

membership, gives us great cause for rejoicing. While the healthy public sentiment created, and the laws restricting the traffic enacted, give us grand hope for the future. Brethren, the battle has been raging with persistence all along the line. Our enemies are urged on by a desire for the spoils, utterly regardless of the blood that is to flow, the cries of the stricken, or the groans of the dying. While they have the governments of men to support them, and large resources with which to continue the battle for plunder, we have the law of the Lord on our side, and all that we "have and are" consecrated to the struggle. The enemy is continually making propositions of compromise; but we can not compromise truth and principle; we should be moral cowards, if we did. We have gone too far, and pressed the lines of the enemy too hard, to be satisfied with civil damage or restrictive license laws. We can not be content with lopping off the branches; we must destroy the tree, pluck it up by roots, and destroy it forever. Besides draining our treasuries, and making paupers of millions in our land, the intellectual night and moral bankruptcy, which drunkenness brings upon this and other countries, is a loss which can not be reckoned in money; for no nation has any security except in the morals of its people. Our struggle may be a long one, but we can not compromise. We are hopeful for the future, if we do not falter. Let us continue our labors, until the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic drinks, shall be interdicted by a LAW OF THE NATIONS, supported by a public sentiment which will enforce it.

PERSONAL AND CONCLUSION.

Through your kindness and partiality at the last session of this Grand Body, I was called to the highest position within the gift of the Order. I entered upon the duties of the office with, as I supposed, some faint conception of the responsibilities of the position. My connection with the Order as G. W. C. T. for three years, and R. W. G. C. for two, had given me some experience in the working of the Order. But I soon learned that the duties were more arduous, and the responsibilities far greater, than it was possible for me to have conceived when I accepted the position. To be G. W. C. T. of a State, with thousands of members to look after, was one thing; to be R. W. G. T. of the world, with the care of nearly a million members, was another. I at once endeavored,