

toxicating liquor, who offer themselves as candidates for office, be everywhere strenuously opposed, and the more so if it be found that their personal habits do not conform with their public professions." He should then be careful to carry out this resolution upon all occasions to the very letter. It sounds nice and encouraging to hear men talk, preach and pray temperance, but after doing all this, it looks decidedly disgusting to see them walk up to the polls and vote for a whiskey man for office.

Extending the Order.

"**N**OW can existing Divisions best be used to extend the Order where there are none?"

It must have a good home reputation; it must shed forth the light of good works, consistency, etc.

The Deputy is commissioned to organize, and if he be a member who appreciates that he should do "all in his power," he will soon survey the field to see where the Order can be established.

Let him arrange for a public meeting; then at the time appointed, take a load or two of members, and a speaker to make a rousing speech, and readings and music be the order of exercises. Near the close of the meeting canvass the audience for signers to petition for charter. This method seldom fails.

What Divisions need in order to be useful in this way is life in themselves, a vital earnestness and realization of charity; then the members will hold up the hands of all faithful officers, and by visiting and encouraging new or weak Divisions, be the chief instrument in extending and establishing the Order where it does not exist.

Financial Scribe.

"**Y**OU are one of the most important officers of the Division. Upon the faithful discharge of your duties the prosperity and stability of the Division largely depend. Other officers may be ever so zealous

and faithful, but if you fail, the Division must suffer, if not be destroyed. Your duties require you to keep the account of each member, and to faithfully endeavour to collect all dues not voluntarily paid before the end of the quarter. So you are not simply a receiver, as many Financial Scribes seem to suppose, but the collector. If members grow dilatory in attending, and slack in voluntarily paying, it is your duty to see them and require payment, whether they attend or not. Faithfulness in this regard proves the very best means of securing the attendance of this class of members. What they have paid for they will be pretty sure to want to enjoy. Few will refuse outright to pay dues, and it were better far that such as squarely refuse to attend or support the Division should be advised formally to withdraw from the Order entirely. Such members are an injury to the Order, the Cause, and the Division. But it must not be presumed that mere absence indicates any such feeling or desire. If the Financial Scribe do his duty, and personally see and talk with every delinquent, nine out of ten of them will prove true to their allegiance, and a large majority will pay up and attend more promptly. May we not urge our brothers and sisters who are filling this important office to resolve that there shall be no lack of diligence or faithfulness on their part. The sure index of whether you have made and kept this resolve will be found in the size of the delinquent lists you report for suspension. Many Divisions are in need of funds for their work, and simply from the carelessness or inattention of their Financial Scribes. Then follow suspensions for non-payment of dues, decrease in membership, decline, and—death. Shall this, brothers and sisters, be the experience of any of your Divisions? If you have heretofore been a little negligent, try the effect of "turning over a new leaf." And may you be prospered in so doing."

Conducting a Division.

"**T**HERE are many things to be considered in conducting the affairs of a Division when a Division is instituted, and the instituting officer has departed, in the majority of cases those who have started out in the work are not familiar with their duties as set forth by the ritual, and established in the by laws.

The first thing is to become familiar with the ritual so that the ceremonial part may be conducted with dignity and precision.

On this depends in a great degree your success, the moment a Division loses its dignity, it loses its influence, and on this rock have foundered and gone to pieces the greater number of societies that are on record as failures.

Rules of order and etiquette, should be as strictly observed as they are in military discipline, and any member who violates either should be promptly called to order.

Keeping the accounts and minutes absolutely correct is essential to your well-being, and will save many a dispute, and a session of controversy, that sooner or later would put your Division in danger. Punctuality is a requisite.

The gavel should fall when the time arrives for the opening, and the ceremonies should be gone through with, not hurriedly, but with despatch.

Be prompt in paying dues and assessments, prompt in inquiring after, and care of, your sick members, prompt in the discharge of every duty.

Mutual forbearance should be your motto. By its exercise you avoid much that is disagreeable, and cement closer the bonds of brotherhood.

Particularly would we enjoin upon you to bear and forbear with the brother, a specimen of which is to be found in every Council, who votes a solitary no on every question that requires a unanimous vote, and who is on hand with criticisms, questions and opinions on every subject; who wearies your patience until you feel as if an assessment levied