

## NEW RITUAL.

As the members of the Order are aware, the National Division of the Sons of Temperance appointed a Committee to prepare Ritual, &c., for Cadets, proposing to take the Order under its own immediate supervision. Our American brothers seem to have objected to this and are of opinion that the Order will prosper and flourish more, as a distinct and independent body, and with this end in view they organized a "National Section Cadets of Temperance of North America" and invited us to enter that body: As yet this Grand Section has taken no decided steps in the matter. I received a communication some time since from the Most Worthy Secretary, in which he asked if we are willing to be under and governed by the N. S. of N. A. To this I replied in effect, that for the present this G. S. did not feel disposed to rally round that flag, but could not say what might be done in the future. I commenced this section of my report intending to speak of the new Ritual, but have wandered from the subject. As stated in the report of the G. W. P. the book is a failure. I perfectly agree with him in this. Time will not permit of an extended notice of the work. The books are on the table for the inspection of any brother; in my opinion the order, if carried on in the manner contemplated by the Ritual and Constitution issued by the National Division, had better be abolished and re-organized under the title of the "Band of Hope."

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Among other matters to come before you for discussion is a notice of motion to change the names of the officers of the "Circle of Honor," also notice of motion to appoint a special committee to prepare a Funeral Service; also Installation Ceremony for Chaplain, in Subordinate Sections.

As was done last year the Journals of the Annual Session have been printed in phamplet form. We have as yet received no bill for this work, whether we are indebted to the Grand Division for it, or are to be the happy recipients of a bill at some future day, I cannot say. It is very interesting to the members of the Order and of considerable use in making the Order known, to have these Journals printed. We have for some years been indebted to the Grand Division for publishing the minutes of our Sessions, both in the ALLIANCE JOURNAL and in the Journals of the Grand Division. Within these last two years we having decided to meet only semi-annually, and the Grand Division now publishing only a Year Book, and not meeting till November, we are compelled to wait for nearly six months before we get our Journals. I would suggest that this Grand Section might vote a sum for the purpose and, by charging the members a small price, we might, by this means, raise enough to very nearly pay the whole of the cost of printing. I submit this matter to your favorable consideration.

## CONCLUSION.

In closing this report I complete the fifth year of service as your Grand Secretary. During this time I have endeavoured to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and if I have made mistakes (as the best of us will do) they have been unintentional, and I trust any short comings on my part will be forgotten and forgiven. I cannot conclude without expressing my thanks to the G. W. P., to Bro. J. E. Bulter, and the other

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