

ary, perhaps, but a desire to place the fullest possible information before you, is my apology for so doing.

My limited experience and observation have led me to the conclusion that the non-attendance of members at the regular and stated meetings of Subordinate Divisions is a great barrier to their advancement. PUNCTUALITY in this particular is the life of our Order. A Division that is thinly attended is almost void of interest. You see thrift, vitality and progress in a Division and you witness a regular and punctual attendance of its members.

Another serious drawback in Subordinate Divisions may find its origin in "disputes" and "points of Order" raised by some factious member, whose fruitful brain and small mind cannot cope with matters of more import and generally understand very little about the issues they raise.

If there is one fault more than another that ought to meet general condemnation, it is that captious fault finding nature which renders itself obnoxious to all sensible people in every department of life, this spirit wherever found is a true index to a small selfish mind and is utterly unbecoming and never found in a true Son of Temperance.

Upon this point I find the remarks of our late M. W. P. Condict so appropriate, that I give them in his own language, he says, "When harmony and devotion to principle pervade a Subordinate Division, there will always be found a deep and active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Order, and the promotion of the cause of Temperance, such a Division will always be represented at the Sessions of the Grand Division, and its genial influence will diffuse the spirit of love and harmony and zeal through all its members, and these again will scatter it broad cast at home." In truth "one sinner destroyeth much good," and "folly is joy to him that is destitute of Wisdom."

Permit me Brothers, to urge upon your attention the necessity of avoiding "all wrangling and vain disputes" to be "faithful to your obligations and zealous in doing good."

Before closing, allow me to express my sincere thanks to the officers of this Grand Division for the many acts of kindness I have received at their hands, and especially the timely assistance of which I have always been the glad recipient from your Worthy Grand Scribe since my first acquaintance with him. I have ever found him to be a most efficient and painstaking Officer. May he long live to enjoy the confidence of this Grand Division, and respect of all who know him.

In resigning the high position in which you placed me, and which was accepted with many misgivings, and its duties discharged in great weakness, I trust you will cast the broad mantle of charity over my shortcomings, and that my successor will be able to give a more encouraging account of his stewardship.

Remember, in conclusion, Brethren, that "Life is brief, whatever your hands find to do for the good of man do quickly" for "the night cometh when no man can work."

The present teems with grave responsibilities, onerous and additional duties are thrust upon us, by the passage of the Temperance Act of last Session. Our common foe is driven to desperation, his only hope of success is based upon the assumption that we are weak, irresolute and unwilling to meet his angry frown. His citadel is now besieged, his stronghold is in danger. The Press, the Pulpit, and the Bench—invincible weapons—are firing with deadly aim upon this Moloch's Temple. An enlightened People are awaking to the situation, they smile with approbation upon our labours, cheer us by their sympathy, encourage us by their counsel, and bless us in our mission of love. See to it Brothers that these relations with the outer world are sacredly maintained. Arouse, I entreat you to the exigencies of the movement, vindicate and enforce Prohibition. Before the heaven-born power, theimps of darkness stagger and reel.

Thus armed push forward in the glorious fight. Let your motto be