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OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:—

We are pleased to meet you after another successful year of work for God, for home, and native land. We offer our thanks to our Heavenly Father for his kindly oversight and care during another year.

We began the year with some feelings of fear, but, determined God helping us, to do all we could to make this first year after our Jubilee celebration as great a success as possible. Our fears have not been realized, our hopes have not been frustrated, and our work has not been in vain. That we have had a successful year would be proved by the report of our indefatigable and energetic Grand Scribe; but that I have been a means to this end I fear cannot be as easily proved. Let me say here that I have had the most encouraging assistance, and the greatest comfort in our Grand Scribe that any official could hope to receive. The success of the year is due almost entirely to his persistent efforts, and self-denying labours. The Grand Division would make a great mistake to make any change in that office this year.

We are glad to welcome back into the fighting ranks of our order those divisions which have been taking far too long a holiday; but from "Welcome", "Success", and "Earnest" we are expecting great things in the future. During the year several dormant divisions have taken on new life, and we hope the resurrection will be forever.

The year has not been all sunshine, for to some of our divisions death has come and taken several of our young workers and there are several vacant chairs in the family circle, and vacant places in our division rooms. We do not mourn as these who are without hope; but rejoice that they have been counted worthy to enter into rest before us. Difficulties have arisen in connection with some of the divisions which have been on our list for so many years will not be found in the Journal of this annual session. We hope, however, that the members of these defunct divisions will speedily unite with others and thus keep in the order.

The peace and harmony prevailing in our order throughout our jurisdiction is evident from the fact that I have not been called upon to consider any appeal cases during the year. It is evident our members are becoming better acquainted with the constitution and running more closely along constitutional lines. You cannot do better than stand firmly by your constitution; it will save you from many mistakes and troubles in your business transactions. We were sorry we could not be present at your third quarterly session but rejoice in the good work done, and the encouragements of that session.

Your action regarding the present aspect of the prohibition question was pleasing to your head officer. The time has come when we cannot afford for the sake of party or political bias to yield one inch of ground we have taken. We must say with the colour sergeant on a memorable occasion "these colours never go back; bring up the men." For many years thousands

of the best men and women of Canada have been striving earnestly and unselfishly to stem the terrible torrent of misery and sin that flows from the traffic in strong drink. They believe that in a Christian community, law should be on their side in the struggle. The people have endorsed this principle, and legislators have no right to thwart the people's will and force protesting communities to submit to the cruel liquor curse. For thirty years we have been appealing to Parliament for Prohibitory legislation. Parliament has declared that Prohibition is right, but from time to time has put us off on various pretexts. We relied upon the present Government and Parliament to deal seriously with this important question. We accepted in good faith the challenge to show whether or not the electors of Canada favored the proposed reform.

Notwithstanding all that the wealth and influence of the liquor traffic could do, in spite of misrepresentation and fraud, in the face of strong opposition from those whose aid we had a right to expect, we have demonstrated that in the voting electorate, those whose voice alone has a right to determine legislation, we have a large majority, and in all the Dominion, except Quebec, a majority of immense and unusual magnitude. I have been quoting from the President of the Dominion Alliance, but had I asked your individual opinion, I believe you would unhesitatingly adopt these words as expressive of your feelings on this question that we stated forth hopefully, and somewhat confidently on the 29th of September, 1898, is literally true, that we were equally enthusiastic when the figures were given to the public is equally true: but that we should be compelled to hide our faces in shame before the



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liquor men, and say our majority does not count, but their minority must rule because of the position taken by the men who rule us. Must have been the remotest thought which could ever enter the brain of a temperance man. The temperance electorate have been hurt, humiliated and put to shame. Can we, for simple party reasons, keep still and allow the precedent of a ruling minority to go unchallenged and unstacked by the disappointed majority? No! a thousand times No! We will speak out and let the legislators of our land know, that an outraged and excited majority, is a dangerous element for any government to play with. The following recommendations of the Dominion Alliance are submitted to your notice: That in view of the substantial majority in favor of Prohibition, of all the votes polled throughout the Dominion in the recent plebiscite, including an overwhelming majority in all the provinces but one, and the large proportion of all the possible votes in those provinces, this meeting desires to express its strong dissatisfaction at the failure of the Government to take any steps to give effect to the will of the people as expressed at the polls. That this convention re-affirms that nothing short of the total prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes throughout the Dominion can be accepted as a settlement of the liquor question. That such prohibition is the only right and effective remedy of the evils of intemperance and must be steadily pressed for until obtained, notwithstanding any temporary delay because of the adverse votes of one section of the Dominion.

That in view of the large vote and great majority recorded in favor of the prohibition in six provinces and the North West Territories, the least measure of immediate legislation that could be looked upon as an entire prohibition of the liquor traffic in and into those provinces and territories.

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