

world. Should we fail in this here, we should prove ourselves unworthy of your respect or confidence. *Fidelity* is a great virtue. Where the *heart* is right, this is easy ; and where this is possessed, we can trust confidently and are happy, because we are secure. One great, I may say, the principal, object of this Order is, to promote the cause of Temperance in our world. To do this, we must be temperate ourselves—constantly and devotedly temperate. Many have lost sight of this ; they have felt that they might put on, or lay off, their allegiance to this cause at pleasure. Hence its great instability in times past.

The object of this degree is, to secure your unwavering allegiance to this work. I have now explained the objects we have in view in conferring this Degree. Before we proceed further it will be necessary for you to take another obligation, in which you will be required to bind yourself in the most solemn manner to adhere to this cause, and to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beve-