

It affords me great satisfaction to report that during the past term our beloved Order in this jurisdiction has been in a healthy and prosperous condition, and with few exceptions, so far as I have known, regular and harmonious in its workings. The reports received from Deputies D. G. W. P., on the whole concur in assuring me that the Order is established on a firm basis, that many distinguished for their christian graces, moral worth, and ardent love for our cause, are enlisted in our ranks; and those who have lately identified themselves with the Order bring with them enthusiastic hearts, devoted to the relief of human sorrow. With few exceptions the Subordinate Divisions show promise of a cheering revival; the great principles of our Order were never so well understood, nor so firmly maintained by the great body of our members, as at this hour; and whilst our increase has been encouraging, we have fewer expulsions and suspensions than formerly to report.

It is gratifying to find that so many new Divisions have been instituted since our last meeting together, and which are now in active operation in defence of our great principles; this cheering success is attributed to the valuable exertions of our brothers far and near, and to the high estimation in which our beloved Order is held as a thorough stable Temperance organization. Especial praise is due to the brethren of the Palermo Division No. 143, and to brother A. M. Crook, D.G.W.P., for their efforts in extending our Order, three Divisions having been organized in Halton County, and A. D. Huckins, D.G.W.P., has succeeded in establishing two more; brother W. Williamson, D.G.W.P., has been equally successful, having added four more Divisions to those already established in the County of Simcoe. It is pleasing to learn that our worthy brother in the cause, A. Morse, D.G.W.P., has succeeded in instituting St. Ann's Division in the County of Lincoln; whilst many other valued brothers have not forgotten their pledge to diffuse the principles we love.

The efforts to procure the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for this Province have again been unsuccessful, and although we have been unable to gather the golden fruit of Prohibition, still the records of the present Legislature show that the question of Intemperance and its cure has occupied much of the attention of the House, directly or indirectly. We learn that the all engrossing subject has been before the House of Assembly no fewer than twenty-three days of the session besides the attention given to it in the Legislative Council. An act to diminish the number of tavern licences in Upper Canada has become law. We find from the following list of petitions presented to the Legislative Assembly, that no less than 298 Divisions of the Sons of Temperance forwarded petitions in favor of the righteous enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, which shows that the order in this jurisdiction is sound upon this subject, and it also evinces its efficiency as an organization prompt and decisive in action. Petitions forwarded from

Good Templars...	...	177	bearing	...	10,246 names.
Sons of Temperance	...	298	"	...	13,708 "
Individuals	...	19	"	...	4,310 "
Municipal Councils	...	7			
Kirk Sessions	...	1			
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