

the Order. Beautiful and rare exotics, sent by Mrs. Hayes, graced the stage and formed a wall of living green, a very pleasing contrast to the surroundings.

The delegates assembled at the entrance and marched in with their ladies, the members of the National Division arrayed in blue regalia, those of the Grand Division in red regalia, and those of the Subordinate Divisions in white regalia. Each also wore a button-hole bouquet made of flowers sent by Mrs. Hayes.

P. G. W. P. Bradley presided, and the programme carried out included a solo and chorus by Colonel and Mrs. Edward Daniels, Miss Carrie Kidwell, Miss Stoaks, Colonel W. H. Chase, and J. L. W. Wingfield. The words were written by Mrs. Daniels especially for the occasion. It was rendered to the tune of "The Red, White and Blue." An address was then made by Mr. Bradley; song by W. E. McDonagh, of Brooklyn, entitled "The Flag of Our Union," who, in response to a double encore, rendered "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Old Oaken Bucket;" address of welcome on behalf of the District by G. W. P. O. A. M. Ham; organ solos, British and American airs, Professor Bischoff, and, in response to an encore, he gave "Listen to the Mocking Bird," with variations; reply to the welcoming address of Mr. Ham by Geo. W. Ross, M. W. P. National Division S. of T. At the conclusion of his remarks, little Annie Lewis, in a very few appropriate remarks in verse, presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers sent by Mrs. Hayes. Miss Minnie Mosher, of Baltimore, in excellent style then recited "Am I My Brother's Keeper," and in response to an encore gave a humorous recitation entitled "If I couldn't, how could I? Could you?" C. H. Mead, of Hornellsville, N. Y., then entertained the audience with a few remarks on prohibition, and wound up by singing "In the Sweet By and By," the audience joining in the chorus. Little Annie Lewis recited "The

Little Drummer Boy," and in response gave "Battery B." The Rev. J. C. Stoughton, of Illinois, gave a short address. A quartette was rendered by Misses Stoaks and Kidwell, and Messrs. Chase and Wingfield. Hon. Hiram Price made a short address, and the reception closed with the singing of the doxology.

On Wednesday, 18th inst. the National Division re-assembled at 9 a.m. and proceeded with routine business.

At 11 o'clock the selection of the time and place for the meeting of the next session was the special order. Concord, N. H.; Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Newark, Ohio; Toronto, Ont.; Cincinnati and New Haven were nominated. Cincinnati was selected.

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. E. J. Morris, of Ohio, relative to the action of the House of Representatives in the United States, in regard to the appointment of a committee to consider petitions, memorials, &c., touching the alcoholic traffic, reported as follows:—

We find the following to be the full text of the resolution as adopted by the House of representatives:—

"Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed by the Speaker, to whom shall be referred all memorials, bills and resolutions touching the alcoholic traffic, and a committee on the same, whose duty it shall be to consider and report thereupon."

We submit the following for adoption:—

"Resolved, That we hail this action as an indication of the rising tide of temperance throughout the land, and we call upon all temperance organizations, churches and ecclesiastical bodies to forward to the House of representatives petitions for the commission of inquiry and the suppression of the traffic in the district of Columbia and the Territories.

"Resolved, That this National Division hereby petition the House of Representatives to appoint a commission of inquiry

into the results of the alcoholic liquor traffic throughout the nation, and that they pass a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks in the district of Columbia and the Territories, where the Government has exclusive responsibility and jurisdiction."

The report was adopted.

On motion of Representative G. M. Rose, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Hayes for her presents of flowers.

Rep. G. M. Rose presented the second report of the Committee on Appeals, which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. J. W. Manning, a recess was taken until half past three o'clock.

RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The members of the National Division assembled in the parlor of Willard's Hotel at 2.15 o'clock and proceeded in a body to White House, where they were met in the east room by the President and Mrs. Hayes. P. M. W. P., T. M. Bradley, briefly addressed the President, stating that the object of the assembly, and closed by introducing M. W. P. George W. Ross, who advanced and thanked the President and Mrs. Hayes for the privilege of paying their respects, as a great and influential temperance organization, to the chief ruler of this great nation.

The President said:

"We are very glad to meet such a large and intelligent body of persons engaged in such a great work, and which we believe to be a very good one, and regret that we cannot make a more extended acquaintance with each of you than circumstances will now permit. I shall now be glad to be introduced to each member of the organization."

Before introducing the members of the National Division Bro. Ross thanked Mrs. Hayes, on behalf of the National Division, for the fine flowers contributed to the members at the reception on Tuesday evening, and particularly for the fine bouquet presented to himself. Each was then introduced to the President and