

They have not called in vain. The reports before this assembly verify our claim to be cosmopolitan conservators of our common Christianity, as defenders of a true faith in God and human destiny, we propose to establish a protective force against the rum power on the shores and bays of every sea, and drive out the ruthless invader from every city and village of every land. The common sentiment of moral reforms is now settling down to an admission of the just ideas enunciated by this Grand Lodge in 1850, "Total Abstinence," "No license in any form or under any circumstances," "The absolute prohibition of the whole traffic in strong drinks as a beverage."

The banner of our noble Order is once more to be unfurled, our principles re-affirmed, our liberality increased, our energy re-doubled, our self-sacrificing determination, these combined with the promised help of Almighty God, will enable us to achieve more splendid victories than those this day reported. Our motto is "Onward."

"Onward!—There are ills to conquer,
Daily wickedness is wrought;
Tyranny is swollen with pride,
Bigotry is Deified,
Error intertwined with thought,
Vice and misery rampant, cruel—
Root them out, their day has passed;
Goodness is alone immortal;
Evil was not made to last,
Onward! and all earth shall aid us
Ere our peaceful flag be furled—
And the preaching of this Preacher
Stirs the pulses of the world."

Truly and Fraternally submitted,

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