

the breeze, and on its waving folds I read in golden capitals, this beautiful, this significant motto:—

**"ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE  
TO THE RESCUE OF THE WORLD  
FROM THE REIGN OF ALCOHOL!"**

And that star, too, ascending the skies, is the guiding star of Temperance for many a wise man in the East, in the West, in the North, and in the South.

This, brethren, is the period in the history of this great moral enterprise, which gave birth to our Order. It was at this time that the Star of Temperance arose, in its full orb, and shed its lustre on our beloved land; and it may not be foreign to the design of these pages, as an exposition, in part, of the principles of our Order, to give you here, in brief,

**ITS HISTORY,**

since its first commencement to the present time. By a reference to the Journal of the Order, published in the city of New York, you will observe, that in September, 1842, a number of persons, actively engaged in the temperance cause, viewing with regret, that among the popular beneficial Orders, there existed none where the principle of total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating drinks was inculcated, and believing that an institution, based upon the strictest virtue, morality and sobriety, affording mutual aid in seasons of sickness and distress, was loudly called for, determined, if possible, to form an Order of a character, which, while there should be none so elevated as not to be honoured by a connection with it, there should be none so humble, if honest and upright, as to be debarred from its privileges and its blessings.

It was also hoped and expected that our Order would throw an additional barrier around the paths of the reformed, enlist a class in the temperance enterprise which existing organizations had failed to effect, and unite more effectually the temperance men of the country.

How fully these designs have been accomplished, in the formation of the Institution, we shall see before leaving this part of our subject.

The first meeting was held September 29th, 1842, at Tetotaler's Hall, 71 Division street, New York, and was attended by sixteen persons, who may properly be considered the Founders of the Order, and whose names are as follows:

Daniel H. Sands,  
John W. Oliver,  
James Bale,  
Isaac J. Oliver,  
Edward Brusle,  
Thomas Edgerley,  
George McKibbin,  
Joseph K. Barr,

Wm. B. Tompkins,  
Thomas Swenerton,  
Francis W. Wolfe,  
J. H. Elliot,  
John McKellar,  
John Holman,  
Henry Lloyd,  
Ephraim L. Snow.