

Temperance Journal.

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OUR SERMON.

Each issue of our paper contains one of the late sermons preached by Rev. A. J. Mowatt of this city. After you have read your paper, perhaps you could give it to someone who is not able to attend church but who would appreciate the sermon.

ALBION DIVISION is arranging for celebrating the anniversary of their natal day on the 15th inst.

WE ARE having portraits made of a number of the Most Worthy Officers and prominent men belonging to the Order, and will shortly publish them in the paper.

WE PUBLISH this issue a short report of the proceedings at the annual session of Maine, and also a report of the annual session of Illinois. As the reports from the Grand Scribes come to hand we shall find room to publish them.

WE MADE a call on several members at Moncton on Wednesday evening last. Bro W J Robinson, owing to sickness in his family is not able to do active outside work at present, yet is as deeply enthused with Sons of Temperanceism as ever, and zealous for the work. Bro W H Price is in good health and keeps moving around among the members.

THE QUESTION of the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL and the necessity for practical assistance came before the Grand Division of North Carolina, and they have forwarded a substantial list of subscribers for which we extend our most hearty thanks. We trust we shall be able to make the paper very acceptable to the members of our order in that Grand Division; it will not be because we will not try at all events.

WE HAD the pleasure of meeting some of the Hillsboro members this week. The division in that place has not been holding sessions regularly during the summer months, but it is confidently expected that this winter will find a return to the work of some of the older members of the order in that thriving place and that once more Albert division—one of the oldest in existence, will enter into aggressive temperance work.

ON MONDAY evening we had the pleasure of dropping in at the regular session of Albion Division at St. John. Albion Division always may be depended upon for having interesting sessions. Prominent temperance, and public men are actively connected with it and the temperance question is never lost sight of in their meetings. An interesting debate was in progress on the necessities for active work in St. John County during the winter to which there seemed the greatest unanimity of thought.

WITH A TENACITY born of despair, and with a view to tire out temperance workers, the rummies are working up a reaction against the Scott Act. Apathy on the part of temperance men is helping in the movement. Dissensions and ignorance are helping them, and the results are that rum is having pretty much its own way at the polls again. We are patiently waiting for a turn in the tide in favor of the temperance cause. Never within such a short time, has there been so many murders, cases of cruelty and other evil results of the traffic been so directly traceable to rum as within the last few months. Surely the country will not stand this state of affairs much longer. We pray for a grand revival of the work this winter.

Will you not, my reader, help in this good work. Will you not ask or induce some one to join our order and if you cannot be a Peter you may be in the hands of Providence an Andrew who may bring an enthusiastic Peter who may do much good work in this great moral reform.

The Agony Soon Over.

Before this paper reaches many of its readers in the United States, there will have been a very hotly contested election, and much excitement, abusive language, drinking, and quarrelling—a natural result of

drinking. Viewed from the Canadian temperance stand point where two parties have tried to vie with each other in being obnoxious to Canada and England, even were the question of temperance not considered. Fiske would receive the sympathy of the large body. We do not expect, however, that General Fiske will be elected, but we pray that he may receive a much larger vote than even anticipated by his most ardent follower, and that this question of temperance will so press itself before the politicians that it will have to take prominent place as a principal plank in a national platform.

The result of the contest has been to retard the work of our Order largely in the United States as the workers in the subordinate Divisions have given much of their time to campaign work, but now let old difficulties be adjusted and old sores healed, and let the work in the Division be taken hold of with renewed energy.

Read This Aloud.

We are constrained to believe that in many parts of the jurisdiction of the National Division, the Divisions are not doing the work they should, because like the church at Ephesus, they have left their first love. In our travels among the Divisions we find it everywhere apparent, that many Divisions as well as Lodges are organized, or degenerate into nothing more than literary clubs, and the question of temperance has become subordinate to the matter of having a good time. It is not seldom that Divisions and Lodges are organized with the principal if not the sole object of the members having a good time, and the ritual is hurriedly passed through, while the Good of the Order, means songs, readings, recitations etc. without any reference whatever to temperance. In fact we have seen Divisions where the word was not used from the opening to the closing ceremony.

Our usefulness as an order is being impaired from this cause. We are losing our older membership, those who have fought the battle on the old lines, with the true spirit, who are getting disgusted with the frivolity of the manner the societies are being conducted, are absenting themselves from the meetings and are withdrawing their active co-operation. Of course there are other causes why Divisions suspend, such as deaths, withdrawals, suspensions etc. but we firmly believe that the main fault lies in the fact that our Divisions are not sufficiently aggressive. The effort has been to cater too much to the youthful desire for fun, rather than to make the Division room schools where the young could be educated into the temperance work.

Many Divisions never think of trying to reclaim one who is addicted to the use of intoxicants, and if they did what kind of a place would it be to which to bring the man endeavoring to reform. In some cases but little in advance of the ordinary club room.

If we wish to have a healthy fruitful organization we must cut off all the dead branches; we must cut out the tumors that are sapping our vitality.

Our work must not be carried on, in fact it is suicidal to carry it on with the principal aim in giving a good time to the younger members. Far be it from us to discourage the younger members in their anxiety to become useful members of society, but that the young should take charge of the work entirely as it has in too many cases, degenerated to, cannot be countenanced.

Better have half the number of Divisions, than that those we have should be a reproach to the Order; better have half the membership, and have it banded together in aggressive temperance work, than to have a mushroom affair without vitality or usefulness.

Our work is not next, but is on a parallel with that of the Christian Church, and our methods of carrying on the work will be only successful when we adopt the true system of reformation and usefulness. A healthy, prosperous, useful, Christ-like Church, finds work for its members to do in building up Christ's Kingdom, in trying to spread the gospel, and to induce others to take up the Cross. A healthy temperance organization should find work for its membership in endeavoring to reclaim the fallen, in going out into the highways and

hedges, and if necessary compelling them to come in, and after they are in, feeding them with the wholesome truth that will impel them to go out and tell others of their joy and induce others to come in also.

We call on the older members not to faint,—not to be weary in well doing. Your example, your precepts, your work in the past, your presence, will do much to offset this great trouble that has been overshadowing our Order all over the land. Come back to your first love. Now that the winter season is upon us, and when the temperance orders take a fresh start, do not let this start be merely a repetition of other years, but let us weed out the dissension and discordant element and work along in the true, if it is the old lines, of our Order.

Grand Division of Illinois

The forty-first annual session of the Grand Division of Illinois was held in the city of Joliet on October 23rd and 24th. The attendance of representatives was large, all but two Divisions being represented, and the interest in the proceedings was marked.

The G W P, J. B. Halifax, of Grand Crossing, presided, and every grand officer was in his place during the session. Steps were taken to insure more aggressive action in this State in the future. The Order here has about held its own during the year.

Though the efforts of Bro. Richards and the courtesy of the officials the representatives and their friends were conducted through the various departments of the State penitentiary.

Greater credit is due Bros. Murnane and Richards and Master Frank Walker of the Division at Joliet for their efforts to make the visiting representatives comfortable and their stay pleasant, and this they admirably succeeded in doing.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

G W P.—W D Richards, Joliet.
G W A.—E S Warner.
G S.—M D Forrest, 25 Walnut St, Chicago.
G T.—A B Ferry, Spring Bluff Lake County.
G Chap.—L Hubbard, 615 W Lake St., Chicago.
G Con.—Mrs. M B Mc Gowen, 161 Center Av., Chicago.
G S.—H J Cheatele, Englewood.

After enjoying the hospitalities of the brothers and sisters of Otis Division the Grand Division adjourned to meet in semi-annual session at Montgomery, Kane County, on the fourth Tuesday in April, 1889.

ONTARIO NEWS.

Alberta Div. 31 was organized by Bro. D. Carswell, P. M. W. A., with 16 charter members at Prince Albert, Ont. Co., on Friday Oct., 5th. Bro. C Sharrard, was W. P. and Bro. R. O. White, R. S. A number of the charter applicants have been members in the past. Bro. Sharrard, the W. P. was we believe, a charter member of Brougham Div., 104 organized in 1850, and continued for many years an active, zealous and effective member of that Div. A few years ago owing to removal, his membership was severed, but his love for the Order and its principles has never ceased or lessened.

Arrangements are being made for holding the Annual Session of the Grand Division, in Toronto, commencing Dec. 4th.

The session will be one of great importance and interest. Let every Division be represented. Doubtless the usual reduction in railway fares will be granted. Certificates for reduced fares will be sent to all desiring them after Nov. 15.

OUR OBJECTS.

(Article No. 2).

FRANK J. BROWN.

The preamble of our Constitution declares the three distinct and worthy objects which our noble Order had in view: "To shield us from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance, and elevate our characters as men."

The first is effected through the instrumentality of the pledge; the second by the payment of fees and dues; and the third by such government and usages as are best calculated to unite us in a fraternal bond, laboring for each other's welfare, and "the good of all mankind." The design contemplated permanent organization, and systematic efforts, and although time and circumstances have broadened our objects; and presented new labors, the Order has not departed far from the "faith of the fathers."

The second great object was for a time forgotten, much, as we think, to the detriment of the Order; but the new departure, in the "Mutual Relief," has remedied this, and added virtue and stability.

Our objects are not only to "destroy the destroyer of millions, and conquer the enemy of our people," but to foster fraternal love, extend mutual aid, and to promote the happiness and virtue of all.

"Setting aside this single principle of temperance, there is a virtue in these little congregations of surpassing value to the peace and general welfare of the community that gives them birth. They have a truly beneficial bearing on the domestic relations of life; they beget a calm solicitude for the endearments of social life, that imperceptibly leads the soul to higher and holier aspirations. They stand as the vestibules of the very temple of God, lighting the mind onward, and inspiring purer and higher conceptions of our relation to each other, to mankind, and to God."

In the language of our dedication ceremonies: "Temperance is not the only virtue enjoined by our Order, but it is the sacred duty of Sons of Temperance, in every position of life, to be honest, industrious and humane; to seek the common good of mankind; to seek each other's happiness and welfare; to extend a brother's hand, and a brother's welcome, in the hours of adversity or sorrow; to visit the sick, comfort the widow and protect the orphan."

We realize that "the world has claims upon us," and "our gates are closed only to the unworthy." One by one new Divisions have been established, "spreading the music of rippling water," and offering a refuge where our fellow mortals are "safe from the all-pervading destroyer," and becoming a "comfort, a blessing and a hope to all."

These are our objects, and who is there so sordid as to speak out against objects like these?

May it ever be the object of all members to continue such an influence from the Division room, that shall hasten the time when "the waste places shall be made glad, and the wilderness blossom like a rose. When mercy and truth shall meet together, and righteousness and peace shall kiss each other."

Laconia, N. H., U. S. A.

GRAND DIVISION OF MAINE.

The Grand Division opened in annual session at Cumberland Mills Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Grand Worthy Patriarch Fred Stevens in the chair.

After the opening exercises the Most Worthy Patriarch of North America, Rev. R. Alden Temple of Nova Scotia, was introduced to the Grand Division.

Grand Scribes Hayes reported 185 representatives by credentials.

The following were reported entitled to be initiated. Stephen Hinkley of Presumpscot, No. 6; Joseph Allen of Lakeside, No. 8; W. T. Crowley, Charles H. Leighton, W. B. Bragdon and Fred A. Verrill of Rechab, No. 4 G. H. Dolley and M. W. Kent of Pine Tree, No. 1; Joseph A. Kennedy and Mary C. Chandler of Portland, No. 95.

After the Grand Worthy Patriarch made his report, the Grand Scribe, Patrick Hayes, reported, the following being an extract:

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

We are assembled here at the 44th annual session of this Grand Division, as the guests of Rechab Division, No. 4, and I herewith present, as Grand Scribe, a detailed report of the standing and work of our glorious order for the past six months:

	June 30, 1888.	Sept. 30, 1888.
Number of Divisions reporting,	19	21
Admitted.....	196	192
Reinstated.....	2	2
Withdrawn.....	3	6
Suspended.....	13	39
Died.....	1	1
Expelled for violation.....	0	5
Expelled for other causes.....	3	0
Whole number of members.....	1093	1197
Per capital tax.....	67.27	\$ 84.19
Receipts from sub.....	236.67	166.23
Expenses from sub.....	220.88	185.31
Cash on hand.....	186.08	183.35

You can see by the above report that our Grand Division has made a grand advancement towards carrying our order to the position it should hold in our State for usefulness and work in the cause of temperance. One year ago at our annual session we had 11 divisions in good standing, with a membership of only 720, while now I am happy to report we have 22 good divisions, the most of them live and earnest working ones thoroughly interested in the cause with members earnestly at work for the building up of our order, and with a total membership of 1197.

You therefore see that we have doubled our number of divisions, making a gain of 11 during the past year and very largely increased our membership.

The Grand Division has been very fortunate during the past six months in having a brother who is thoroughly interested in our order who has done a large amount of good work for us, having organized six good live divisions. I am speaking of Mr. Edward H. Dalley, D. G. W. P. of Pine Tree Division, No. 1, of Windham. The following is the name number and location of divisions organized by Mr. E. H. Dolley:

Lake, Division, No. 10, Raymond, organized May 11, 1888

Elm, No. 15, Duck Pond, Westbrook, organized May 24th.

Mystic, No. 16, West Gray, organized June 8th.

Atlantic, No. 18, Dry Mills, Gray organized June 25th.

Central Park, No. 19 North Yarmouth, organized August 6th.

Cumberland, No. 20, West Cumberland, organized August 15th.

Also through the exertions of Mr. Dolley there has been one section of the Cadets of Temperance organized in connection with Pine Tree Division of Windham, being called Wingham Section, Cadets of Temperance, No. 1. I am also happy to report that through the exertions of Mr. Trescott Lawrence, Star in the East Division, No. 12, was organized May 12th, at Calais. This division was organized by Rev. G. M. Campbell, G. W. P. of New Brunswick, assisted by some fifty members of Howard Division of St. Stephen.

Star in the East started with some fifty charter members, and have steadily increased, until they report seventy-one in good standing.

Most of the divisions have made an increase in membership during the past six months, and only three or four have lost slightly during the term. The gain in membership has run from two in Eastern Star Division to thirteen in Long Island Division.

During the past three months, Mystic Division has made the largest gain of any in the State, having initiated 22.

Rechab Division, No. 4, still holds the honors as the banner division of the State, they reported 154 members in good standing, which proves that the members are all thoroughly interested in the work.

Old Pembroke Division, No. 52, comes next with 118 in good standing.

The other divisions that have over 70 in good standing are Eastern Star, 94; Soldiers, 84; Portland, 80; Fraternus, 79; Star in the East, 71. In fact all the divisions show good and true work for our order.

During the past term I had the pleasure of meeting with Cumberland District Division, which held its August session with Long Island Division. They had a very interesting and profitable sessions with representative present from nearly every division in the county. I think that the success of this district division is largely due to Mr. W. H. Phillips, Dist. W. P., and also Mr. H. H. Melcher, Dist. Sect., whose untiring effort to keep up an interest is apparently crowned with success.

I am pained to announce the death of Rev. Charles Diplock, of Augusta, a P. W. P. of that division and an old member of this grand division. His death occurred last August.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, H. K. Morrill, reported as follows:

Balance on hand April 21, '88.....\$256.43
Transferred from Propagation Com. 25.00
Cash of the Grand Scribes.....127.21

Expenditures from April 28 to Oct 24, 1888.....\$408.64

Balance on hand.....\$306.03

Most Worthy Patriarch Temple was called upon, and addressed the Division, and in well chosen words explained the principles of the order. He gave the members some good advice, and threw out several suggestions which he thought would be the means of bringing the order to the front once more.

The propagation committee made a report of their doings for the past six months, and proposed to keep Edward H. Dolley Windham Centre, in the field and hoped to receive cheering results from his labors.

These officers were then elected:

Grand Worthy Patriarch—Fred Stevens, of Cumberland Mills.

Grand Worthy Associate—Mrs. Nellie Stevens, of Cumberland Mills.

Grand Scribe—Mrs. Annie L. Hayes, of Chelsea.

Grand Treasurer—H. K. Morrill, of Gardiner.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. D. B. Randall of Portland.

Grand Conductor—Carrie Carleton, of Portland.

Grand Sentinel—J. E. Meader, of Togus.

[EDT. NOTE.—Since putting the above in type, which was taken from the Portland Press we have received a full report of the proceedings from the Grand Scribe, Sister Hayes, and we will publish in our next issue the report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and the other business of the session. We regret that we are unable to publish the full report in one issue.]