

And permit me to indulge in expressing the joy which I feel in again meeting so many of the Officers and Members of this Grand Division from all parts of the Province, met together in love and peace for the object of aiding each other in promoting the blessed cause of temperance; and, while congratulating the members on the result of their labors, would desire to give humble and hearty thanks to our Heavenly Patriarch for the large measure of success with which he has been pleased to bless the operation of their hands.

I am happy to state that the Order in this jurisdiction, so far as reports have been received, appears in a healthy condition; and although there has been no increase in our numerical strength, yet there is abundant evidence to show that a good work has been done. At the same time I am constrained to believe that much more might have been accomplished with a little more perseverance and effort.

The Order has had indeed much opposition to meet, to combat and overcome. Our opponents are unceasingly watchful and vigilant, while, on the contrary, I fear that many of us are not sufficiently alive to the importance of constant agitation and unremitting watchfulness and effort. This is apparent in the still lamentably large number of brothers who are overcome by the temptations which surround them and the seductions of our un pitying foe.

While some few Divisions appear inactive, our beloved Order as a whole stands up in all its usual power and efficiency, and I find that the average number of new members has been gathered into its fold. Some of the Divisions which were languishing are once more progressing, and the prospects for the future are more promising. But it is indeed urgent and necessary that a more determined effort be made to extend the usefulness of the Order, and a more general interest awakened in instituting new Divisions and in reviving the Order where the most apathy exists. The well-thinking and intelligent portion of the community begin to realize the fact that, in proportion as the Sons of Temperance relax their efforts, just in the same proportion does intemperance, with the manifold curses that follow in its train, increase and multiply.

The necessity of an Agent, or Lecturer, is so obvious at the present time, that it may be hardly necessary to urge upon this Grand Division the importance of providing one. From information received, the desire appears pretty general that a Lecturer should be engaged; but few have considered the ways and means necessary to sustain a Lecturer. An endeavor might be made to collect funds, individually and collectively, to sustain one in the field, at all events during the winter months.

In compliance with the instructions of the Grand Division, I compiled the Semi-Annual Reports, which were printed with neatness and despatch, and forwarded one month after the Session to each Division and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, &c. Blank forms for Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs were also prepared for their Reports, and supplied to each of those Officers. Also "Schedules" of Summary of the Liquor Traffic were drawn up, printed, and sent to each Subordinate Division and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, with a request that they be filled up and returned to this Office. The information in some localities was doubtless difficult to procure, still it might have been expected that there would have been more schedules returned. I regret to state that only twelve have been received, consequently this mode of procuring statistics has not been found to work well. In one case

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