

with prudent management our members might be considerably augmented from this source alone.

I regret that the movement proposed for the collection of statistics on the subject of the liquor traffic has been so unsuccessful. With our Divisions so widely scattered through this Grand Division jurisdiction, our means of collecting reliable statistics would appear comparatively easy; and if those statistics were reliable, we think that they might be made of great public utility. Let us hope that in any future attempt to collect information the Grand Division may receive more general and cordial assistance from the membership in Subordinate Divisions.

To the "faithful band of Deputies" scattered through the entire western section of the Province I return my sincere thanks for the prompt and efficient manner in which their duties have been performed.

In conclusion, brothers, the past conduct of your Grand Worthy Patriarch is before you. Although the past year has not witnessed the brilliant success of our Order which has characterized former years, I believe that our Order is morally strong for the work we have in the future. My official visits to Subordinate Divisions have been but few, and those confined to the immediate vicinity of my own place of residence. I have answered as promptly as possible numerous constitutional questions which naturally arise in our Subordinate Divisions, in which I have endeavored conscientiously and impartially to keep in view the spirit and genius of our beloved Order, as well as our clearly defined Constitution and Laws, and have generally been gratified by a cheerful compliance, thus obviating to a great extent vexatious and litigious appeals to this Grand Division.

In closing my official correspondence with our esteemed Grand Scribe, I feel assured that I shall be sustained by the hearty response of his numerous correspondents while I bear testimony to the unremitting and zealous attention given to the discharge of his onerous duties, and to his constant watchfulness over the interests of our Order. And to you, my brethren of this representative body, allow me to return my sincere thanks for the high and responsible trust you were pleased to repose in me, and for the kind forbearance and oft-repeated expressions of regard I have received at your hands; and let me assure you that I shall ever look back with much pleasure and interest on the time spent, while holding the highest office at your disposal, in advancing the interests of this institution.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

EDWARD ROWLAND, G.W.P.

Moved by Representative Rev. J. CURTS and seconded by Representative J. SWALLOW—

That the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report be referred to Representatives A. MORSE, Rev. Dr. SHORTT, P.G.W.P., and Dr. ANSON BUCK, to report thereon as soon as possible. Carried.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report as follows:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, CANADA WEST:

In accordance with the Constitution, I beg to submit my annual Report, embracing some of the transactions during the past term, and the position of this branch of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Canada West.