

and he still invited the expression of the various Grand Divisions on the subject. The report of the Joint or Advisory Session at Cape May, together with the late circular from the Most Worthy Patriarch, will be laid before you; and I would suggest that a respectful memorial or address be transmitted to the M.W.P., urging that the recommendation of the Cape May Session be faithfully carried out.

I would call your attention, as a matter of interest connected with our Order, to the praiseworthy exertions put forth by the Executive of the National Division to extend the benefits of our Order in some degree to the contending armies in the existing revolutionary war. We hear that Divisions are established in camp, and temperance tracts are distributed—thus assisting the soldier, while in exile from the comforts and protection of home, “to lead a temperate, virtuous and honorable life.” It is gratifying also to observe that in the absence of the full statistics of the Order, the Most Worthy Patriarch is enabled to report an estimated increase in the aggregate membership, although in consequence of the disturbed state of affairs the funds of the National Division are considerably reduced.

I regret to state that owing to a serious accident on the New York Central Railroad which took place on Monday the 22nd of June, 1861, I was prevented from attending the Joint Session, to which I was kindly delegated by this Grand Division, being delayed at the Suspension Bridge and reaching Rochester some thirteen hours, arriving in New York two hours too late for the starting of the only boat to the place of meeting. I was thus quite unavoidably deprived of the pleasure of meeting with our American brethren, but have the gratification of knowing that this Grand Division was most ably represented by Brother STACEY, our Grand Scribe, who is prepared to present you with a full detail of his mission. While detained in New York I was most courteously directed by Brother W. H. ARMSTRONG, G.T. of the Grand Division of Eastern New York, to the Cypress Hill Cemetery, the site of the monument under which are deposited the remains of our late lamented Brother, D. H. SANDS, one of the founders of the Order, and to the erection of which well-deserved tribute of respect this Grand Division was a contributor. The monument is indeed a handsome structure, and while reflecting great credit on the zeal and enterprise of the Grand Division of Eastern New York, which took the initiative in the movement and was immediately connected with the responsibility of the undertaking, is also an interesting evidence of the unity of sentiment pervading our Order, the monument being erected by the contributions of no less than twenty-five Grand Division jurisdictions, all of whom

“Revere his memory and would perpetuate his name.”

Having nothing to report as to the progress of our Act of Incorporation since last Session, I would recommend that the best exertions be put forth to secure a continuance of the privileges conferred by the late Act. A memorial has been prepared by the Committee appointed in 1861, at the Annual Session, and the Hon. M. CAMERON of the Legislative Council, and the Hon. O. MOWAT of the Assembly, have kindly consented to take charge of the Bill in the respective branches of the Legislature. Although that Committee have always indulged the hope that there will be little difficulty in procuring the renewal, I would suggest to this Grand Division the propriety of taking the best legal advice as to the proper course of procedure in the event of a refusal. Many Divisions having bought and sold property, loaned money and transacted business under the present Act, may be put

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