

be crowned with results and consequences, which the cycles of eternity alone can fully unfold.

In regard to our Order, the M. W. S. writes,—“The Order of the Sons of Temperance has become a necessity to the Temperance cause, and to the safety and welfare of the community. It is, in fact, a necessary institution in North America, as the all-important, sole and specific counter agent of intemperance and its consequent vice and crime. What desolation would not ensue were its star to disappear from the moral horizon. How many thousands would go back to their cups and to temporal and eternal ruin; how many hearts and homes be shrouded in darkness and desolation; how rampant would not intemperance and crime leap up on every hand, and blur and bloody the earth around us and our children, if its holy light were quenched?” If the members of our Order will for a moment consider it thus in preserving the health-forming, the moral character, and controlling the life conduct of so many thousands within its pledge, and sustaining the peace and comfort of their families, as well as in its vast influences on social ideas and customs, no one but will be willing to throw up its standard anew, and make one more brave and overpowering struggle for a god-like victory.

To the unorganized friends of Temperance, the M. W. S. states, “that their duty to themselves and the cause, *requires them to be known to the world as its advocates*, and would further press upon them, that organization is essential to life and power; and that the Order of Sons of Temperance is cheaper in support, relative to efficiency, than any other; and that Union with the Order may be vital to their wishes, as it is unquestionably, *the only general, living, breathing, and working champion of the cause.*”

To the Subordinate Divisions of the Order and its membership the M. W. Scribe briefly says, “*that even yet more depends upon themselves.* They are the *veritable life and being* of our noble Order, without whom all is naught, and upon whom and whose efforts rest most *essentially and really* THE TRIUMPH OF THE ORDER. I would say to them, remember, Brothers, *that union is strength* and the sure anchor of our common hopes, and that a *true life on your part* will most surely beget zeal, prosperity and increase. Let technical disputes pass from you; encourage a magnanimous harmony in the “lesser matters of the law” for the sake of the cause. *Let a supreme devotion to the spirit of the Order animate you.* Give your entire energies for 1859 to the immediate enlargement of your Membership. The order of Sons of Temperance, of which you are the substantive *primary parts*, is the sole, active and *reliable army of Temperance*, and it is of the first importance to *keep it numerous in the field.*

“Total abstinence is undeniably the great and *only safe rule* for all men just as *moderate drinking is the most perilous snare* of those who adopt it. Persuade the young men to join your ranks—accrete to yourselves men of principle