

Province, and let a "real live" membership testify their faith in the ultimate success of a righteous cause by one more vigorous attempt to re-establish our Order. With a strong public sentiment ever increasing in our favor, with a membership embracing many of the leading men of our country, and financially in comfortable circumstances, let us continue our peaceful work until the voice of intemperance is banished from our land.

It is deeply to be regretted that after the frequent resolutions of this Grand Division on the subject, after the renewed pledges and repeated obligations of our Order, there appears so much laxity of principle in the conduct of temperance men with regard to the exercise of the elective franchise. During the past term I have had opportunities of hearing that professed temperance men, by a method of reasoning only known to themselves, have felt it their duty to sink for the time their temperance principles and record their vote in some instances against the return of well-known temperance men. We desire not to "interfere with political opinions, be they what they may", but it surely becomes us, when such errors are so frequent, to redouble every effort in educating the public mind on this matter. If prohibition is still to be our watchword, if Legislative enactments are to be invoked, this great moral question must be a primary, not a secondary, plank in the platform of every temperance man. How necessary that the Sons of Temperance should know and have the courage to perform their whole duty in this respect. A strong, consistent, uncompromising action in this matter will insure more respect, even from our enemies, than a temporary concession to their feelings. On the contrary, many instances have come to my knowledge where Sons of Temperance have considered the question of paramount importance, and have dared, for the first time, to leave the party with whom as politicians they have always acted, for the purpose of publicly repudiating by their votes the liquor influence and the liquor traffic. We trust that the members of our Order have been enabled to act with firmness and determination in this matter; and while we would be "charitable in our judgment of others, let us also be faithful to our vows."

As an important aid to our operations, which, to be successful, must assume a more aggressive position, I feel compelled to repeat to you my conviction that the temperance press should receive more support from its avowed friends; and I would again submit, for the consideration of this honorable body, the best means for sustaining a paper or magazine to be the organ of the Order in Canada. If such a paper could be generally supported by the membership of the Order, the proceedings of our National and Grand Divisions might be published through that medium, thus saving a large amount at present annually expended for publishing in pamphlet form. Many matters of interest might be contributed by Subordinate Divisions, and many communications not necessarily private might be transmitted by the Executive through its columns, now requiring a vast amount of labor and expense to reach the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Division.

As the public advocacy of our cause depends much on our lecturing operations, and as in many localities an ardent attachment to the old "temperance pledge" is reviving, I would suggest to all Divisions the propriety of possessing a pledge book, which might be introduced at the conclusion of all public temperance meetings in connection with our Order, thus forming a list of names accessible to our members and from which valuable reserve they might induce many to enter our circle of friendship. We could at least by this means ascertain the temperance census of our Province, and

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