

no surrender." In great Britain and the Island Continent of Australia we are making rapid progress. In the former country the National Division held its Annual Session in Birmingham last June, and the number of subordinate Divisions then in existence were reported as 95, representing a membership of 3,567. The M. W. P. Bro. Beresford and M. W. S. concurred in reporting that from all parts of the United Kingdom inquiries were being made relative to the Order, and new Divisions were being constantly organized. Thus, wherever the English language is spoken, our Order commends itself to the sturdy Anglo-Saxon intellect. Let us then value it for its achievements, and intrinsic beauty; and here in the commencement of a new year let us swear upon the altar of our Order renewed allegiance to its claims, and go hence to act our part with heroic resolve in the great social revolution of the age. Our labor will not be in vain, for there is a sublime truth in the lines,

"Earth casts off a slough of darkness, an eclipse of hell and sin.
In each cycle of her being, as an adder casts her skin.

For my own part, when it please the Divine Head to order my exit from the stage of life I should consider it the highest honor that could be conferred on my memory to have engraven on the stone which shall mark the place of my repose, these simple words;—"Here lies one who lived and died a faithful Son of Temperance". Such an Epitaph were more creditable to a departed soul than the conqueror's wreath, or the palatial tomb of a millionaire.

In closing this my final Report, I have only to add that in vacating this seat, to which I was elevated by your unanimous suffrage, I shall carry with me, even to the end of life, a grateful remembrance of your confidence and friendship. It has been to me a source of constant regret that unavoidable causes have withheld me from appropriating a larger share of time, and personal attention, to the good of the Order. But while I can lay no claim to efficiency in my administration, I retire with the consciousness of having neglected no duty wilfully, but to have done all that lay in my power to serve the Order, and to uphold the dignity of the Grand Division.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. MARTIN, G. W. P.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

The Grand Scribe read his Report:—

Cowansville, 10th January, 1866.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Members of the G. D. of C. E.

Worthy Brothers:—

Being once more assembled in Annual Session it becomes my duty to lay before you this my sixth Annual Report.

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