

justify it. Bro. Russell was given employment for three months, and would have been continued in the field if there had been sufficient funds in the treasury to have paid him. Several months of the year we have been entirely without money in the treasury, and our R. W. G. S. has been compelled to use his own private funds and credit to meet the current expenses of the Order. We need greatly a missionary fund, and I trust that some plan will be inaugurated this session which will secure sufficient funds for missionary purposes. I am afraid we have thousands of members who do not appreciate our order because of its cheapness. Let us remember that our duty is to give according to our ability. If no better plan can be arranged for the procurement of a missionary fund, I would suggest that the plan of placing boxes in our subordinate Lodges be considered; their contents to be reported through the Secretaries and Grand Secretaries to the R. W. G. S., at the end of each month or quarter; and that a correct list of all Lodges and amounts be kept by the R. W. G. S. Also, that this body appoint one night in the year on which all subordinate Lodges be requested to hold a public missionary meeting, and the proceeds to be immediately forwarded through the G. W. S. to the R. W. G. S. If each subordinate Lodge would hold a meeting of this kind annually, and no more than *one dollar* was collected at each meeting, it would give us more than *ten thousand dollars* for missionary work. I implore you to adopt some plan by which this fund may be raised.

J. K. VANDOORN, R. W. G. T.

While we have much to rejoice over, while we have fought many battles during the past year, and won for God and humanity many glorious victories, yet we must pause amidst our rejoicing and note that there is a vacant chair, and one whom we have been accustomed to meet is absent. With sorrow and deep regret I formally announce to you that the chilly messenger of death has entered the ranks of our Order, and robbed us of our beloved friend and brother, J. K. Vandoorn, R. W. G. T., who departed this life on the 5th inst. While this announcement will create sadness and fill your hearts with sorrow, we must bow with submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well;" and as our brother died in the faith, we hope to meet him in our circle of unity in that "temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." I would suggest that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions, and that the members of this body wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. Dr. J. R. Nicholson, D. D. R. W. G. T., for New Zealand, died about two months since. I had no personal acquaintance with Brother Nicholson, and only knew him from our official correspondence and letters of praise from others. I am quite sure that the order has lost a zealous worker, the cause an able advocate, and society an exemplary member. Thus you see, my brethren, our friends and loved ones are constantly passing away, leaving us behind them to carry on