

desired. I would, however, refer the reader to the very brief notice of the history of the Temperance movement, at the commencement of this Essay, for the proof, that at the time our organization was started, some more effective means than any hitherto adopted, were loudly called for, and essentially necessary to stay the ravages of intemperance. The small number of violations of the pledge in our Divisions, as compared to the number under previous organizations, is one of the strongest proofs, that the latter could not have accomplished that which has been effected by the former. It is scarcely to be wondered at, that occasionally we have, in our Order, to lament the unfaithfulness of Brothers. It is not strange that sometimes the strong desires consequent to the habitual use of intoxicating liquors, still rankling in the breasts of the newly reformed Son of Temperance, lead him to forget his plighted honor, and break his pledge,—but our discipline enables us immediately to throw a shield of protection around him, and bring him back to the paths of virtue; and although, occasionally, we are obliged to expel the Brother who has, by repeated violation, proved himself incorrigible, yet, at the same time, we have reason to rejoice and be thankful that such cases are extremely rare.

Our order is composed of three distinct parts,—the National, Grand, and Subordinate Divisions,—each of which have their respective and distinct functions to perform. The National Division, which is the head of the order, is composed of delegates from the several Grand Divisions, its duties being to exercise a general supervision over the whole field of labor, to devise general plans, such plans having reference to the whole order in whatever place situated; and from it also emanates the pass-word, thus enabling the Son of Temperance to carry with him a key which will admit him to a band of brothers wherever his lot may be cast. The Grand Division, composed of delegates from the subordinate Divisions, exercises somewhat similar functions to the National Divi-

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