

Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch of Connecticut.

OCT. 24TH, 1889.

Officers and Members of the Grand Division:

By the blessing of Him who changeth not and doeth all things well we have come to the close of another year of work and to this Annual Session of the Grand Division. It is, therefore, fitting for us to acknowledge the many mercies that have been showered upon us from His Fatherly hands and with penitence for all the wrong we have done, implore forgiveness for the same, humbly praying that light, wisdom, and grace may be given us, that in the future we may so act, that as individuals and an association our work will be increasingly helpful in raising the fallen and in erecting barriers that will prove a sure protection to the young, our homes, and our beloved land. That we may be the better prepared to accomplish this, it is well to take a retrospect, reviewing what has been done, calling attention to the agencies that have been used, selecting those that we deem best, and with greater vigor, if possible, use them so that they may give us greater success.

The work has been surrounded by variable circumstances, some of which have been encouraging and some quite the reverse. You will all remember that at the beginning of the year we were confronted by a heated political campaign, which was a great hindrance to division work as it largely engrossed the attention of all classes, leaving but little chance to reach the ears, much less enlist the hearts, of many in pushing forward the legitimate work of the Order. On account of my business and the condition of my health at the time of my election, I seriously doubted the advisability of my accepting the office, but upon the assurance of some of our best members that I could count upon their support I reluctantly consented to serve, and have done all that it has been possible under the circumstances for me to do. The service I have rendered has been with sacrifice of self and with a love for the cause, and although the success attending my efforts has not been all I have desired, I trust they have not been without some fruit and that the future will reveal much more than can be shown at present.

One object aimed at has been by visitation and by other means within my power to arouse from despondency some divisions that have for a long time been weak, and also to encourage some that were entering upon the downward tendency. In some cases they have been stimulated to exertions that have been crowned with success, while others have been aroused just enough to take a position so they could die more easily.

The work to secure new divisions has not been neglected and while we have not instituted a large number, there is scarcely a section of the State in which there has not been put forth more or less effort in that direction. At previous sessions I reported having instituted Manchester No. 33, Fenwick No. 43, Adelphe No. 39, and Cawasa No. 38, three of which are in a flourishing condition and doing good work, but Fenwick has met with discouragements from the first that have threatened its life and yet I still have hope it may be able to overcome and do a good work in that section of the State.

On the evening of Aug. 26th assisted by the Grand Worthy Associate, Grand Scribe, Grand Conductor, Grand Sentinel and good delegations from Hawley, South Manchester and Manchester Divisions, I instituted Ellington Division No. 9 at Ellington with 25 applicants for a charter, and it seems to me that its location is such that other divisions in the near future will be the result of its influence. We are indebted for this division to Bro. A. E. Rockwood, Past Grand Worthy Associate of the Grand Division of Massachusetts, who in his love and zeal for the Order started the application for a charter and arranged for a public meeting which was addressed by the Rev. W. A. White, formerly of Nichols Division, which address I think contributed materially to its institution.

I ask your approval of the charter granted Ellington Division, No. 9. These five divisions represent but a small part of the labor expended in endeavoring to secure new divisions, for in a number of instances where applications have been circu-

lated and nearly enough names had been secured adverse circumstances set in so strongly that our efforts were disastrously defeated.

Not having been able to secure the proper person to do propagation work, I have been compelled to rely almost solely upon volunteer agencies for what has been accomplished, and you will bear with me if I call your attention to the suggestion in my report at the last session, which was that if possible some person be elected Worthy Patriarch or Worthy Associate, who could use part of his or her time in securing applications for charters. You will remember that the suggestion found favor with the committee on the State of the Order, and by your action was referred to this session. If you are able to-day to elect such a person to whom a reasonable compensation for the service shall be paid, it is my opinion that at the close of another year our divisions will far outnumber those of the present.

The interest in the constitutional amendment, although small as compared to what it ought to have been, has of late interfered with our propagation work, occupying as it has much of the time of some of our best workers, and although all the divisions have been notified of your action at last session, regarding the payment of a certain sum to the person or division who under certain restrictions should secure applications for charters for new divisions, thus far no results in that line are reported. I think the plan in a modified form may be beneficial, and I suggest that it be made applicable to a member of the Order only, instead of a member of a division, as the resolution was passed. I will say however in this connection, that if we want new divisions and an increased membership in our Order, there must be an earnest, determined effort to secure them on the part of every member who has any interest in securing such a result.

I think much good can be done by the use of Temperance Literature, giving information about our Order, and I take pleasure in calling your attention to the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, which is published by a brother of our Order, Herman H. Pitts, at Fredericton, N. B. It is a live, earnest advocate of our Order, and the best phases of temperance work; its proprietor is an energetic, wide-awake man who is striving to keep abreast of the most advanced temperance sentiment of North America, and I think is successful. He is also publishing some excellent "Sons of Temperance literature" in tract and leaflet form, and I think it would do good if the JOURNAL and the Literature were thoroughly distributed in our Divisions. The leaflets would be valuable in giving information concerning our Order to those who are not members.

The recommendation that I should arrange a conference with the General Secretary of the Mutual Benefit system of the Order, with a view to making it a means of increasing our divisions, and giving more permanence to our membership, I have endeavored to effect, but up to this date not much in this line of help has been secured. I have had one personal interview with him, and then made an arrangement that in the early fall we should confer again, but that conference has not been held. Believing as I do that much good can be done by a blending of interests in such a way as not to lose sight of our legitimate work, I trust that efforts may be still made in this direction, and that my successor and his propagation com. may have more success than myself and the present committee have secured.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on State of the Order, I appointed the Grand Chaplain, Brother H. S. Still, to reorganize the Lecture Bureau. Regarding the work done I refer you to his report.

You who were at the last session will doubtless remember the earnest and soul-stirring address of the Most Worthy Patriarch, as a result of which there was a committee of three appointed to devise ways and means to advance the interests of the Order; that committee has not as yet given me any information as to what plans they intend to report, yet I trust the report may abound with suggestions that will be fruitful of good in the future.

I am convinced that the admission of the members of a division, to its sessions, week after week, after they

vouching for members by other members behind in their dues, and the others while visiting sister divisions without a knowledge that they are good on the books of their own division, is prolific of injury, as it cheapens the value that ought to be set upon membership, and is taken advantage of to enjoy division privileges without a corresponding share in the work and burdens. If members can be vouched for, or get the passwords without obeying the law, there are too many who will do so and after a while have to be suspended for non-payment of dues, whereas if they had been held to their responsibility they would have been an advantage rather than a disadvantage to the Order. The loss by suspension for non payment of dues, is much too large, and if the Committee on Ways and Means can devise some mode by which it can be prevented, they will be entitled to the lasting gratitude of our whole Order, and the battle to increase our membership will be a series of glorious victories.

For information regarding the number of and the numerical condition of our divisions, I refer you to the report of the Grand Scribe, whose returns I trust are now more perfect than my own were at the time I prepared this report for printing.

I recommend that district divisions be held often if suitable persons can be secured to conduct them. They were not lost sight of during the first half of the year, and whenever held were enjoyable, and doubtless were productive of good, but circumstances have not favored our resuming that line of work this fall.

I have found that where divisions have visited other divisions often, both have been inspired with new life and love for our cause, and I trust that this line of effort may become more general, and especially that the old and strong will visit the young and weak divisions.

The report of Bro. Dorman, editor of the column in the *Connecticut Home*, will no doubt furnish interesting information regarding the work that he has done and how far it has been successful.

I have granted dispensations to the following divisions to install officers who were under the age required by the constitution, and I ask your approval of the same.

FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH.

West Haven, No 27, James C Mar, as W P
Thames, No 51, John Dunbar, as W P
Hope, No 23, Sarah J Gillespie, as W A
Westport, No 29, Miss Nellie S Wall as W A
South Manchester, No 45, Miss Lillie Lockwood, as W A
Ridgefield, No 17, Miss Edith Pheron, as W A
Manchester, No 33, Miss Madeline H Morse, as W A
H N Goodwin, No 13, Miss Grace Barnes, as W A
Perseverance, No 12, Miss Mamie Ferris, as W A
H B French, No 42, Miss Carrie Hine, as W A.

FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30TH.

Fair Haven, No 36, Frank R Charlton, as W P
H B French, No 42, Leonard F Andrew, as W P
Good Will, No 55, Walter Miller, as W P
Good Will, No 55, Miss Hattie Blaine, as W A
H B French, No 42, Miss Fannie N Pardee, as W A
Branford, No 16, Miss Lizzie Merriam, as W A
Bridgeport, No 24, Miss Bertha Carr, as W A
Manchester, No 33, Miss Madeline H Morse, as W A
South Manchester, No 45, Miss Lillie Lockwood, as W A.

I had the great pleasure of attending the session of the National Division which was held at Saratoga, June 27th. There was a fair attendance, and some matters of general interest were before the Division, but more of the time was consumed in discussing special requests from different Grand Divisions.

The vote of this grand Division, requesting your representatives to recommend that an amendment to the constitution of Subordinate Divisions, be passed permitting a division to place under suspension

for thirty or sixty days, any member convicted of violating Article 2nd, was presented by myself, and referred to the Committee on Constitution who reported that we had sufficient laws and that the plan of keeping such persons in a state of suspense was not desirable.

A special report was made regarding juvenile work, which is too lengthy for me to embody in this report, but copies of which you can doubtless secure from the Grand Scribe. I recommend that you appoint a committee of three who shall consider that report, and the work we now have started in the State, reporting some plan of action to our next session that will put our jurisdiction into working accord with the plan adopted, if this Grand Division shall decide that it is practicable and desirable.

The decision made by the voters of our State, upon the question of the Constitutional amendment was not much different from that which was expected by those that have kept themselves informed during the canvass, especially since the result in the States of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania was made known. But while the object sought for, (namely) "conquering the enemy of our people, and promoting the virtue and happiness of mankind," has been temporarily defeated, we ought not to sit down and repine, but should gird on our armour anew, close up our ranks and with renewed devotion strive to educate the young and save the fallen, so that when another and similar battle may confront us we may with greater power march to certain victory. It was expected that the cohorts of Rum would resort to all kinds of tricks and falsehoods that could be invented; we expected they would insist that Prohibition did not prohibit and at the same time they would be lavish of time, and their ill gotten gains, to defeat if possible the measure they were professing to believe would have no effect in staying the tide of intemperance.

When however, we beheld business and working men, Doctors and Lawyers, Infidels and Christians, and especially Christian Ministers, following such a false and wicked standard, in opposition to the efforts of unselfish men and women, who are

laboring for the good of others, it was a picture too humiliating to be looked upon patiently, it revealed the iron grip that this evil has upon society and what a tremendous struggle it will take before it is broken, and it should lead us all to consecrate ourselves to the work of pushing onward the cause of God, our homes, and our native land.

My work as your chief officer ends to-day, and I wish to say for myself that I have given all the time and strength to the duties of the office I have been able to command, and have a conscience that does not convict but acquits me in this respect. One of the pleasantest duties of the office is the visitation of divisions, for I have been invariably met with a cordiality and kindness that I shall not soon forget, and the acquaintances and friends I have found in that work will be cherished while life shall last, and I trust will endure throughout eternity. Thanking the officers and members of the Grand Division for their uniform kindness to, and co-operation with me, in my work, I desire to assure one and all, that my prayers will ascend, that at last the Great Patriarch above may direct us to that haven of rest where *Sorrow* is never known and where *Love and Harmony* shall reign forever.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. BALDWIN.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Shippegan Gully works," will be received until Monday, the 28th day of October, instant, inclusively, for works at Shippegan Gully, Gloucester county, N. B., according to a plan and specification to be seen on application to Mr. P. I. McNally, Shippegan, at the Public Works Office, Custom House Building, St. John, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signature of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of amount of tender, must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract, or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, A. GOBEL, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 4th Oct, 1889.

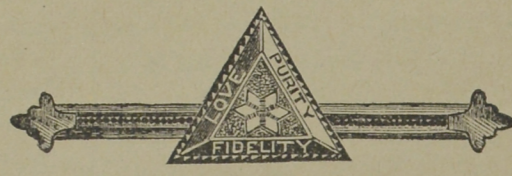
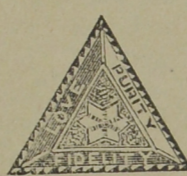
RESOLUTION.

(To be moved by some Brother in active Divisions, where they do not already subscribe for the JOURNAL.)

Believing that our officers and members should be kept informed as to the doings of the order, and the duties of their several officers, therefore

RESOLVED, that this Division subscribe for six copies of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, a weekly, 8 page paper, the Organ of the Sons of Temperance of America, published at Fredericton, N. B., Canada, and that the paper be sent to the address of the Worthy Patriarch of this Division for distribution each Division night, and that a cheque be issued on the Treasurer for the sum of \$4.20 in payment of the same, and the money forwarded to the Editor.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE



BADGE PIN.

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD HAVE ONE.

It has been found that one drawback to the more rapid extension of the order of the S. of T. is the inability of the members to know each others in public as Sons. It is generally conceded that a way to overcome this is the more general adoption by the members of the order of the authorized badge pin, to be worn on the lapel of the vest or as a tie pin.

This Badge Pin stands for a principal and it is expected and hoped that the members will all stand by the emblematic triangle of the orders, and wear it in public. It is for us to stand by our colors, that we may be living epistles known and read of all men.

The lady members of the order are expected to wear them as well as the male members.

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The prices of the pins is within the reach of all the membership.
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Solid Gold, - - - - - \$1.50

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