

The report concludes with the following pointed suggestions :

"And now, brothers and sisters, let me say, ours is a noble cause, a noble work, and deserves and requires our best and greatest energies. I believe if all our members would but do their duty we could have one hundred thousand members in this Province within five years. While I believe that defeats over Dunkin Act contests have injured us, yet I believe the temperance sentiment in the country was never so strong. While many people are not doing much work in the temperance movement, it is because having suffered defeat in this one line of action they don't see another line open before them, and it is for us not to 'grow weary in well-doing,' but to close up our ranks, to build up our Divisions, to hold lectures and public meetings, and prepare ourselves for a great and decisive battle yet to be fought; and as Troy was not taken in a day or by a single mode of attack, we should remember that if we ever hope to banish the liquor traffic from our land, the surest and safest way to do it is to build up our Order, to increase the number and influence of our Subordinate Divisions, to organize new ones where they can be kept up, throughout the Province, and to attack the traffic, not simply by agitating for prohibition at all times, but with this great aim in view, get members into our Order, get the license laws made stringent, and see that they are carried out, adopt the Temperance Act where practicable, and see that it is thoroughly enforced, see that the law in reference to selling liquor to Indians and minors is not a dead letter, and do all in our power, by our voices, by our pens, by our influence, by our private life and public as well, by our votes and by our prayers, work, and seek, and ask, and knock, and the walls of the citadel of the rum traffic shall be battered down, and the prohibition of the manufacture, and sale and use, as a beverage, of all intoxicating liquors, our object, and

aim, and desire, shall be an accomplished fact. The Lord hasten it in our day!"

This report was referred to the following committee: P.G.W.P.'s Rose and Wilson, and Rep.'s Johnson, Marshall, and T. N. Webster, excepting the reference to the illness of the Grand Treasurer, which was referred to a special committee.

The report of the G. S. was then submitted, and consists mostly of statistics of the work of the Order. After referring to returns received, a synopsis of the annual return to the National Division is given:

Admitted by initiation and by card, 3,267; reinstated, 391; withdrawn, 1,507; suspended, 1,204; expelled for violation of the pledge, 265; expelled from other causes, 631; deaths, 44; violations of pledge, 428; total number of members, 10,149; amount of receipts by subordinates, \$4,678.46; paid for benefits by subordinate Divisions, \$198.26; cash on hand and invested by subordinates, \$28,927.33; per capita tax to Grand Division, \$2,129.42; per capita to Grand Division, \$2,129.42; per capita tax N. D., 5 cents each member, \$597.45; representatives in Grand Division, 304; representatives in National Division, 8; public temperance meetings held, 367; temperance tracts distributed, 8,514.

Delinquent Divisions have been duly notified, and in several instances in reply an earnest assurance that, though meetings had not been held and returns not forwarded, they hoped shortly to revive. Under these circumstances I do not submit a list of Divisions which might be reported as suspended. Fourteen have been reported dormant by Deputies, or have surrendered their charters.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties which have prevented our work from prospering as we would desire, the work of organizing has progressed, and 19 Divisions have been organized and resuscitated.

Nothing special was reported

in regard to Cadets of Temperance and District Divisions.

Reference was made to lecture work similar to that in the G.W.P.'s report, and also to the illness of the G. Treasurer and to the death of Bro. Daniel Hersey, P. W. P. of Kingston. Reference was made to the necessity of titles to halls and real estate belonging to dormant Divisions being perfected to the Order. The report closes as follows:

"I have now laid before you a statement of the affairs and work of the Order for the past term; and in reviewing it I feel that we have much to be thankful to Him from whom comes 'every good and perfect gift.' Our country is passing through a trying financial crisis, which has been the means in many ways of testing the stability of our members. Many have been compelled to remove to new homes to better their condition; others, thrown out of employment, and financially embarrassed, have withdrawn their interest in the work; thus many of our Divisions have become weakened. But notwithstanding discouragements of this and other kinds, such as the repeal of the Dunkin Act in most of the counties where it had been adopted, and where large amounts of money and much time had been spent in sustaining and enforcing it, we stand to-day as an Order on the aggressive, ready to meet our 'common foe' by the victorious power of organization. Thirty years since on the 12th day of April last, this Grand Division was organized, and in reviewing its work during that time we have the history of the great temperance reformation and prohibitory legislation in this Province. Who of those who were present on that 12th day of April are with us to-day. Nearly all have passed away; others have removed from our jurisdiction, and the responsibilities have been placed on us who have succeeded them. Let each one remember that the prosperity of the Order depends upon himself or herself, and be determined to do their duty. If each member of the