

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY CADETS OF TEMPERANCE, PRESENTED AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND SECTION OF N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S., August 13th, 1878.

Worthy Brothers,—

A year has passed away since our last meeting. It seems but a short time ago since we met in Annual Session in the pleasant City of Charlottetown and enjoyed the hospitality of our Island brethren, and we can scarcely realize that a year has passed. We gather together again in Annual Session to review the past, discuss the present, and plan for the future work and prosperity of our beloved Order, and in this connection it will not be out of place to glance over the record of the year which has passed.

At the last Annual Session there were reported 7 Sections with a total membership of 303, against 10 Sections and 355 members at the Session of 1876. At the present time there are in working order 7 Sections with a membership of about 350. The figures are taken from the latest returns I have in my possession, (although I have not heard from one of our largest Sections for two quarters, and another has suspended for a short time) so that we are in fact very little ahead of where we were twelve months ago. There is food both for contemplation and discussion in the foregoing figures. How is it, that although we are introducing the Order into various parts of the Province we still seem to gather very little strength in point of numbers? This is a subject which might well be taken hold of by the "Sons" individually and as a body. By our constitution we are to look to them for assistance in fostering this young branch of the Great Reform army, and enabling it to extend its operations throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion of ours; and as it is one of our fundamental principles that we must look to them for aid in carrying on our work, so ought they to be ready to help when they are called upon, or the way is opened in which they can by a little self-sacrifice, aid in doing that which is calculated to bless alike the young and old of our country. It is greatly to be regretted that the "Sons" as a body are not ready and willing to make the little sacrifice necessary to accomplish so great, so good, and so glorious an end.

FINANCES.

As you will have observed by the Grand Treasurer's report, this important auxiliary is in a healthy condition. The total receipts for the year as per Financial Statement are \$111.93. Of this amount \$44.38 was contributed as the net proceeds of a Dramatic Entertainment given by members of the Order, in Charlottetown, last summer. This very generous act on the part of the Halifax members has been of great help to the G. S. The expenditure for the year was \$52.32 leave a balance of \$59.33 to the credit of the Grand Section. The greatest economy has been exercised in the expenditure, nothing having been printed or purchased that was not absolutely necessary.

STOCK.

We have enough Stock on hand at present to last for some time. I regret that a press of business has prevented me from preparing an inventory of the amount on hand.

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