

world an example ; and the Order stands accredited as the purest and most efficient organization that the benevolent spirit of the age has yet originated for the removal of the great master vice of the world—intemperance. Another of our secrets is the initiation ceremony, which is not that silly and unmeaning thing that many have supposed it to be. The candidate is introduced into a company of gentlemen, *with his eyes wide open*. The evils of intemperance are vividly portrayed in a short simple practical lecture. He is briefly exhorted. The pledge, neither to “make, buy, sell, nor use as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider,” is administered—he is obligated to observe the Constitution and Bye-Laws of his Division, and the rules and usages of the Order—not to disclose the private affairs of the Order—and finally, to do all in his power to advance its interests, and the general interests of the community. Such is a synopsis of the obligation administered during the ceremony of initiation. And is there anything unusual or dangerous about it? A writer has well said, that “if there were two Societies based upon the principles of our Order, where there is now one, our country would be the better for it! If there were, in all the beautiful cities and villages of the land, an *anti-tattling, anti-slandering, anti-envying, mind-your-own-business association*, and the members were all true to their pledges, there would be fewer moral diseases of the tongue, and of the heart, than now exist.” These then are the **SECRETS** of our Order about which we hear so much, and to which so great exceptions have been taken ; and we have no fear of submitting them to the close scrutiny of a candid, though severe public, feeling confident that a unanimous verdict in their favor must be accorded to us.

Another objection frequently urged, is, that all that can be accomplished with the aid of our organization can be affected without it, and that, therefore, it is wholly unnecessary and uncalled for. In a Tract, necessarily limited in length, it is impossible to answer this objection as fully as might be