

BORDER NOTES.

ANNIVERSARY.

HOWARD I—WILBERFORCE 3.

1847—1886

Thirty-nine years of temperance work in a community ought to have considerable influence in shaping its history and I suppose if we could trace the influence which has gone out from Howard Division during the thirty-nine years of its existence in St. Stephen we would find it to have been instrumental to a large degree in moulding and maintaining a healthy moral sentiment during that time. Howard Division No. 1 S. of T. was organized by the Grand Division of Maine on March 8th 1847, and given power to organize new divisions until there should be enough to organize a Grand Division of the order in this province. York No. 2 was soon after organized in Fredericton followed by Wilberforce No. 3 in Milltown. York No. 2 having gone under Wilberforce comes next in age to Howard there being only about a month's difference in their ages. Last year the two divisions joined in the celebration of their anniversaries at St. Stephen and this year the same plan was adopted the exercises being held at Milltown on Tuesday evening the 9th inst.

Large vans and sleighs were employed to carry the members of Howard to Milltown and truly it was a merry party that drew the attention of people along the route as with song and laughter they proceeded on their way. On our arrival all was bustle and confusion till fraternal greetings were through with and the members of the two divisions with their invited guests to the number of four hundred and fifty were seated. Meantime numerous well filled baskets and suspicious looking packages had been taken charge of by a committee of ladies and hurried away to the kitchen in the rear of the hall. W. W. Graham, Esq. of Wilberforce Division took the chair and when order was restored called on Rev. Mr. Cross for the opening prayer.

A somewhat lengthy programme was then carried out as follows: Quartette, "Temperance Greeting," Miss Halliday, Miss Barbour, H. Stevens, S. Webber, of Howard Division, followed by a speech from Henry Webber the oldest member of the order present who gave a brief history of the temperance cause at the time Howard Division was organized and some interesting facts in regard to its organization. Then came a bass solo by Bro. Hugh McAdam of Wilberforce, and speeches by the W. P. of Howard, Everard Smith and the D. G. W. P. Sedge Webber. Bro. L. W. Hughes then gave one of his humorous readings, H. Stevenson a song and Bro. Dewar of Red Granite Division told us how they were getting along. Bro. Frazer responded for Oak Division, and Wm. Fleming deputy and—Hanson, W. C. T. of St. Croix lodge of Milltown, Me. for their order. Bro. Rodgers of Wilberforce, was obliged to sing three of his comic songs before the audience would consent to allow him to retire. Rev. G. M. Campbell, Grand Chaplain made one of his telling and eloquent addresses in response to a call for the Grand Division followed by G. W. P., C. N. Vroom. Bro. W. W. Graham was called to respond for the National Division and gave an account of the meeting of that body which he attended. Mrs. Stodard and Mrs. Barclay of St. Croix Lodge gave readings, Bro. Hiram Mills P. W. P. of Howard his famous Cobbler song, followed by speeches from Rev. Mr. Johnston and E. H. Balkam of Wilberforce. Rev. Mr. Pember of Portland Me., who was present as a guest also addressed the meeting and Bro. H. McAllister D. G. W. P. of Wilberforce gave a recitation which brought forth an encore to which he responded. Bro. W. H. Stevens of Howard Division spoke for the W. C. T. U., representatives of that body being present.

Long before the conclusion of the literary and musical exercises strong and invigorating odors of boiling coffee assailed the nostrils of the audience, but to their credit be it said they listened with attention to the various speeches etc. which speaks well for their patience or for the quality of the entertainment provided.

At the conclusion of the programme, part of the audience moved to the division room overhead so as to make room to pass the refreshments and there, with appetites sharpened by long waiting they did full justice to a bountiful supply of sandwiches, cake and coffee provided by the sisters of the two divisions. An hour or so of pleasant chat and comparing of notes by the members of the different divisions present, and games by those so inclined, concluded an evening long to be remembered by those participating, and which must have a stimulating effect on all branches of temperance work in this vicinity. Last Friday night we met in Watson's hall and the attendance was unusually large although it was a stormy night. We received fifty-four propositions and initiated twenty-two candidates. The Friday night previous we initiated twenty-seven instead of seven as my letter read when printed. I unintentionally omitted Bro. W. H. Steven's name as chairman of the last public meeting.

If the men coming in to our division will only vote straight at the coming town election their influence will make itself felt. The prospect for a change is better than for many years and I trust we are soon to see the end of the present disgraceful state of affairs in town government.

We had the pleasure recently of a visit from Bro. H. A. McKeown of Gordon Division St John, who entertained us with an account of the progress of the cause in his city and of the welfare of Gordon Division. His address was witty and full of good points and he created a very favourable impression, especially with the sisters, many of whom I heard regretting that he had to leave so abruptly in order to take the night train for St. John.

HOWARD.

St. Stephen N. B. March 15 1886.

ROYAL TEMPLARS.

CONSIDERATION OF CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

The Royal Templars of Temperance recently met at Buffalo and made several changes in the constitution. The clause regarding the assessments was so changed that for persons between the ages of fifty and fifty-five the assessments are \$1.25 on each \$1,000; between fifty-five and sixty \$2 on each \$1,000. The section regarding beneficiary laws was changed so that advanced assessments may now be paid to the Supreme Council instead of being kept in Select Council. The constitution was amended so that ten councils or 200 members will form a Grand Council.

It was resolved to print an eight-page paper in the interests of the order, and each member to be supplied with a copy.

CONSIDERATION OF CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

Canadian affairs were considered in committee of the whole. After adopting the constitution the council went into committee of the whole at ten o'clock this morning to continue the consideration of Canadian affairs. It was decided that the Dominion Grand Council should pay the Supreme Council \$200 to complete the settlement between the two bodies. When the Dominion Grand Council succeeded in establishing a separate beneficiary fund, a year ago, it was with the understanding that the Dominion body should pay the Supreme Council a certain sum, and the \$200 referred to completes the payment.

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Council of New York asking that an official organ be published, passed at yesterday's session, it was resolved to increase the general fund assessment to twenty-five cents on each \$1,000, or less, of the beneficiary, to be paid semi-annually for the periodical. A Publication Committee was appointed, to consist of the Supreme Councillor, the Secretary, and Mr. W. W. Buchanan, of Canada.

The committee on Temperance reported, approving the temperance principles of the order, expressing oppo-

sition to legalizing the liquor traffic, and entertaining an earnest protest of 20,000 members against the so-called High License bill now before the Legislature of New York State.

SALARIES OF SUPREME OFFICERS.

The Finance Committee submitted its report, fixing the salary of the Supreme Councillor at \$600, of the Supreme Secretary, including all office work, at \$3,000, of the Supreme Advocate at \$100, and of the Supreme Treasurer at \$500. It was recommended that \$1,500 be paid to the Grand Lecturer, who acts as instituting officer. It was also advised that \$4,000 be set apart for printing expenses, and \$4,000 for incidental expenses.

The report was approved.

This afternoon the Committee on the General Good of the Order recommended that the Supreme Council adopt the second degree, as did their Canadian brethren. Canadians have Select Knights and wear uniforms. They also recommended certain changes in the ritual of the council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Supreme Council elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—Supreme Councillor, J. H. Tatem, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Supreme Vice-Chancellor, J. H. Crocker, Maro, Ill.; Past Supreme Councillor, S. W. Grosvenor, Buffalo; Chaplain, Rev. John Kay, Hamilton, Ont.; Supreme Secretary, E. H. Abbott, Buffalo; Supreme Treasurer, John Lyth, Buffalo; Supreme Medical Examiner, Dr. J. W. Grosvenor, Buffalo; Supreme Advocate, D. E. Corbett, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Supreme Herald, E. Harvey, Oil City, Pa.; Supreme Guard, Mrs. L. B. Whitfield, Michigan.

THE COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTIONS.

In an address at Reading the other evening ex-Gov. Curtin humorously said; "Who ever knew an old soldier to refuse commissary whiskey?" To his surprise a tall, gray-bearded man arose and answered: "Here's one."

The Governor was not so much surprised but that he could exclaim: "Then you must have been as dry as a graven image." The old soldier who was not afraid to make known his temperance principles is William H. K. Bush, of Reading. He served as Sergeant four years in the war and was in twenty-two battles. He was a temperance man first, last, and all the time. He organized a temperance society of twenty-eight members in his company, but after he returned from two months' imprisonment at Belle Isle he found that all but four had broken the pledge. He at once reorganized the society and built it up to sixty-eight members. Once there came an order that every soldier should have two doses of quinine in whiskey every day. Sergeant Bush marched his company up to the surgeon's tent at "sick call" and the surgeon said: "Pour out a big one for the sergeant."

But the sergeant answered; "I swore allegiance to Uncle Sam to fight, but not to drink whiskey."

The surgeon was inclined to make a fuss, but the Colonel backed up the sergeant and others of his company who refused the whiskey.

"When the Governor asked that question," said Mr. Bush, "I thought it my duty to stand up, and up I went."

Men dread the cholera, the yellow fever, and the small pox, and take expensive precautions against it, while the ravages of all of them in a year do not produce the mischief that intemperance does in a month. It is worse than a plague, worse than fire or inundation, or war. Nothing but sickness, death, immorality, crime, pauperism, and a frightful waste of resources comes of it. Nothing noble is born of it. Meantime our public men are timid about it, our churches are half indifferent over it, our ministers talk about the scriptural use of wine, our scientific men dispute about the nutritive properties of alcohol, our politicians utter wise things about personal rights and sumptuary laws, and the people are going to the devil.—J. G. Holland in 1872.

Some months ago the New York Tribune rightly says: "Sooner or later it will be necessary for the intelligent and progressive elements of society to drop all lesser enterprises and combine in one determined assault upon the vice [the liquor traffic] which is to-day the deepest disgrace of the nineteenth century."

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HOW LONG.

How long must our country be compelled to groan under the increasing burden of taxation? How long must legitimate business be crippled and bankruptcy stare honest men in the face? How long must happy homes be blasted, and the children turned into the streets? How long must drunken brawls continue to make night hideous, and rum-crazed humanity perform demoniacal acts? How long must this cup of woe, brewed by a selfish liquor oligarchy, continue to overflow, damming a hundred thousand victims every year? How long? O Lord, how long!!

Obviously until the moral element of our country stops useless talk and inconsistent prayer, and comes to a realization and use of the means God has placed in their hands—the ballot box. Let the iron arm of law be invoked through it. A majority of national prohibition ballots will solve these perplexing questions.

No one good reason has ever yet been discovered for licensing a saloon. The reasons why it should not be licensed, or, in other words, the reasons why it should be forever prohibited are so numerous, that if they were written out the world could not contain the books.—Selected.

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