

liquid fire, for the draught will be alcoholic poison in the insidious form of wine. Already has this cheap wine delusion extended to our sister Province of Nova Scotia. There the Legislature has resolved to admit foreign cheap wines. Fatal delusion—if it is expected that this unhappy introduction of mild and cheap wines will promote Temperance. Let our brothers be watchful to guard this fine Province from such contamination and misery that would be the consequence of the common use of alcohol in this seductive shape.

I am happy to know that our accessions are from all the professions, avocations and conditions of life, from the workshop and the farm, and that our organization is adapted to all and should receive all our care and devoted attachment. How many cases of peculiar interest could we revert to—the lost and wandering restored to parental confidence and love. The once intemperate father and husband now lives in the smiles of his beloved and happy family. How many thousands, tens of thousands of happy wives and blessed little ones, have been made happy through the instrumentality of the Sons of Temperance, time can never know, Eternity may disclose it. Brothers, let us cherish our loved institution and guard well its purity.

The importance of the Juvenile Temperance movement demands your serious attention. This Grand Division I am aware has from time to time given much study to this subject; at last session it recommended Divisions to encourage "Bands of Hope," and has at considerable outlay published a suitable ritual and books for "Sections of Cadets." The latter organization appears to me better adapted to youths more advanced, and is exclusively for boys, while the "Bands of Hope" are suitable for children of both sexes. I would recommend this Grand Division to co-operate with the "Central Band of Hope Committee," lately formed in Montreal, in the promotion of an object so desirable. In this connection I would make mention of the thirty-one Sections of Cadets in union with this Grand Division, which are working harmoniously and well. From late returns we find that 1,550 Cadets of Temperance are enrolled in membership with the Sections.

It is with much pleasure I can testify to the great benefit of lady visitors in our Order: they are the means of strengthening many a father, husband and brother—yes, and sister—in keeping their pledge, while many a poor wanderer from the path of sobriety is encouraged by lady visitors to unite with the Champions of Temperance. May God bless the lady visitors, and make them more and more a blessing to our Order. For the statistics of the Order I refer you to the Report of the indefatigable Grand Scribe, and for the state of our finances, which are in a healthy condition, to the Report of the Grand Treasurer, which will soon be laid before you.

Brothers, representing as we do the thousands included in the fold of our Divisions scattered over the length and breadth of the land, bound together in the bonds of Love, Purity and Fidelity, it is right that our hearts should flow out in gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings so richly bestowed upon us during the past half-year, and our earnest and sincere prayer shall be that He will continue to prosper our efforts, and to inspire our hearts with zeal and energy to work on, while life shall last, in the cause of suffering humanity.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

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