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Report of The Grand

Worthy Patriarch

Halifax, N. S.
November 12, 1946

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Div. Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia

GREETINGS:

Once again by the grace of Almighty God we are privileged to assemble for our 99th Annual Session. "Times are when we view in prospect the way that lies before us. Life throbs in anticipation. The glory of the unachieved but anticipated rests upon us." But at this time I come before you to render a short account of my stewardship hoping that my endeavours to advance the cause of temperance and increase the usefulness of our venerable Grand Division will meet with your approval. I extend a most cordial welcome to all members of the Grand Division and especially to those who are attending for the first time. May this new experience prove a great blessing that will inspire them to new activities in the promotion of total abstinence.

JUVENILE WORK

The better acquainted I become with the work of the Bands of Hope the more I realize the importance of this branch of the Sons of Temperance effort. We should be bringing more of our Band of Hope members into our Divisions however. During the coming year 1947 do your best to remedy this weakness. Let each member start a child on the road to a sober life.

VICTORY FUND

During the last session this fund was started with the hope of raising \$5000.00. We have exceeded our expectations and have now reached about \$6,500.00. I wish to express my thanks, as I know you will also at the proper time, to the chairman, vice-chairman but most of all to the Secretary, Bro. D. A. Macleod for their services to this Grand Division.

AGENCY WORK

We have been able to secure the services of Rev. Bro. Hunt as Field Secretary. Many of you have met him or heard him in your own divisions. You will hear more of Bro Hunt in the Agency Report.

"FORWARD"

You will have seen that our official organ "Forward" is now published in Digby by one of our members. I urge you to secure as many subscriptions as possible and so increase total abstinence sentiment.

A dispensation was granted to Granville Ferry Division to install Bro James How as Worthy Patriarch, he being under the constitutional age.

During the session I hope to hear a full discussion of subordinate Division problems. We must have better planned and balanced meetings. The stronger Divisions must assist the weaker. They will look to the District Divisions and I am sure they will not look in vain.

In July 1946 we were honored to have the National Division meet in Halifax. Everything possible was done to make their visit with us pleasant as well as helpful. One of our own members, Bro A. S. MacDonald of Sydney was elected Most Worthy Patriarch thus bringing in added honor to Grand Division.

On November 17th, 1847, Acadia Division No. 1 was constituted. Next year 1947 we celebrate one hundred years of service of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.



Attend Annual Temperance Sessions—From left to right, seated: A. W. Perry, Barrington; J. F. Shaw, P. G. W. P., Windsor Forks; R. D. Miller, chairman, Centennial Extension Fund, Yarmouth; J. A. Ferris, Elected Conductor, Wolfville; Back Row: Rev R. B. Winchester, Elected G. W. P., Yarmouth; George Macvicar, P. G. Cond., Sydney; J. T. MacDonald, re-elected G. Sentinel, Sydney; A. S. MacDonald, M. W. P. of North America, Sydney; and J. T. Waldron, Richmond.

Official visits were made to as many divisions as possible by myself and members of the Executive. We were heartily welcomed by all on these visits and one is impressed by the spirit of loyalty shown by the members of our Order.

PROBLEMS

In the spring of 1946 Halifax City held a plebiscite regarding the sale of beer by the glass. Only 21,000 voted out of a possible approximately 55,000. There were also plebiscites in Cape Breton. The liquor interests are not standing still, they are working hard all the time. What is to be our attitude in the future? I am proud to tell you that the members of this Grand Division did their full share in planning and working to defeat these plebiscites. That they were not defeated is a cause of great disappointment to us all.

The members of the Executive have been very loyal in their attendance at the meetings some of them coming from a distance to be present. I want to thank them for their loyal support and co-operation. Especially do I want to thank the Grand Scribe, Bro. E. R. Nickerson, who has given me such wise guidance during my term of office. Sincere thanks also to the members at large for their willing and generous support.

As we go forward let us continue in our efforts to make the world safe for our youths. Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

H. Wellesley MacDonald,
Grand Worthy Patriarch

DRUNK DRIVING

BLAME

When two or more persons set out to commit a robbery and somebody is killed in the process, all the participants in the holdup are considered guilty of murder. A party of drunks who go for a joy ride might well be held equally responsible criminally for any accident in which they become involved no matter which of them was actually driving. The same rule of common responsibility might even be made to apply to a person, who is sober himself, goes out with a drunken driver and permits him to stray at the wheel.

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Letter From Most Worthy Patriarch

Sydney, October 25, 1946

Dear Editor Forward:

I had the pleasure of attending the annual Session of the Grand Division of New Brunswick on Tuesday, October 15th, and received a very hearty welcome.

The attendance was small as some of the members had to attend the meeting of the New Brunswick Temperance Federation at Fredericton on the same day. The sessions were very interesting and their reports show a good balance of money and securities on hand.

Effort will be made to revive some of the Dormant Divisions and plans were made to celebrate their Grand Division Centennial next year. It was also planned to make a special effort to reorganize Howard Division

No. 1, the first Division of the Sons of Temperance in Canada. With such workers as G. W. P. Bro. McEachern and G. W. A. Sis. Mrs. Goodall leading the drive, it is sure to succeed.

A public meeting was held in the evening with a splendid address by Rev. Bro. Chisholm, followed by a very beautiful pageant, with quartettes and solos, which was much enjoyed by all present.

Sis. MacDonald and Sis. Fulton from Sydney were with me. We were invited to supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goodall, where we all got acquainted and enjoyed a real banquet with twenty-four other members.

We expect good results for the coming year from this Grand Division.

A. S. MacDonald, M. W. P.

Winners of

Elocution Contest

1st.—Mrs. James Kerr, Cape Breton District.

2nd.—Marjorie Sanford, West Hants District.

3rd.—Elaine Watt, Barrington District.

Other contestants: Bro. Settle, Halifax District; and Sis. Brown, East Hants.

50 Year Medals Awarded To

Fred Wallace, Strathmore Division, Hants County.
Mrs. C. D. MacDonald, Wallace Bay Div., Cumb. Co.
Mrs. A. M. Hoare, Mayflower Division, Halifax.

RESOLUTION

At the Deanery Women's Auxiliary of Lunenburg, N. S., a Deanery Women's Missionary Society of the Church of England on October 9th, 1946. The subject of the amount of grain destroyed in beverage alcohol was brought forth and the following resolution passed by the over 200 delegates present.

Whereas the peoples of Europe and Asia are in dire need of bread and grain,

And whereas in Canada there is bread without scarceness, and grain to spare,

And whereas large quantities of surplus wheat and barley and other grains go into the production of beer and intoxicating liquors,

And whereas much of that surplus grain could be so diverted for the use of the starving peoples of Europe and Asia.

Therefore be it resolved that the Government at Ottawa be asked to curtail the amount of grain used by the brewers and distillers in the making of beer and spirituous liquors, and that the grain so diverted shall be sent to the starving peoples of Europe and Asia.

This resolution to be sent to the Diocesan Board, and if approved be endorsed by the annual meeting or be sent directly to the Council for Social Service of the Church of England in Toronto, i.e. to Dr. Judd.

Moved by Mrs. K. B. Wainwright of Conquerall Banks.

Seconded by Mrs. Oxner of Lunenburg.

This resolution was forwarded to:

The Diocesan Board of the W. A. Halifax, N. S.

To Dr. Judd, General Secretary of the Council of Social Service, Toronto.

To Col. Winters, M. P. for Lunenburg-Queens.

To Senator J. J. Kinley.

Drunkenness Not

Divorce Grounds

Birmingham, England, Nov. 8.—(BUP)—Justice Sir Henry Gordon Willmer ruled today that drunkenness is not sufficient grounds for divorce.

"Drunkenness is one of those faults which a wife takes in a husband when she takes him for better or for worse," Willmer said in refusing to grant the divorce petition of Mrs. Hugh Victor Forrester.

"I cannot make drunkenness amounting to cruelty to enable me to dissolve a marriage," he added.

Report of Grand Division Executive

Halifax, N. S.
November 12, 1946

To the Grand Division,
Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia:

1. In presenting this Annual report, your Executive would first join in thanks to God under whose watchful blessing this Grand Division has been enabled to carry on its work for 99 years, and that we meet in a province, where conditions are so favorable compared with other parts of the world.

2. Your Executive met, and

organized sub committees as soon as possible after last Annual Session. Although more widely scattered than usual, they have been faithful in attendance. The G. W. A. Bro. Hayden from Shelburne County, has attended several meetings, and started at night on the long drive back home. Bros. Wallis of Digby and Macvicar of Sydney, attended the most important meetings, while Bro. Shaw and the G. Patron, Mrs. MacLaren, although

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FORWARD



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We aim to abolish the use of alcoholic beverages, through education and legislation. We instruct and train the children in a threefold promise to abstain from alcoholic beverages, the use of bad language, and the use of tobacco in any form, through our juvenile organization, the Band of Hope. In our Divisions we pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating beverages, and to fight the liquor traffic. Persons interested in the forming of Bands of Hope or Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in their communities are urged to write this paper for full information.

Divisions are urged to insert Division Cards in **Forward** at the special rate of \$3.50 per year.

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EDITORIAL

"THE COST"

Listening to one of the members of the Grand Division during Annual Session one who had, at one time, been a heavy drinker, but who, by the grace of God, had conquered the habit and is now a very energetic worker in the cause of true temperance, I was led to think of some men known to me, in different callings of life, men of education, and at one time filling good positions in life. At the present time I am thinking of the men, a lawyer, a doctor, and a clergyman, and the sad mess they made of themselves and their homes. One of these ended his life by suicide. But these are the men who, if they will tell truthfully what they think of drinking and the grip it gets upon the drinker can do so much to warn our young boys and girls against this terrible evil.

I have before me a picture of a man in rags and emaciated by drinking, but at this time he is sober and seeking a drink when two young men, well dressed, come in and order drinks at the bar. The victim of alcoholism turns to them, I quote, "Gentlemen," he said, "I look tonight at you and myself, and it seems to me I look at the picture of my lost manhood. This bloated face was once as young and handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours — a man in the world of men. I too, once had a home and friends and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine cup, and Cleopatra like, saw it dissolved, and quaffed it down in the brimming draft. I had children as sweet and lovely as the flowers of spring. Today I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead, all swallowed up in the maelstrom of strong drink." End of quote. What a testimony. Yes, we have said before, "Alcohol is the great deceiver." It cannot be played with. It makes you believe you are warm when you are cold; cool when you are hot; strong when you are weak; the champion pugilist; the keenest business man; the most engaging orator; the richest lord; the finest citizen; and the great politician, when you are weakest, dullest, poorest, and meanest citizen on earth.

An old lady was ordered to leave her poor and humble tenement, as she leaves and draws her shawl over her head, she turned to the landlord and said, "you order me to vacate. I obey. Soon I shall be on my way down the road, east. I take that route only because it leads me away from you and your den of destruction. I do not know where I shall spend the night. But one thing I promise you, whatever there is in a widow's wail or an orphan's cry, if there be really a God, we will meet you at His judgement bar, there to tell and the truth to say, as to how you came by this house which you now leave. You will find it all, sir, in the bottle of tears."

Alcohol is no respecter of persons. It has laid low men and women of all classes. Alexander the Great conquered all of the then known world by the time he was thirty years of age. Three years later he passed away, mastered by the flowing bowl.

Byron, the splendid poet, had his manhood degraded and came to his grave at 37 years of age, by reason of intemperance.

William Pitt, the younger, lost his health and his strength in alcoholic dissipation.

Edgar Allan Poe passed away in a state of intoxication.

Joseph Addison's powerful brain reeled under the influence of alcohol.

Let us get after the boys and girls to save them from this curse. The liquor business needs 200,000 young men and women each year to help carry on. Let us rob that business by doing all in our power to lead our boys and girls to Jesus Christ, Who can keep them in the hour of temptation.

The genesis of drunkenness is to be found in social pressure more often than elsewhere.

The liquor interests are arguing for moderate drinking. Why? Because moderate drinking promotes the larger use.

Alc causes many ailments.

Report of Grand Division Executive

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more than sixty miles away seldom miss a meeting.

These members coming long distances at their own expense have given faithful service to our work.

THE VICTORY FUND

The success of the Victory Fund which was started at last Annual Session, in exceeding its objective by about 30%, is very gratifying. The committee did splendid work, and the energetic Secretary, Bro. D. A. Macleod, kept the matter constantly before the membership, with good results.

There was excellent team work by the membership as a whole, nearly every Division responding to the call.

The contributions made by the outside public showed a sympathy with our work, greater than we realized. To the many who worked so hard to make this successful, the thanks of this Division are due, but their reward will be in the knowledge that the Order will now be enabled to carry on work which it had to cease during the war time.

We recommend that the Extension Fund be continued, so that certain revenue can be obtained in this way, to maintain and extend our work.

AGENCY

We have endeavored to get a Field Secretary for needed work, and the application of Rev. James Hunt, who has been working since his appointment, in Annapolis, Kings and Hants Counties. His work and that of other members, will be given priority, and the Agency Committee, so that we do not repeat.

Brother Hunt is sincerely and deeply interested in the temperance question and we believe his personal visits and public addresses and visitations, will deepen the interest, where he visits.

The Province is large enough, and the need great enough to use two Field Agents, if we can get another suitable man. For some 90 years the Sons of Temperance have employed Field Men, in this Province, and their work has been of untold benefit.

We are assured that Brother Hunt or any one else who may be in this work will receive the assistance and co-operation, of our membership and friends which has been so generously given in the past.

DISTRICT DIVISIONS

While a few of the District Divisions have not resumed work after the war diversions, those of a year ago, have been meeting, with the addition of L. W. Elliot, Annapolis District, which resumed operations this year, and whose members have re-organized one division, and done some visitation work.

There is a great opportunity for usefulness in the District Divisions, which is not always utilized as much as it might be. The reports of the Subordinate Division to the District, should give a fairly accurate condition of their standard and enable help to be given where necessary, and good ideas for Division work to be exchanged. Dormant Divisions can be looked after and new Bands of Hope, Planning for fraternal visits, school visitations, distribution of blotters, school essays, programmes for Divisions and numerous such items, will more than fill any afternoon of a session. The District Executive should meet before the session, and plan its work, without which there is apt to be drift with little progress. If the District Divisions will plan progressive work, and carry it out, they can do much towards the success for which we hope in our Centennial year.

TEMPERANCE BLOTTERS

During the past year, 10,000 blotters, with pictures of Field Marshal Montgomery, a statement regarding his stand as a total abstainer, and some facts regarding alcoholic beverages, have been placed in the Public Schools of this province.

These are sent post paid and free to any public school where

a Temperance talk is arranged. These have gone to all parts of this Province, from the Queen Elizabeth High School in Halifax, needing 600 to small schools where the number of pupils using pen and ink is less than 20.

Two exceptions to the public school distributions have been to the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro, who asked for some, and to a subscriber to **Forward** in Alberta who asked for 350 to give to pupils in 32 schools in a section of that province, where the Canadian Citizenship is in a state of formation.

With the recent visits of the Field Marshall to this Province, his name and fame would be familiar to all school pupils, and his stand as a total abstainer should have influence, so we have placed an order for 10,000 more, which will soon be ready for distribution to all public schools who want them, following a temperance talk. We ask each Division to see that the schools in their community are supplied.

FILMS AND PROJECTOR

During the war, our two sound films have had much use, being sent all over the province to any Division, church or group, who wished to use them.

During the beer parlour plebiscite in Halifax, they were in use nearly every evening, being shown in nearly every Protestant Church in the city and in other places.

During the recent plebiscite in Cape Breton, they were sent there and used by the committee.

A projector and screen has been purchased and will be furnished the Field Agent to assist in his work, and carry the messages these films contain over the Province.

LITERATURE

The report of the Literature Committee will probably deal with details so as to avoid duplication, we will merely say, that in co-operation with the chairman of that committee, a March issue of **Forward** dealing with the beer parlour question was prepared, and 6,000 copies of this were distributed in Halifax during the plebiscite campaign. A request coming from the Ministerial Association of Pictou for a supply of these for distribution in that county, an additional 6,000 were sent there.

At the request of the Cape Breton District Division, a two page leaflet on the same subject was prepared, printed, and 6,000 of these were sent in a recent municipal plebiscite.

Pledge cards are supplied free to all who ask for them, and we have endeavored to supply the calls for books of temperance readings and helps as far as procurable.

LEGACIES

During the last year we have received legacies of \$100 from the estate of our late Bro. Wm. E. Smith of Yarmouth and \$50 from the estate of J. M. Walton, P. M. W. P. of Ontario.

These amounts have been invested in bonds, the interest of which will be applied to the department of our work where specified, and when matured and reinvested will perpetuate the name of the donor. Notice has also been received from the Probate Court of Kings County of a legacy from the estate of our late Bro. Thos. J. Borden, P. G. W. A., which has not yet been settled.

We honor the memory of these worthy brothers who so faithfully lived by this method, are able to assist in our work, long after they have gone to their reward.

CALENDARS

Due to shortage of material, over which neither the printers nor ourselves had any control, the 1946 Calendar was not delivered until January, which was late for best selling, yet they were nearly all disposed of. We were especially glad to recognize the good work done by Wolfville and Lily of the Valley Divisions for several years in the large number they have sold.

We were able to get an early delivery for the 1947 Calendar, which features our Centennial,

Editor's Column

The report of the Grand Division Executive is so important and interesting we give it in full in this issue.

We are anxious to get a wider circulation of this temperance paper, and would suggest sending in the name of Sunday School Superintendents to whom we can send sample copies with the object that "Forward" be placed in the hands of teachers to inform them of the facts and figures about the liquor evil. Every Sunday School should have a total abstinence pledge roll. We suggest that on Temperance Sunday all Sunday School pupils from eight years upwards should be encouraged to sign the pledge, and that an Abstinence Pledge roll be hung up in the school room.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

Resolution of loyalty to their Majesties, the King and Queen. Pledge of the appreciation of the work done for the Order by Bro. George Macleod, Sis. M. A. Perrin. To Rev Bro. E. Morris as editor of "Forward". Of indebtedness to the G. W. P. Bro. H. W. Macleod for his valuable leadership. Resolution of deep appreciation of the magnificent work done by the chairman, vice-chairman and the Secretary Treasurer of the Victory Fund. Also resolution against including "Institutional Advertising" in newspapers or over the radio.

The Legislation Committee presented a report for action against Beer and Wine parlors; for teaching of true Temperance in Public Schools, and for action against "Institutional Advertising" matter for liquors, wine and beer.

CENTENNIAL EXTENSION DRIVE

1000 new members; \$3,500. Membership: E. P. P., W. H. Macdonald, Chairman.

P. G. P., D. A. Macleod, Secretary.

Finance: Bro. R. D. Miller, Chairman, Committee

P. G. P., H. E. Nickerson; P. G. Cond., George Macleod; M. W. G. Scribe, E. R. Nickerson, Treasurer.

At the close of Grand Division there was paid in\$71.75
Pledged\$25.40
Total\$327.15

and which is on exhibition at this session.

These Calendars are a good advertisement for the Order and make a small profit for the Agency Work.

THE PROVINCIAL SITUATION

Since our last Annual Session the report of the N. S. Liquor Commission for the last fiscal year showed their sales reached an all time high of \$19,132,994, an increase of about \$1,334,000 over the sales the previous year.

This means that for every day the liquor stores were open, not deducting holidays which would increase the amount, there was a daily increase of the money wasted in the sale of OVER \$390,000 the daily amount of 1944.

There was an increase in the number of GALLONS sold of 319,482. While the sale of beer increased by \$618,000 the sale of spirits increased by more than \$725,255.

Two claims made for Government sale of liquor have been utterly discredited by the records made during the years it has been in operation.

1ST.—That if the sale of liquor was legalized, less would be bought and consumed.

2ND.—That the sale of beer would replace the sale and use of spirits.

The money wasted is the least of the evil. The increased number of arrests for drunkenness, drinking drivers, the highway accidents due to drinking, the increase in police court cases and crime in general, much of which

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Report of Victory Fund Committee

Halifax, N. S., November 12, 1946
Grand Worthy Patriarch,
Officers and Members of
Grand Division:

Your committee appointed at last Annual Session (with power to add) for the purpose of directing the action consequent upon the authorization of a Five Thousand Dollar Victory Fund, has successfully completed its work and begs to submit its reports.

The activities of the committee will be here presented. The Secretary of the Committee in his report will state results of these in terms of dollars and cents.

The members of the committee who were present when the committee was first named met during the session at the call of the chairman and completed its organization naming Bro. (Rev.) A. F. Baker vice-chairman, and Bro. D. A. Macleod secretary, and outlining the main objectives of the campaign.

At a subsequent meeting of members of the committee the allocations to the various counties and districts were worked out, and the standard of \$2.00 per member was authorized for purposes of the Honor Roll.

No formal launching of the campaign was possible since the members of the subordinate Divisions made the campaign their own from the day of the closing of the last annual session.

Your committee drafted, and had printed, a certificate of membership on the Honor Roll, which we felt was due the subordinate Divisions, and which we feel sure the Grand Division will approve as worthy the occasion.

The Secretary will report that about 50% of the Divisions reached Honor Roll status and merited this certificate.

The committee was made aware, as the year progressed that there would be a number of Divisions which because of large membership rolls would find it impossible to win a place on the Honor Roll, and yet whose efforts would be just as loyal, and even more strenuous, than those of divisions who attained the Honor Roll status very easily.

A "Certificate of Merit" resembling the certificate of membership on the Honor Roll, has been prepared and your committee requests that its presentation to those whom the committee deem worthy be authorized.

Attempts were made on various occasions to relate the campaign to the general interests of the Order by articles and reports in the local press of the Province. The thanks of the committee, and of the Grand Division are due the press because of this.

Those directing the Victory Fund campaign express to Grand Division their sincere appreciation of the opportunity for service and fellowship offered in the appointment made last annual session, and we also express to the loyal and courageous workers in the field, many of whom deserve to be mentioned personally, our most thanks and keenest appreciation.

At the semi-annual session in Sydney in May, Grand Division laid a further responsibility upon your committee, viz., that of securing an increase of 1000 members.

This was a possible goal, of course, but hardly probable with out more preparation and counsel than time allowed. Nevertheless we entered upon the work and began laying plans for capitalizing upon the increased interest on the part of the subordinate Divisions, as well as upon our own efforts of the previous six months.

It ought to be said, however, that had the subordinate Divisions who shared so enthusiastically in the financial campaign, been equally enthusiastic in a campaign for members, that a percentage of the desired increase of 1000 would have been forthcoming.

On that note this report closes, as on that note the Victory Fund Campaign was carried on; our work is to save lives, not print.

Report of the Grand Patron

Halifax, N. S.
November 12, 1946
Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members, of Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia,
Greetings:

The longer I live, the more conscious I am of the tragic waste of things. The most apparent are, LIFE, ENERGY, MATERIAL, of all kinds and TIME. "Oh! the good we all might do!"

While the days are going by."

There is so much to do and seemingly so few to do it, and TIME marches on relentlessly. A saddening thought comes to me as I write, that if we had been on the alert at all times more worth while things could have been accomplished.

Remember when the awful war (which ended not so long ago) was raging, we worked hard and fast to do everything possible to stop it. We gave money and materials and used much time and energy, working late and early to bring back "the peace." Now that we have it or think we have, why is it we have slackened in our endeavors to keep it? NOW IS THE TIME to grasp every opportunity, to keep it. It was bought with much sacrifice and blood.

And what about the youth; the fine boys and girls in our land? Who, with faces aglow look into the future with grand and optimistic ambitions, that is their right! Is not THIS THE TIME to save them for God and our country? Cannot we spare some

arably to raise money; to build character; to help build the Kingdom of God on earth. Nothing short of that is worthy our Order. Nothing short of that counts in life.

Faithfully submitted,
A. W. Leslie,
(chairman)
A. F. Baker,
(vice chairman)

Report of Secretary of Victory Fund

To The:
Grand Worthy Patriarch and Representatives
Grand Division of Nova Scotia, Sons of Temperance.

Brief indeed seems the time since our "Victory Fund Campaign" was launched on these very floors. It was my good fortune to have introduced the short discussion and to have made the motion for inauguration of the "Victory Fund" Campaign for \$5000.00 a year ago, and even after my good fortune of many years Representative J. J. Wallis of Digby so heartily endorsed it, I felt rather doubtful as to what would happen. But from the very moment P. G. W. P.'s Leslie, Baker and myself met to name a strong Provincial Committee, all doubts as to the success suddenly disappeared.

When the committee sat in its first session, the inspiration therein received so impressed your newly named Secretary that it became quite tangible while presenting the report of that important meeting, that the idea had been definitely set on all attending Grand Division.

That we were able to raise so much more money, definitely that there is a very strong Temperance sentiment in this Province. It also clearly demonstrates that we have a most loyal and consistent membership when given the opportunity under strong leadership.

Fifty Divisions are on the Honor Roll. 17 Divisions gave over \$100.00 each. Only 10 Divisions now on the Grand Division books failed to respond or reply to any correspondence and we are informed that none of these referred to are meeting, other than perhaps to make up returns to the Grand Division occasionally.

With highest praise and our personal thanks to the noble workers we had in this campaign, I am,

Fraternally,
D. A. Macleod
Secretary.

time to further the program sponsored by the SONS of TEMPERANCE. (Just yesterday, after I had blocked out this report, and before it was typed, I received word from Truro, that the wonderful band of our beloved brother R. L. Parks, had worked hard to organize and which he loved, and gave to it many hours of strenuous attention, may have to go down because no one has the time to be the Patron.) It makes me sick at heart to hear someone say "I'd like to help you but I haven't time." We each have the same amount of time, but I realize as well as you, that some folk need more time for their business than others. And yet, could not some thing be given up, so one could help in the training of the young?

It really is not. "How much time we have" rather it is "what are we DOING with the time we have?"

NOW IS THE TIME to do something about this terrible error in our midst: THE DRINK TRAFFIC! In other days, as we remember, very few women were addicts and as for boys and girls in their teens to be drinkers was definitely "unheard of." Not so today! We view with horror the increasing use of ALCOHOLS as a beverage, especially among the young. O my brothers and sisters, is not NOW the time to do something? How can we fold our hands and be so complacent, when our dear boys and girls are becoming slaves to the drink habit and the vices that eventually follow.

I have heard people say, and some of them parents, who would curse the death about it, when there is nothing we can do." Is it possible, we are going to give in to this monster: without a struggle?

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do, and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift, BE STRONG!"

Say not the days are evil; who's to blame? And for the hands and acquiesce O shame!

Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name, BE STRONG!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long, Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song, BE STRONG!

ANNUAL REPORT

For year ending September 30, 1946:

Bands:
Reported Sept. 30, 1945.....26
Number of Bands organized.....1
Number of Bands re-organized.....4
Total Bands reported.....31
Bands suspended during the year.....1
Number Bands September 30, 1946.....30
Increase, 4 Bands.

6 Bands became active during the year, can only report 4 being reorganized as 2 had not been officially suspended.

Total Membership, September 30 1946.....1099
Decrease in members.....138

Organized Bands Members
601 Happy Canadians, Centre-Burtonville Hants County.....50

Re-Organized Bands
565 Rainbow, Westmount, Cape Breton County.....17

480 Walk Straight, Grandville Ferry, Annapolis County.....25

556 The Young Canadians, Caledonia, Queens Co.....25

583 Walton Arrows, Walton, Hants Co.....25

Members gained.....142
Suspended Band
561 Thistle, Halifax City.....38

Resuscitated Bands:
580 Sunshine, Mt. Uniacke, Hants County, with 18 members.

474 Busy Workers, Three Mile Plains, Hants County, with 50 members.

The last named is not yet active at the moment as the Patron has gone away and no one found as yet to take the lead.

HIGH LIGHTS
This is only approximately reported as all cards had not arrived as this report is being typed.

Regular meetings held during

Report of Grand Division Executive

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is due to drink, is some of the price we pay for the revenue we get.

During the past year, several plebiscites on the retail sale of beer and wine have been held, in Halifax and parts of Cape Breton. The Sons of Temperance took active part in all these plebiscites, all of which went wet, however, with the exception of Sydney Mines which turned down the retail sale.

The press report of a convention recently held in this province stated they had assurance from the Provincial government that the liquor laws would be changed, and it is intimated that the Province is to be opened to the retail sale of liquor.

When the campaign for government sale of liquor was on, the people of this province were assured by the wets, that they did not want the bar room back, and that the bar room would never be allowed to come back. The experience of the so-called "beer parlours" and cocktail lounges in other places shows little difference between this and the previous bar rooms.

The average citizen will admit that increased consumption of liquor is not a benefit to the country, even though he may do little to help decrease consumption.

Since liquor was made legal, retail and fashionable in this province, its consumption has greatly increased. To increase the facilities for obtaining it, and encouraging its use by the opening of beer parlours or cocktail lounges, would further increase its consumption, which is not desirable.

We urge every Division and every member to do their utmost to prevent any further extension of the sale of alcoholic beverages in any form, in this province.

The argument is being advanced, that we need the retail sale of drink to attract the tourist but when the Almighty fashioned this province, He gave to it a wealth of scenic beauty and a natural charm, which the stranger with, in our gates can appreciate with out having the beauty marred, as viewed through beer or whiskey bottles.

The increasing number of road accidents, so many of which are due to drink, should warn our governments and our people, that the use of alcoholic beverages should be lessened, not increased.

Social agencies deal with many problems which detract from human happiness but they frequently pass over one great contributing cause, strong drink. But whether we ignore it or not, the liquor problem will not ignore us.

With appeals sounding in our ears to send every possible bushel of grain across the seas, to the millions who are not only hungry, but starving, it does not seem the part of a Christian nation to allow so much grain to be spoiled, for the purpose of making booze.

Science tells us that alcohol is a habit forming drug, which creates appetite for itself. Every drunkard starts as a moderate drinker. Total abstinence is the only safe rule of conduct and we appeal to every Division and every member to work for the promotion of our principles, and to carry on a campaign of education to awaken our people to the danger of alcoholic beverages.

Submitted in Love Purity, and Fidelity,

E. R. Nickerson,
Sec'y Executive

We believe in total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and that the greater possible repression of the liquor traffic is the best public policy.

the year—500
Public meetings held during the year 25

Divisions—17
Faithfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,
Bessie Rutherford MacLaren,
Grand Patron

Among the Divisions

GENEVA DIVISION

A delightful surprise party was held on November 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rodger, 270 Portland St. Dartmouth, N. S. by members of Geneva Division and friends, in honor of Miss Beatrice Settle, who is leaving soon to visit friends in Edmonton, Alberta.

Miss Settle is Recording Scribe of Geneva Division, and Patron of Silver Star Band of Hope of which she was a former member.

In appreciation of Miss Settle's faithful attendance, to the duties and deep interest in the Order of the Sons of Temperance, Mr. Arthur Leslie presented her on behalf of the officers and members of Geneva Division, with a Glamour-Pin and earrings to match.

The balance of the evening was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served by the ladies.

Walter O. Anslie.

Mrs. Lizzie P. Downie, Shelburne, N. S., who is eighty years YOUNG, has obtained ten new subscriptions to "Forward", seven from influential business men in Shelburne. She says she has done some talking and has not been arrested yet! Thank you Mrs. Downie!

Rally of Shelburne East

October 30th was a big day with a great gathering of members of the Sons of Temperance of Shelburne East. Jordan Falls Loyal Acorn Division, Jordan Falls extended a welcome invitation to the other divisions to meet with them on that night. Knowing the hearty welcome that would await a visiting member to Loyal Acorn, the Divisions around turned out in full force taxing the seating capacity of the local hall. Over a hundred members were present from Sable River, Lockport, Jordan Falls and from the newly organized Division at Shelburne.

What a crowd! and what a reception! The work of brother Stephen Hayden, G. W. A., and his family is certainly to be recognized as it speaks for itself. It is sure ly bringing forth fruit to the glory and honor of the Sons of Temperance in Shelburne East.

After the regular meeting of the order the certificates earned in the Victory Fund were presented to the different divisions. They were received by the oldest Temperance worker present, on behalf of their Division.

Divisions that received these Honor Rolls were Sable River, Jordan Falls, Rockland and Brighton. The speaker for the gathering was R. R. Winchester who is no stranger to this group of workers. He spoke of the wonderful opportunities this country affords its citizens, and of the way in which these opportunities were exploited by alcohol and intemperance.

He also challenged the group to the needs of the hour and that need was great and immediate.

Brother Winchester has always felt a very great welcome to the Shelburne East members.

After the program and the address, refreshments were served by the members of Loyal Acorn Division. They certainly know how to do it, as any who were there can well testify; we hope to get their secret some time; maybe it is co-operation.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the entertaining division for this rare privilege of meeting with so many enthusiastic workers in the cause for total abstinence.

Grand work Shelburne East and especially Loyal Acorn for making such a splendid gathering possible. Who's next?

It is astonishing how many women, young girls particularly, are appearing in the beer ads.

Wine causes many to take a winding way home.

—Be wise — Don't Alcoholize

Paper Read at Grand Division by Brother George Macvicar

To Improve Division Work

Some Necessary Thoughts For Successful Meetings

At the beginning of each quarter during the Installation Ceremony as the Grand Worthy Patriarch addresses the new officers we hear the following words, quote: "To make this official term the happiest and most successful in the history of our Division will require not only wisdom and vigilance, but united, fraternal, harmonious action on your part," unquote.

There is the challenge—each quarter must be more prosperous than the one before. Every member who is interested in his or her division and who does not come merely to pass an evening will wish to see this desire realized. But our membership is low and some will feel a uselessness in holding meetings and attempting to make them worthwhile labouring under such conditions. To remain active they must be built up—they must have sufficient strength to be self-confident.

At the Annual Session of the Cape Breton District Division an Agency Committee was appointed. It is similar to the Grand Division Committee but their work will be to cover the field in Cape Breton something of the same manner as a Field Agent. Theirs is to give assistance to existing divisions and to organize new ones. Today there is great need of such efforts but of course there must be more than work of this nature. Individual divisions must have meetings which will be interesting, beneficial and of an impressive order. There are certain things which we are perhaps apt to neglect and in so doing detract from the greatness of our Order. The question of how we will reap such profits from our meetings may be raised but that is answered in the latter part of the opening quotation. We are required to have not only wisdom and vigilance but united, fraternal, harmonious action.

To put the idea into operation and apply ourselves may be difficult. However if we are to improve, and all divisions need improvement, there are four points which we must take into consideration. They are Punctuality, Appearance, Ritual, and Programme.

The first, Punctuality, is one of the greatest factors in making a success of our meetings. Too frequently we find our divisions well past the appointed time before they get there. This has always been a common reason for lack of attendance. Many do not wish to come, open late, and remain after the hour when they feel they should return home. There is no good reason for straggling. There are places of amusement to which we can go on time. If eight o'clock has been set for opening then it is the duty of the Worthy Patriarch to be at the chair and to rap the gavel at eight o'clock and the duty of all other officers to be ready to take their stations. This must be done—laxity breeds laxity and unless we can be punctual we are not going to be too successful in our various efforts.

In the Division room we must be careful of our appearance. The ceremonies of the Division are characteristics of the life of the Division. To make our look like a Division and stand apart from other groups this should have our strict attention. Take the matter of regalia—are they worn regularly? At the rap of the gavel the Conductor instructs the officers and members to clothe themselves in appropriate regalia and take their places. There is something here not often seen, which in fact, I did not see myself until recently and in a newly organized division; before this charge the officers were vacant but with the words all donned regalia and moved to their respective stations. Although it is not ge-

nerally done it is strictly proper and it lent impressiveness to the opening ceremonies even as correct procedure will give more depth to the initiation and other services.

The officers emblems add to the appearance of the Division and all should use them. True the full set will be an added expense but if a collection was taken at three or four meetings for this purpose it would not be difficult to raise the price.

This may be thought an outward show; some may feel that if we live by the principles set we will cover everything necessary. This is quite correct but the things unseen are not always enough to give the required form. Regalia and emblems are symbols of that for which we stand. Benefit can be derived from giving these little things our attention though they may seem superfluous.

IMPROVE DIVISION WORK

A new member entering the Division room seeing members and officers in proper pose and regalia will know he or she has become part of something different and great and will ever remember that entry and, influenced by this appearance, will put forth every effort to keep the standards of the organization high.

It is a necessity to follow our Ritual. For everything and anything that is introduced for discussion there is a place on the Ritual. If we are to ignore that Ritual we lose much of our Divisional dignity. With the lack of impressiveness we are without distinction and quite often because we are colourless our membership decreases. It is not pompousness this ceremonial way of ours—it is fitting tribute to the great ones who have exalted this Order.

The Programme which is actually a part of the Ritual is a real asset. Recreation of some sort is necessary in all occupations. We will of course remember why we are organized and apart from all else there must be a period during which some thought and instructive debate is given for Temperance. Following this there should be at least a half hour of other types of entertainment. Perhaps we feel that such should be unnecessary if we are filled with the desire to further the cause of Temperance. However this respite from the serious side of our work will give more zest to our efforts. And then there is consideration due our younger members; the teen age girls and boys who are the strength of our Order in days to come. While some of us may find our interest sufficient we cannot expect the same from those who are still in the growing ages.

Although we look more to our officers for proper procedure than to the other members they must realize that they are also a part of the division and not just spectators and we must all keep in mind that though we hold no office this quarter we may in the next. Too often we blame our officers when things go wrong—possibly they are at fault in many cases but is it not that frequently all is left in their hands? When something is on the Agenda for discussion and again when there is some activity in operation if we are to make a success of these ventures all must co-operate. They too must be punctual and give their attention to the Appearance, Ritual and Programme.

These primary matters are of the utmost importance. There are many others which need attention. But before they can be given force there must be those who can take the lead. We need leaders in our divisions. We must have those who will see that regalia are available and worn, that observance is given to our special ceremonies and other parts of the Ritual and to the Programme. We must as a Grand Division see that our subordinate Divisions have this leadership for it is only with strong subordinate Divisions that we can have a Grand Division of sufficient influence and force to carry on our work and offer true Temperance Education to the people of our Province.

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George D. Macvicar

Liquor Store Now

Housed at Jail

North Bend, Ore., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Police are not sure what would be the best thing to do if they arrest a drunk and find it necessary to give the offender a place to sleep it off. When the state liquor store's lease here expired recently the city council voted to allow the store to use the jail temporarily.

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Sons of Temperance
Halifax, Nova Scotia
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KINGSTON, NOVA SCOTIA
Meets every Tuesday in Kingston Bible College Academy, at 8:15 o'clock, p.m.
New and Visiting Members Invited.

Murray Division, No. 451

Sons of Temperance
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in St. Matthias Parish Hall, corner Compton Ave. and Windsor Streets.
Visiting members are cordially welcome.

Star of the East Division, No. 61

Sydney, N. S.
Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the TEMPERANCE HALL, Falmouth St. All visiting members welcome with special invitation to Sons of Temperance in the armed forces.
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