported that her division, Anchor, No. 203, was doing first rate, they had no regular place of meeting and held their meetings at her house, but they have built the basement to a new church, which has cost the division \$400, and have now their own hall which they intend to dedicate on October the 19th. Their division is in a rural district and they are not much annoyed with members in arrears for dues.

Rep. Frank Stratten, of Ypsilanti Division, No. 106, reported the division in a prosperous condition, it being the banner division of the State. They have done and are doing good work, have distributed several hundred copies of temperance literature, have held public meetings once in each month, have given a concert in an adjoining town with a prospect of organizing a new division, and could do more in that direction if their members were not drained each quarter to make up the amount necessary to pay tax on delinquent members.

Mrs. M. C. Fisher reported that Detroit Division, No. 1, has been dormant for some time, they not being able to rent a hall, but they have resumed work and meet every Thursday at her house.

The meeting being now in session for three hours it was thought best to adjourn. On motion voted to have the election of officers the special business at 10, p. m. on Thursday.

The members of the Grand Division were requested to meet at 7.30 in the evening at the hall and march with the members of Ypsilanti Division to the Opera House after which the Grand Division adjourned to meet in session again at 8.30, a. m., the next day.

PUBLIC MEETING AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

At the appointed time the members assembled in the hall, clothing themselves in regalia, formed in line and marched behind a brass band of music played by four children, none of them being over 14 years old. When arrived at the Opera House, they were greeted with cheers by a large audience in waiting. The Grand Officers were seated on the platform, Joseph Falk, the Grand Scribe presiding. After an prelude by the band, the meeting was opened with prayer, by P. G. W. P., Czar Jones of Detroit, a member of 40 years standing. Following this the Choir of Ypsilanti Division gave a beautiful anthem, "The wine is a mocker." The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Mr. Venning, Pastor of M. E. church, followed by a song, "The ship of State" by the choir. The response was delivered by Rev. G. W. Rasure of Wellington, Kansas, and member of Detroit Division, followed by music by the band, Recitation by Miss Lillie Ward, "The Wide Zingarella" was grand and well delivered, also a recitation by Miss Lucille Ward, "Murilla, the Painter's slave," and also by Miss Minnie Shanklin, "Wife of a drunkard" was well delivered, showing the exquisite talent in the division. On behalf of the Grand Di-

vision to the citizens the address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Wm. A. Taylor, of Bath, P. G. W. P., who was cheered repeatedly and although he spoke fully an hour, it did seem to many that he did not occupy half of the time. The choir sang "America" in which the audience joined, after which the meeting was dismissed by Rev. G. W. Rasure.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

YPSILANTI, Oct. 11, 1888.

The Grand Division reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 8.30 o'clock. Officers present as on previous day. After appropriate ceremony the Grand Division was declared open for business. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Communication from Robert Deming, G. W. P., was read as follows:

FENTON, MICH., June 11, 1888.

To the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the State of Michigan,—I hereby resign the office of Grand Worthy Patriarch of the State of Michigan to take effect on the first day of July next.

Fraternally Yours,

In L., P. and F.,

R. DEMING,

G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe explained here, that on receiving this resignation, he has consulted with members of the executive committee, and seeing no possible way of holding a special session, has requested the G. W. A., Mrs. M. C. Fisher, to assume and act as G. W. P. The resignation of Bro. Deming was accepted and the action of the Grand Scribe commended.

The committee on Distribution were ready to report and reported as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Michigan,—Your committee on distribution of the report of the acting G. W. P. and G. S., would respectfully recommend that the portion of the acting G. W. P. report referring to quarterly sessions of the Ex. Com. and to resuscitation of old Divisions be referred to a special com. of three to be appointed by the acting G. W. P., and that part referring to cadet work and statistics on children labor and attendance at school be referred to another com. of three to be appointed by the acting G. W. P. We also recommend that that portion of the G. S.'s report referring to By laws be referred to com. on By laws, that part referring to Finances be referred to com. on finances, and that part referring to appointment of deputies 1, 2, 3, be referred to a com. of three to be appointed by the acting G. W. P.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wm. A. Taylor,

B. W. Cade,

Czar Jones.

The acting G. W. P. appointed the following committees:

On G. W. P.'s report referring to quarterly sessions etc. J. Falk, G. J. Butcher and C. M. Holmes. Referring to Cadets: Mrs. A. Gunnison, Mrs. Ada Falk, and Mrs. Sophia Pulver. On Grand Scribe's report referring to Deputies: Wm. A. Taylor, Mrs. Ada Falk, and Mrs. Amada Gunnison.

On motion voted to appoint committee on resolution, G. W. P. appointed Wm. A. Taylor, A. D. Maxfield, and Mrs. A. Gunnison.

Communications from absent members and also from Most Worthy Scribe, read, accepted and placed on file. The Grand Scribe called the attention and distributed to the members of the Grand Division several copies of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL published at Fredericton, New Brunswick, by Herman H. Pitts, G. W. A. of N. B., stating that he would have recommended in his report to furnish gratis a copy to each Division, but the condition of the treasury and present circumstances do not permit. He urged most earnestly to subscribe for the JOURNAL individually. Being the Organ of the Sons of Temperance, it is just what we need in Michigan. Our Divisions are so far apart one from another, that fraternal visits are out of the question and a weekly visit by the JOURNAL would be welcome and make the Division feel not so lonesome.

A. D. Maxfield, of Lake Shore Division, No. 2, Pentwater, made here a verbal report that his Division is doing well, under the circumstances, that they had suffered somewhat, by the fact that the Good Templars have organized a Lodge in their place, which is not large enough to sustain two similar organizations, and this has caused jealousy and strife, yet they have done well and have initiated 12 new members during the last quarter. He requested a help in the shape of a lecturer.

The com. on Bye laws announced as ready, and made the following report:

YPSILANTI, Oct. 11th, 1888.

Officers and Members of the G. D. Sons of Temperance of Michigan.—Your com. on Bye laws would respectfully submit the following report: We endorse the decisions of the Grand Scribe numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, except that we do not know of any law that authorizes that the W. P. ousted be deposed and shorn of his honors; and if he serves his full term, believe him entitled

to his honors by the laws of the Order.

We are also obliged to differ with the G. S. in decision 2. There is no law that prohibits the retiring W. P. from enjoying the same privilege of election to office as any member in good standing and of proper age, however by virtue of his serving as W. P. the term out, he is entitled to the position of P. W. P. as a post of honor, but may accept any office to which he is elected.

All of which is respectfully submitted, Wm. A. Taylor, Mrs. A. Gunnison, B. W. Cade.

The report was adopted as read.

The G. S. tried to explain, that the decision of No. 2, was based upon the decision of the National Division recorded on page 320, Journal of proceedings, which read as follows: "The Past Worthy Patriarch is not a constitutional officer of a division subject to fines or ejection from his seat for non-attendance; but the junior Past Worthy Patriarch shall occupy the position when present."—Consequently he cannot occupy any other.

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GRAND DIVISION OF MAINE.

SOLDIERS DIVISION, NO. 5, OF CHELSEA MAINE.

The last meeting of the above Division which was held Saturday evening Nov. 24th was a very interesting and profitable one over forty of the members being present. This Division is working under the Credit System and has been for some two years. Captains are elected at the beginning of every quarter and they choose sides, which furnishes the entertainment during the quarter, at the end of quarter the side or company getting the least number of credit's have to furnish the quarterly supper for the Division. The entertainment last Saturday evening was furnished by Co. B. Captained by Sister Katie Mc Kay and the following Brothers and Sisters responded 40 her call. Select reading, Edna Collins; Declamation, Frank Stafford; Recitation; Grace Thompson; Instrumental music, Arthur Douglas; Reading, Julia Farnham; Reading, Minnie Sibley; music, Eva Searles; Recitation, Katie Mc Kay; Reading, W. T. Searles; Declamation, W. O. Cobb; Reading, Anna Farnham; Song, Annie L. Hayes; Remarks by the W. P. Bro. Hayes in regard to the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL.

On motion of Bro. Collins it was voted to appropriate \$5.00 to procure ten copies of the JOURNAL for the use of the Division for one year.

On motion of Bro. Searles, Sister Hayes was elected correspondent for the JOURNAL. Although there has been but one or two pleasant Saturday evenings for about thirteen weeks, this Division although in a small country town has missed but two meetings. We hope and expect during the coming year to hear good news from all our sister Divisions through the columns of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL.

O. C.

Pine Tree Division, No. 1, of Maine.

This Division was instituted Dec. 2nd 1887, with 26 charter members, and we now number over fifty. We hold our meetings Saturday evenings. For the good of the Order we have readings, recitations, and debates. We also hold public meetings, occasionally thinking they may help in this great and good work. So far this quarter we have initiated two. We have fraternal visits quite often, which are always welcome. There seems to be quite an interest in the temperance cause in this place, and we hope to meet with success.

Yours in L., P. and F.,

E. L. S.

Windham, Maine.

The Liquor Question in Belgium.

The liquor question is beginning to claim public attention in Belgium, especially in an economic point of view. A recent Brussels dispatch in the London Times says: "The question of diminishing the consumption of spirits is being seriously discussed here." It adds: A newspaper published in a poor part of Flanders states that the daily consumption of a working-man—not a drunkard—there includes at 5:30 a. m., a 'worm-killer;' at 8 a. m., an 'eye-opener;' at 11 a. m., a 'whip;' at 2 p. m., a 'digger;' at 5 p. m., a 'soldier,' and at 7:30 p. m., a 'finisher.' His regular yearly expenditure for drinks, without counting extra libations on festive occasions, amounts to 216 francs—a rather important item in a family budget of from 800 to 1,200 francs a year." It is also noteworthy that Belgium is a beer country, where there is a large consumption of beer, and that the largely increased consumption of spirits is one of the ominous results at present challenging thoughtful attention on the part of Belgian physicians and others.—National Temperance Advocate.

GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO.

ANNUAL SESSION OF 1888 HELD IN ONTARIO ON THE FOURTH.

(Special for Journal.)

The Grand Division of Ontario, Sons of Temperance; commenced their annual session Tuesday afternoon last at 2 o'clock in the Coldstream Hall, Spadina avenue. The grand officers present were: Thos. Webster, G. W. P.; Wm. Rossie, P. W. A.; W. H. Bewell, Grand Secretary; G. M. Rose, Grand Treasurer; Rev. J. T. Dowling, Acting Grand Chaplain; H. F. Hall, Acting Grand Conductor, and C. E. Ewing, Past G. W. P., also about sixty delegates. Rev. R. Alder Temple, of Halifax, N. S., the Most Worthy Patriarch of North America, was expected.

The officers of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Grand Worthy Patriarch—Thomas Webster, Paris, re-elected.

Grand Worthy Associate—Robert Coulter, Port Robinson.

Grand Scribe W. H. Bewell, Whitby, reelected.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. E. Wilson, B. A., Woodbridge.

Grand Conductor—H. T. Hall, Toronto.

Grand Sentinel—Everett G. Smith, St. Catharines.

The Grand Division of New York telegraphed their greetings. The Grand Scribe was instructed to send a suitable reply.

This is the third time that Mr. Webster has been elected to the highest position in gift of the Ontario order, and is a convincing proof of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the society.

The reports of officers and that of the Grand Worthy Patriarch submitted contained some interesting information. The order is now 39 years old, and is in a vigorous and healthy condition. The repeal of the Scott Act in several counties, the apathy displayed in the temperance community and rival organizations of a benevolent character have not affected the order to any great extent. The Grand W. Patriarch in his report, after touching on the work of deputies, agencies, the National Division and the Mutual Relief Society, asked that the body in future give its special attention to work among boys, work which was being neglected by the Sunday schools and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Three veterans had passed away since last meeting, namely, Bro. John Wilson, P. G. W. P., at the age of 86; Bro. Abishai Morse, P. G. W. P., at the age of 82, and Bro. Abram Farewell, P. G. W. P., another pioneer member, who died on 7th February last. In conclusion, the Grand Patriarch urged the order not to recognize the system of licensing in any form, but to make prohibition the great aim. The report of W. H. Bewell, Grand Scribe, gave the membership. The number of members last year was 6,688; admitted by initiation and card, 2,368; reinstated, 140; withdrawn, 828; suspended, 1,037; expelled for violation of pledge, 117; other causes, 242. The whole amount of receipts by subordinates was \$3,205.51, and cash on hand and invested by divisions, \$7,440.61. The returns showed an apparent decrease of 645 members, but it was expected that before the close of the year a large number of contributing members would join.

The Grand Scribe in his report advised the holding of frequent open and public meetings and entertainments. Careful attention should be paid to new and weak divisions, and loyalty and fraternity should be practiced in the order. Of the 28 new divisions, four never made returns, three are delinquent, and 21 are in active operation. Of the 26 resuscitated, one has not made returns, twelve are delinquent, and thirteen are in active operation.

The supply of books, copies of by-laws and stationery on hand is valued at \$510.35.

A certain town council in New England is said to have voted to use a part of the revenue from the city license fee to purchase a hearse.

Brewery shares are said by a London stock broker, in his weekly circular, to be, for the moment, "out of favor with the investing public."

The united Kingdom Band of Hope Union is raising a fund of ten thousand pounds for promoting temperance teaching in day schools