

Recollect the memorable words of that great philanthropist, the Recorder HILL, who in all his various efforts to serve the people, providing for their comfort and reclaiming them from vice, declares, 'Into what path soever I strike, in whatever direction I go, the drink demon starts up before my face and stops the way.' I have said that the community have but to will it, and the chains fall off. The progress of the Grand Alliance since our last Congress has been my encouragement to say so." Just glancing at what is going on in Great Britain, we will now return to home.

The subject of petitioning the Legislature for a Prohibitory Liquor Law will engage your attention, and I am authorized to state that kindred associations would cheerfully co-operate in the work. Would it not be advisable to consider whether as regards public sentiment a restrictive Law, with severe penalties for adulteration, would not as a forerunner to prohibition succeed better? A strong restrictive law would strike a heavy blow at the traffic, and expose the base adulterations of this iniquitous business.

I will now request your kind attention to the statistics of the Order, and regret that so many Divisions have failed to make returns. From those received it appears that there is not much relative change in the condition of the Order since the last Session of the Grand Division. Although the new members admitted each quarter are considerable, still the losses by expulsion for nonpayment of dues and withdrawals overbalance the admissions, and the total membership is diminished. In some localities Divisions have little or no life in them. Under these circumstances it behooves this Grand Division to take prompt and active measures to revive the Order, resuscitate the Divisions which have suspended operations, and to institute new Divisions. There exists the same heart, the same talent, the same love for our great principles within this Grand Division and the Order, which requires only a vigorous effort, individual as well as collective, to raise up the Order to its former position.

I herewith present a summary of Quarterly Returns for quarter ending June, 1861:—

Number of Subordinate Divisions made Returns	...	...	201
“ admitted new Members	...	...	873
“ “ by Card	...	...	35
“ Female Visitors	...	...	4309
“ suspended Members	...	...	561
“ expelled for nonpayment of dues	...	...	291
“ “ violation of Article 2nd	...	...	219
“ withdrawn	...	...	203
“ deaths	...	...	16
“ violated the pledge	...	...	280
“ reinstated	...	...	97
“ violated pledge second time	...	...	34
“ contributing members, computed from 229	} ...		8016
“ Divisions which made returns	...	...	205
“ Public Meetings held	...	...	390
“ Temperance Tracts distributed	...	...	609
“ Representatives to G.D.	...	...	54
Cash received by Subordinate Divisions	...	...	\$2270
Paid for Benefits	...	...	127
Cash in hand, including money invested	...	...	17,112
Total expenses exclusive of Benefits	...	...	1920
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division	...	...	320