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THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

TRY AGAIN.

TRY AGAIN—It is easy to start a Division. The trouble is to keep it going. Many run well for a while, then the interest dies down, and the Division ceases. That is true of nearly everything, so it need not surprise us nor discourage us. Let us try again. See if we cannot revive the languishing Division. Try new plans. Be in earnest. Resolve that the work shall go ahead. Put a little enthusiasm into it. May be it never had any. If the trouble was that it had nothing else, then put a little intelligent study into it. One young man or woman with a clear idea of what to do, and a firm purpose to do it, can create enough interest in any community to make the Division a success. You need to have faith in God and some stability. Resolve to achieve success. Try again; and if then you don't succeed, why—try again.

WHAT CAN THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DO?—What can he do? In the first place, he can stop criticising and finding fault with those who are doing their best to make the Order grow. He can attend lodge meetings and assist in carrying on the business. There are sick brothers to visit—he can do that; there are official positions to fill—he can accept an office; there are new members to secure—he can do his best in that direction; there is committee work—he can serve. There is no better way to increase the power and influence of the lodge than by cheerfully performing any work assigned him. One earnest member can influence a whole lodge.

Outside of the lodge room there is much he can do for the good of the Order. He can talk to his neighbors and associates about the Order and the work it is doing. He can tell how the late Bro. Brown's widow received two thousand dollars and what a benefit it has been to her. He can say good things about the Order, its objects and work, and no one can measure the benefit derived from such action.

What we want to make our Order prosper is not fine speeches and high sounding phrases and striking climaxes; but what we need is honest fraternal men. Men who believe in the Order and who are not afraid to sound its praises; men who will endeavor to add new members; men who will give freely of their time that the Order may be benefited.—K. of H. Reporter.

ATMOSPHERE OF THE DIVISION ROOM.—

Perhaps it is worth the space occupied to give expression to the thought which is in our mind, that there needs to be exercised more care as to the atmosphere in our division rooms. We do not mean by this that there exists a lack of the proper mixture of oxygen to insure healthful conditions, nor that there exists a moral pollution that should be removed; but we mean that there exists in many that lack of brotherly cordiality and sympathetic friendliness which is so essential to the in-breathing of vital force.

A happy face, a bright, a cordial grasp of the hand, and a welcome word, possess wonderful power of attraction, and a potency to clear away the murky fogs of gloom and indifference. Don't try to impress others with the amount of your wisdom held in reserve under cover of noticeable reticence that says: "I am loaded, look out for me when I fire." Be careful of the feelings of others, and do your utmost to generate a spirit of concord and harmony. If you feel cross and crabbed keep it to yourself. You will not get relief by endeavoring to divide it with others.

Remember that the world and the division room were not made to be glum and sad in, but were meant to be bright and cheerful. There is a time for all things, and one of the best of these times is when you can gather with your brethren, and with wit and story add to the sweets of life. To laugh was one of the first things that nature did after she threw off the cloud of darkness—"The earth smiled in the sunlight."

Total abstainers live longest and are the best risks for insurance. We are glad to see this proven by the twelfth annual report of the Temperance and General Life, a synopsis of which appears in this issue. This company was the first and only company in Canada to give total abstainers an entirely separate classification and after an experience of twelve years their report shows that while the average death rate per \$1,000 in their total business has been \$4.91 for that period, it has been only \$3.77 per \$1,000 in their Temperance section. We believe they are well justified in their report in saying of their Temperance section.

"We believe this is a smaller loss ratio from death claims than has ever been recorded by any other company on the similar amount of business for so long a period."

We are especially interested in the Temperance feature of this company, but are glad to notice that extreme care has been exercised in the investment of the funds entrusted to it, and in the entire management of the company. This company have splendidly increased assets and income during 1897, but what seems to us more important is that they have an asset of several thousand lines selected from among the best total abstinence risks in Canada. The company occupies a strong place in Canadian insurance and the honesty with which it adheres to its Temperance principles commands the consideration of intending insurers.

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