

pressing the general feeling of the inhabitants of this section of the country, when I say, that his removal will create, in many respects, a void, which it will not be very easy to supply.

Yours, in L. P. and F.

JOHN DODGSON, R. S.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

We direct attention of brethren to the following amendments in the Constitution of the Society. A circular has been received by Bro. J. M. Ross from the M. W. S.; N. D. Bro. Fickardt containing these amendments which are to be observed by all divisions. We particularly direct attention to items 5, 6 and 2 as very important, and necessary amendments. Any person may now be admitted into our Society upon paying an initiation fee if he be of unsound health or aged, upon the terms that he pays no or but nominal weekly dues and receives no benefits. Item 2 relates to the perpetuity of the pledge. It seems the N. D. hold that the pledge is not perpetual on persons taking it but that on withdrawing from the order individuals are at liberty to act as they choose as to Temperance. Our feelings are in favor of the perpetuity of the pledge.

We cannot extend our remarks more at length at present but will in the next number.

TO THE GRAND DIVISION S. OF T.

WORTHY BROTHERS.

At the late Session of the National Division Sons of Temperance of North America, held in the City of Toronto, the following items were enacted which may be of immediate interest and are therefore presented in circular form by this office.

ITEM I. Section 6, Article 7. Revised Rules, the words "been elected to," stricken out and the words "become a member of," inserted instead.

ITEM II. Subject of "Perpetuity of Pledge," it was "Resolved, that the second resolution of the Committee on the state of the Order—page 51, Journal of 7th Annual Session of N. D., be and the same is hereby rescinded." Said resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That in order to remedy this grave error in the future editions of the R. R., the words "in this respect," in the second part of our general obligation be omitted." The resolution restores to the obligation the words "in this respect."

ITEM III. That "Section 2, Article 9, Constitutions of Subordinate Divisions" be repealed:

Section 2. reads as follows: "No brother shall serve two terms in the same office during the term of one year," &c., &c. The amendment gives privilege of re-election.

ITEM IV. That the words "one week," in the first part of Section 3, Article 4, do. do. be stricken out, and the words "four weeks" be inserted instead. Same refers to time of notification of rejections and expulsions by Subordinate Divisions.

ITEM V. That "Section 10, Article 10, do. do. be rescinded," and in lieu thereof the following be adopted:

"Section 10. a member convicted of violation of the Pledge after the second time, can be re-instated by a two-third vote of the Division, the Division prescribing the penalty."—The

amendment leaves re-instatement free to Divisions.

ITEM VI. That "Section 2, Article 5, do. do. by adding thereto the following words:—*Provided*, That persons of old age, or under disability or disease may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits."

ITEM VII. That "Article 13, Constitutions of Grand Divisions be so amended as to strike out Section 1; and also to strike out the word, "ordinary" in Section 2, and insert the word "all" in lieu thereof." The amendment gives the power to elect officers of Grand Divisions "by Divisions."

ITEM VIII. "That the word 'ten' be stricken out of Part 8, Constitution of National Division, and the word 'five' inserted in lieu thereof." The amendment reduces per centage to National Division to 5 per cent.

ITEM IX. "That the Returns of Grand Divisions to the National Division be made to the thirty-first of December of each year."—Formerly 15th May.

ITEM X. "That the heads 'Dispensation Fees,' and 'How many manufactories of Ardent Spirits,' be removed from the Returns of National Division, and the heads 'How many public Temperance Meetings held,' and 'How many Temperance Tracts distributed,' substituted instead.

ITEM XI. "That the Grand Divisions be and are hereby required to make the items of the Quarterly Reports of Subordinate Divisions correspond to the items of the Annual Returns of Grand Divisions to the National Division."

ITEM XII. Recommended, "That in view of the present postal rates, the prepayment of postage be punctually observed by the National Grand and Subordinate Divisions."

The M. W. Scribe, in the name of the National Division, invites the particular attention of Grand Divisions to the items referring to Returns. The beauty, uniformity, and efficiency of the statistics of the Order depend upon the prompt observance of the new regulations.

In addition the M. W. S. would respectfully state for the information of Grand Divisions, that the one half of the per centage of Grand Divisions which accrued to the National Division for term ending March 31, 1851, is directed to be repaid to the Grand Divisions whence received, and that said amount will be either remitted or placed to their credit in the books of the National Division, as the state of their accounts, or their wishes may indicate.

The M. W. S. also states that by resolutions of the N. D., the National Fund is at an end, and covers only such claims as may have occurred up to the date of Toronto Session. The Fund is to be repaid out of the general fund of the N. D., to these Grand and Subordinate Divisions which originally contributed its amount.

With sincere compliments at the sound condition of the Order, and with best wishes for the success and harmony of each jurisdiction and the advance of the great primary cause of Temperance.

I am very truly Yours

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

FRED. A. FICKARDT.

M. W. S.

Philadelphia, June 25, 1851.

GRAND PROCESSIONS, 12TH JULY, 1851.—It is remarkable that there have been no riots or drunkenness at these processions this year. The good example of the Sons can be felt in all this.

(To the Editor of the Son.)

A VOICE FROM THE NORTH.

DEAR BROTHER,—It is with feelings of the utmost pleasure I send you the following very flattering account of our Demonstration, held on the 26th day of June last, as it is indicative of the rapid advance our cause is making in this section, and of the good feeling and brotherly love manifested by the Sons of Temperance towards one another, as well as the esteem in which our Order is held by the gentler, and I may say, nobler sex.

We had a glorious day, such as our village never witnessed before, the brethren from the various surrounding Divisions accompanied by their friends mustered in great numbers, amongst whom the utmost harmony prevailed.

Our Division met at the Temperance Hall at 11 o'clock with the Innisfil and Concord Divisions, the last mentioned having for the occasion chartered the Steamer *Beaver*, whose decks were literally crowded with happy and smiling faces, we formed according to order, and marched in procession, enlivened by the spirit stirring strains of the band, back through the village to the Methodist Chapel, where refreshments were served to upwards of 600 individuals. We then repaired to the new Temperance Hall, which was opened and dedicated in a very impressive manner by Br. Thomas Drifill, D. G. W. P., assisted by the proper officers of the Division.

The ladies of Bradford and vicinity then presented our Division with an elegantly bound copy of the Bible, stand, crimson cushion and drape, a pair of candlesticks &c., and a cushion for the chair of the W. P.

The following address was read by Mrs. R. Brown of Bradford, in a clear, distinct, and very impressive manner:—

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—I feel highly honored in the important duty which this day devolves upon me, viz., that of presenting a copy of the Holy Scriptures, with accompaniments, to so honorable a body of men; a body whose noble and generous aim is the moral preservation of their fellow creatures—a body on whom the eyes of the majority of society are turned at present with feelings of the deepest interest, at least I should say of the female portion of society. In you we believe that we behold those moral savants who are to wrest poverty, misery, degradation and death from our family circle, and to call our fathers, our husbands, our brothers and our sons from that downward and degrading path in which too many of them delight to walk. I believe that I express the sincere sentiments of the ladies of Bradford and its vicinity, when I say, that we wish you every success, and that we feel happy this day in witnessing so striking an evidence of the progress your cause is making, as we do in the numerous and respectable body of Sons whom I have the honor of addressing. May you ever so continue to advance—may your numbers daily increase, and if our united prayers can be of any benefit, be assured that you shall have them; for I trust it will, as it should, be the prayer of every wife and mother, that the efforts of such true philanthropists may be crowned with success, and with the blessing of Almighty God. Most assuredly he has blessed, and will bless you. Has he not said, "he that is not with us is against us?" I feel confident that every honest heart must answer yes; then go on, for you will succeed, and your efforts will gain for yourselves a brighter immortality than has ever been gathered on the blood-stained plains of fame. Yours is the immortality of *Virtue, Love, and Peace*, sanctified with the mother's prayers and the children's blessings. Again I say may you succeed