

Constitution and Code of Laws were altered and amended, and made to take effect on the first day of October last. Some of these amendments are of a very important nature, and great care is necessary to prevent the new and old from clashing or causing any misunderstanding whatever. An able and efficient committee will be necessary to examine, compare, and report thereon at the present session.

We have reason to be very grateful to Almighty God that peace prevails in our happy land, and although the demon of war is near us, devastating the land of our kindred, causing desolation and misery where happiness and prosperity once prevailed, yet he has not set his foot upon our shores. The cause of Temperance has suffered much as a natural consequence from the effects of the war, and yet happily there are entire divisions of Sons of Temperance as well as other Temperance organizations in the Army of the Union.

By communications received from our good Brother PEDLAR and others, while in England, we learn that the cause is progressing favorably throughout Great Britain, and that the friends of the cause are making laudable efforts for its promotion. The proceedings of the World's Temperance Congress, in London, were of a highly interesting and encouraging character.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report that our Order is increasing in its influence, numbers, and finances. During the past year, thirty-one new Divisions have been organized, and twenty-two old ones, resuscitated, while our Treasury contains about \$600 cash on hand.

The Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs throughout our jurisdiction have, with few exceptions, sent in their regular reports, which are of a very satisfactory character, presenting a good and healthy state of the Order—the exceptions are few and far between.

Out of one hundred and thirty-one Divisions reported, there are—

One hundred and four who report Lady Visitors with “good” and “beneficial” results;

Nine say, “We cannot exist without them;”

Eight “Cannot see much difference;”

Eight “Cannot say what effect yet;”

One, “Not very good;”

One says, “They are harmless.”

There are nineteen Divisions which have not yet admitted Lady Visitors, but it is to be hoped that they will soon do so.

Not knowing the peculiar circumstances which caused the influence of the Ladies in the one case to be “not very good,” and in the other “harmless,” I can form no definite opinion, only that they are exceptions to the general rule. Eleven Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs report that one impediment to the progress of their Divisions is that the Ladies are deprived of holding offices, and also of a voice in the Division in matters and questions in which they have an equal interest with the Brothers, and that they have not the same rights and privileges which are granted them by other Temperance organizations.

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