

sion, their jurisdiction being limited by that body, whence their charters are issued. And Subordinate, or, as they have most appropriately been termed, Working Divisions, are the great pioneers of our order, the vanguard in the mighty struggle with the demon Intemperance. The members of these Divisions are expected to meet weekly. This, however, is not a positive obligation, there being no penalty for non-attendance ; but it is expected all will attend, when that attendance does not demand a sacrifice of business or interfere with the prior claims of the family.

The business of these meetings is published to the world in the by-laws. The discussions are on various topics, but all connected with the great subject of Temperance, the leading star of the order, or with the immediate working of the Division. A series of questions touching the fidelity of members, and on other matters, are put at every meeting by the Worthy Patriarch, or chief officer, one of which especially manifests the conservative character of our institution,—“Has any brother violated his pledge?” the great object of which question is, to insure purity to the order and personal fidelity in the members. Our order is designed and intended to work a mighty reformation in the world, yet to do so it must keep itself pure and free from all evil contamination, and with this subject we endeavor to know, and to know with a view to correct, any failings on the part of the brethren.

This brief outline of the character and principles of the order of the Sons of Temperance is designed more to induce a study of our principles than any thing else. It will serve to give some idea of the effects of our organization upon those already within its precincts, and also its probable effects upon the world at large. That it has done good amid much opposition we have abundant proof ; that it is likely to prove still more effectual in bringing about the benevolent objects which it has in view, its past history warrants us in believing. We claim to be Temperance-men in the full accepta-