

in proper form, and all communications, bills and accounts, and each month's RECORD, the official organ, systematically filed for future reference. Reports are made to the G.W.P., and any irregularities are called attention to. Deputies should make a round of their districts before Nov. 15th.

*The Social Side.*—The Order is a social and fraternal combination to meet and overcome the social allurements of intemperance and the combined influence of the liquor traffic. If our Divisions degenerated into mere social clubs, but still adhering faithfully to our fundamental principle, Total Abstinence, and employing the beautiful and refining ceremonies of the Order, it cannot be gainsaid that great good would be accomplished. The social features of our organization are not to be lost sight of. Perhaps nine-tenths of our members are still in that stage of life when the social feature of our meetings are attractive. A vast assembly, with soul-stirring orations and music that sways the emotions, are occasions of inspiration and lasting conviction. When it comes down to the dull round of our weekly meetings, when the monotony is tedious to the old members and intolerable to the new ones, then some expedient to render the Division room cheerful and attractive is resorted to, the same as pleasant evening games are provided in the home to entertain and contain the younger members of the household and to avoid the danger of their seeking more congenial and less wholesome surroundings elsewhere. The Division room should partake of the nature of a temperance home. There the members assemble to enjoy the pleasure and benefits of temperance instruction and recreation, in Love, Purity and Fidelity. When a new candidate, perhaps the unhappy victim of appetite, enters this group, he comes into no cold, formal assembly, but into a circle of warm, sympathetic friends. He is not carried away by eloquence to sign the pledge, and then left to struggle with his weakness and stand or fall. He is received into the cordial fellowship of those who will assist him and take a kindly interest in his welfare, who will minister to his wants if he is sick, and feel that their own happiness and reputation are largely linked with his. It cannot be denied that too much heavy declamation loses its weight, and constant reiteration of the noblest sentiments becomes a weariness. Our members who grow old and sedate, who are no longer "pleased with a rattle and tickled with a straw," and find their associates absorbed in matters that are socially and intellectually beneath their present ideals, it would be well for them to carefully consider the conditions that were congenial and actually of beneficial influence to them years ago, when they were in just the same period of life as those whose tastes and conduct they are now observing. The social, intellectual and moral welfare of our members is to be promoted. High ideals should always prevail. Avoid base or unbecoming pastimes; do not be given to frivolity. Warm up your Division room, however, so that youth

will find an agreeable rendezvous there and characters be brought under the formative influences of our Order and its enabling principles.

#### ONWARD AND UPWARD.

The ancient days of chivalry are past,  
So long renowned in song and story,  
Their glories chanted and their praises sung  
By many a wandering bard and poet hoary,  
Whose wild and ever-changing measure told  
Of quivering lance and prancing steed,  
Of knightly combat and of gleaming mail,  
Of glorious pageantry and valorous deed.

And listening to his story in the hush  
Of eve, how many an aged pulse beat high,  
And youthful cheeks were tinged with hope's  
fair flush,  
As youthful hearts resolved to "Do or die."  
As they who conquered, what was their reward?  
Was it for sparkling gems or gold  
They perilled life, and both the young and  
brave  
Were lying 'neath the willow, motionless and  
cold?

'Twas for a name, and empty song of praise,  
A laurel wreath that faded ere the sun  
Came o'er the hills, and gilded with his rays  
The scene—now still—where victory was  
won.  
But now we sing a higher, nobler theme  
Than tales of chivalry in by-gone days;  
For this shall minstrels strike their richest  
chords,  
And poets breathe their softest, sweetest lays.

The strife is on the temperance battle-field;  
There right shall be the bloodless sword,  
Truth an impenetrable shield,  
And for a motto, "Onward" is the word.  
"Onward and Upward!" let the echoes ring  
O'er valley green or barren hill.  
Through crowded cities, with their dust and din,  
"Onward and Upward" is the watchword  
still,  
Till drink, the tyrant, from his home be hurled,  
And white-robed Temperance rule o'er all  
the world.

#### FROM OTHER FIELDS.

New Jersey held a quarterly session at Plainfield on July 27th, Bro. Bodine, G.W.P., presiding. Attendance large. Bro. VanAken, G.S., reported 25 Divisions in the State. Grand Treasurer Hoagland reported the G. D. free of debt. President McKinley sent a letter thanking the Division for its offer of services for the war. The M.W.P., Bro. Lawson, was present, and was given a splendid reception. He was introduced by Bros. Drake, of Elizabeth, and Howell, of Trenton, the two oldest living members of the Grand Division.

The order is making fair progress in Scotland. A good spirit prevails. A section of Cadets was instituted at Renfrew on July 11th. The Sons and Cadets were among the friendly socie-

ties taking part in the opening of the new bridge over the River Leven, at Bonhill, on July 2nd.

*The Son of Temperance* (Great Britain) publishes a splendid portrait of Cadet Sister Baker, "a winsome Kentish lassie, whose achievements as a missionary in their Cadet work are absolutely unique in the history of the movement." For two years in succession she has won the gold medal offered by the N.D. for introducing the largest number of Cadet members; 102 in 1896 and 60 in 1897 is her record.

Shaftesbury Division (Derby) opened their open-air summer campaign on June 16th. The exercises are attractive and aggressive.

The Cadets of Portsmouth took a prominent part in the great fete held in Leigh Park, Havant, on Coronation Day, June 28th, which was a great success, over 3,000 people taking part.

The annual temperance fete and choral festival took place in the Crystal Palace, London, July 6th. Over 30,000 people attended. The events were provided for on a lavish scale: 10,000 singers were present, also a choir of 1,000 B. of H. children. Organ recitals, choir contests, bell ringers, selections by artists, musical drill contests, gymnastic displays, cycle races and parades, cricket matches, fountain display, athletic games, balloon ascents, fireworks, and music by five of the most famous bands, all found a place on the program. Next year it is proposed to have over 1,000 "Sons" take part in the grand processional march of the Temperance Orders, which is a feature of these events.

The undertaking of the organization of a great effort—a London celebration of the Order's Jubilee in England—is mooted.

The Salford Grand Division are holding a grand bazaar on October 20, 21 and 22, to raise £1,000 for the benefit of their Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Grand Division of the Eastern Province, South Africa, has a standing advertisement in the English *Son of Temperance* promising a hearty and cordial welcome to all brethren casting their lot that way, assuring them of the advantages of continued membership and fraternal regard.

The National Division of Great Britain reports 40,466 members; gain for the year, 2,847. Total funds on hand, £169,401; gain for the year, £13,406. Cadet members, 17,116; gain for the year, 726. Funds on hand, £10,129; gain in the year, £1,216. Twenty-nine Grand Divisions reported gains, only six reported losses, aggregating 46 members.

The famous "Lincoln Division," of Elizabeth, N. J., was honored by receiving the first official visit made by the M.W.P. elect, Bro. Lawson. Visitors from several Divisions were present and the rooms were appropriately decorated for the occasion. Among other features were speeches by Bros. McLeod, Hoagland, Oakley, Day and Mannfield.