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## In The Cause.

Are you weary working, working,  
Waging battle for the right,  
Longing for a break of sunshine  
Through the shadows of the night?  
Work on yet a little longer  
With a courage bold and stronger.  
Soon the hard fought way adorning  
Where the foemen hotly press,  
Soon will come the light of morning,  
Hand in hand with sweet success.

Are you waiting, waiting, waiting  
With a patience ebbing low,  
For the fruit of many seedlings  
Planted in the long ago?  
Wait and hope a little longer,  
Know how richer far and stronger,  
Those long hid 'neath winter snowing,  
Come to fruit in beauty's prime,  
When the fields are rich and glowing  
In the golden harvest time.

Are you praying? Still be praying,  
Fullest joy will come at last:  
Maybe we shall find an answer  
When the gates of death are past;  
When with wings of faith no longer  
Mount we up on pinions stronger,  
In eternal freedom flying  
From the shadows here that are,  
From the working, waiting, sighing,  
To the goal that shines afar.

## The Grand Division.

THE following synopsis of the proceedings of the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division, held at Grafton, on the 28th May, will, we have no doubt, prove of interest to many of our readers. A full report has been published in pamphlet form and sent to the representatives and deputies:—

The attendance of representatives was not so large as usual, owing, doubtless, to the busy season with many who usually attend from the agricultural districts as well as the many meetings held about the same time in connection with the Provincial elections. The officers present were the G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Conductor, and P. G. W. P., after opening ceremonies and report of committees on credentials, several new representatives were initiated, after which the reports of the Grand Officers were presented, of which we give but a brief synopsis.

The G. W. P. says in reference to the order:—"We have gone through a *crucial* test, and come out victorious. What with scarcity of money, and hard times in our Province, what with a general election last fall and another coming off in a few days, what with a general agitation with our trade relations to other countries, no society has been able to hold its own; and when we remember the recent defeats over Dunkin Act contests, it is almost a wonder to see our Order in the state it is in. You will learn the figures from the Grand Scribe; but let me say here that I have not given up my hopes of seeing the Order doubled in this Province during this year. Some of our Divisions went down last year and are now calling out for us 'to come over and help them'; others are weak and need sympathy and encouragement; some few are temporarily suspended; but in very few places have I heard of a division actually giving up. I like to see that true love for the Order imbuing the members that will cause them to feel encouraged though their Divisions are weak; and, if this feeling is in them, the weak Divisions will flourish as they never did before, and have renewed activity instilled into them."

The report then refers to reports of Deputies:—

"While in some places I may know in what state the Order is without receiving reports from these officers, I don't think this fact is any reason for the Deputy neglecting his duty. Twice a year at least these reports should be sent, and I think if they are or are not sent, it is a fair test of the efficiency of the Deputies in their respective districts. While I cannot refer to the many reports I have received, you will pardon me when I mention a few. The Deputy of Carleton County says:

"The Divisions in my County are in a highly vigorous condition, and their unity of purpose as well as the harmonious feeling everywhere prevailing, convinces me more and more, if such were necessary, that for combined effort the Sons of Temperance is essentially the order which must command the warmest support of those having the amelioration of their fellow-creatures at heart." The Deputy of North Simcoe, in answer to the question: "Have you anything for the good of the Order?" says, "More general introduction of female visiting members." The Deputy of Don Mount Division, in answer to the same question, says, "I think the capitation tax should be lower." Several, in answer to the same question, asked for a Grand Division lecturer, others, a "first-class lecturer;" another, in answer to the same question, says, "A visit from the G.W.P.;" another, that we be careful in submitting Legislative Acts to the people;" another, "A District Division;" another, "Fraternal visiting, thereby getting acquainted, and by this means ascertaining the views of the Temperance people in the county;" another, "Monthly meetings, to which the public are invited." And from all, except one, I learn that the Divisions are harmonious, and in that Division the dispute appears to be between the majority of the members, and not among the members generally. I feel thankful to those Deputies who have made reports, and shall be glad to furnish a list for publication in the proceedings, so that the Divisions can learn those who report and those who do not. I think if a Deputy does not report at least once a year, his commission should be cancelled, and another one appointed in his place."

Reference is made to the ne-