

and influence who favor the cause, and thus consolidate the friends of Temperance into the Order. It is an error to hold that this great Order on which so much depends, is to remain merely an asylum for inebriates. Let it be your holy duty to rescue all such whom experience tells you you may save. But I beseech you to firmly assume a more advanced position, and assert your Order to be a *great preventive* as well as a curative body. Thus will you do most good to "the cause of all mankind" and also assuredly lay the foundations of a lasting future. As members, be punctual in your attendance at the stated meetings of your Divisions; nothing is more important. Neglect of the Division room infallibly destroys the interest, attachment and energies of Members, absent and present, and so far damages the Order and cause; whilst a punctual attendance of all gives life and love, vigor and success. As iron sharpeneth iron, so does the countenance of a friend encourage his co-workers.

"Throw yourselves into a missionary attitude. Let every sound Division present a new Division to its jurisdiction and the National Division, *during the year*; and let the general aim be to erect a grand organized Brotherhood of Temperance over the whole North American continent for our own and the good of our people. Pay but little attention to the subject of *general apathy*, it is *nothing*—it is an abstraction. It is *private apathy* (and often our own) against which we have really to contend. Let every man speak to his neighbour, and each man reason with himself, and we shall soon have no cause to complain of it.

Finally, brothers, let us be heartily active. *By inaction we put to risk all previous toils and gains, and PREVENT FUTURE PROGRESS.* Let our glorious Order once more feel the forward pressure of warm hearts and willing hands and under the blessing of a beneficent Providence all will again go passing well.

The alterations in Constitutions or ritual made at last meeting of the N. D. were very few, and I am glad to observe the strong feeling manifested by that body against such:—

Rule XXIII of the constitutions of G. D's relating to election of officers has been repealed.—

Rule XXI, in regard to the appointing of committees, has also been repealed.—

Rule III has been amended, so that the Grand Division can hold their Annual and Quarterly Sessions at such times as may be fixed at a previous Annual Session.

The next meeting of the N. D. is to be in Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday of June, 1859.