

the grandest warfare that ever enlisted a brave soldier. Let us work and be faithful, and continually lean on the arm of One who is able to make us strong though we be weak; and one who will never suffer "the righteous to want, or his seed to beg for bread."

SUGGESTIONS.

There seems to be a settled conviction that the next session of this body should be called to meet in Philadelphia. I therefore deem it not premature to submit for your consideration the propriety of raising a voluntary fund from the Order (and when I say Order I do not confine myself to America, but to the whole world), for the purpose of erecting a Good Templar *Fountain* in the Centennial Building, which shall bear the coat of arms, or some other insignia, of every nation of people now enjoying the protection, not of the Stars and Stripes, or British flag, or other banners, but the protection of our banner of F. H. & C., supported by the heaven-born principles of our cosmopolitan order.

I regard the suggestion as proper, since samples of all kinds of vile drinks from the distilleries, wine cellars and breweries, of not only this, but all other countries, will be there on exhibition.

I would also call your attention to the fact, that while we have many temperance papers and periodicals worthy of support, many of them are compelled to stop publication, because of *starvation*. No one can deny the power of the press, and we should feel it to be a part of our Templar duty to support it, when it becomes the advocate of our principles, and is continually delivering its silent but effective lectures in places where our public speakers can not be heard. I desire to return my thanks to Bro. J. N. Stearns and "The National Temperance Publishing House," for donations of valuable tracts and books, which have been distributed during the past year. It is not possible to measure the good which has been accomplished by the kind generosity of Bro Stearns, in the donation of these valuable documents.

THE FUTURE.

The addition of nine Stars to our banner during the past year, thus making the total number of Grand Lodges sixty, and the large gain in