

Annual Session Of Grand Division S.O.T.

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It was expected that this committee along with its other duties would have mapped out a more or less definite programme for Mr. Waterworth to follow in the carrying on of this work.

We do not wish to seem to be making in our criticism but we believe that we are correct in saying that no such programme was ever given to Rev. Mr. Waterworth by the permanent committee.

As a result our Educational Secretary has been feeling that he has been, more or less, left suspended in the air—not having received any definite plan of work from the organization engaging him.

Now we as a Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance and as one of the units comprising the Temperance Federation, have been carrying on our work as usual through our subordinate divisions and through the holding of public meetings from time to time throughout the Province. And although we have no official rights to dictate to the Rev. Mr. Waterworth as to what he should do, yet we have been asking him to assist us in our work whenever it was convenient for him to do so.

And now in looking back over the past year and taking note of what has been done by the Grand Division we find that our first public meeting in the year was held in the public hall, Cambridge under the auspices of the Cambridge division. Quite a large gathering was present and besides a good programme of readings, recitations, solos and choruses well carried out, addresses were given by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. R. Goudge and the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert.

Throughout the latter part of December and the greater part of the month of January because of other meetings and entertainments of various kinds being held it is very difficult to get people to take any deep interest in temperance meetings. During this period no public meetings were held.

On Friday, Jan. 31st our Grand Worthy Patriarch in company with our Educational Secretary, Rev. Carlyle Waterworth and quite a number of the other leading temperance workers waited upon the Provincial government and asked for a stricter enforcement of the Prohibition Law. We were received very graciously and were assured that due and serious consideration would be given to the request presented.

On Monday, Feb. 17th quite an enthusiastic temperance meeting was held in the Public Hall at Wilmot Valley. Besides a short programme of choruses and solos and a brief address by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, the main address of the evening was given by Rev. Carlyle Waterworth.

At the close of the public meeting a session of the Excelsior Division was held at which session Rev. Mr. Waterworth was received into the membership of the order.

It is worthy of note just here that all of our quarterly sessions have been regularly held—and we are pleased to say that all of them have been well attended—and a keen interest in our temperance work has been manifested by many of our young people.

Our first quarterly session was held on Tuesday, Feb. 8th in the Town of Kensington. We had quite an enthusiastic meeting in the Town Hall in the afternoon and a public meeting in the King George Hall in the evening. This evening meeting was largely attended and a very fine programme was carried out. Besides an address by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, the main address of the evening was given by Rev. Carlyle Waterworth our Educational Secretary. This was Mr. Waterworth's first appearance before a Kensington audience and he made a splendid impression.

On Monday, Feb. 24th a very large and enthusiastic public meeting was held in the Public Hall at Murray Harbor. South interspersed with a good programme of readings, choruses and solos three stirring addresses were given by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. R. Goudge our G. W. P., Rev. R. Hensley Stavert and Rev. J. H. Douglas.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26th, another public temperance meeting was held at High Bank Hall. This meeting was also largely attended. A good programme of choruses, solos, readings and recitations was carried out. The addresses of the evening were given by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. R. Goudge and the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert. The matter of organizing a division of the Sons of Temperance was discussed at some length. Because of an epidemic of measles being abroad in that countryside at that time quite a number of the young people eligible for membership in the order were not present. It was agreed to hold another public meeting in two weeks time when no doubt these younger people would be able to be in attendance.

On Friday evening, March 6th, I had the pleasure of meeting with quite a number of the members of Victoria Division Ch'Town at Session of their division held at the home of Mrs. Waller. They were all quite enthusiastic over the work of the Order—but they as a division are quite badly handicapped in that they have no hall in which to hold their meetings. It is possible, I understand, that a hall may be secured in the near future. If this can be done it will be a great help to this work in the City of Charlottetown. From time to time since the holding of this meeting I have been speaking with a number of the leading temperance men in Charlottetown regarding becoming members of the order. But they, one and all feel that with so many other duties, and meetings of other organizations to attend that it would be practically impossible for them to do so, and to give any time to the work of temperance.

It would certainly be splendid if we could only get some new members to take hold of the work of the Order in the City and to assist those who have been bravely carrying on through the years.

The second public meeting arranged for at High Bank, was held on Monday, May 9th. A good programme was carried out. Addresses were given by the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Worthy Patriarch. At the close of the public meeting a division of the Sons of Temperance of 31 members was organized. This division has been meeting regularly since and has been doing good work.

On Monday, April 6th a public meeting was held in Murray River. The evening was somewhat unfavorable and not many from a distance were able to be present. It was agreed that another public meeting should be held about two weeks later.

This proposed meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21st. The evening was more favorable than the previous evening and a larger audience was present at both meetings. Good programmes were carried out and very fine addresses were given by Rev. T. R. Goudge, Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. Flannigan and by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert.

Plans are being made for the organizing of a Band of Hope in connection with this division at Murray River.

Our second quarterly session was held in Little Sands Hall on Wednesday, May 20th. A splendid meeting was held in the afternoon and in the evening a very large congregation was present. At this evening meeting a fine programme of readings, recitations and solos was carried out and inspiring addresses were given by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. R. Goudge, by Rev. Carlyle Waterworth, by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert and by Mr. R. Allison Proffitt. A plan is on foot to have a Band of Hope organized in Little Sands.

On the evening of Thursday, May 21st a large public temperance meeting was held in the hall at Murray Harbor North. Besides a number of solos and readings, addresses were given by Rev. J. H. Douglas, Rev. Carlyle Waterworth, Mr. S. F. Tarbush and the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert.

The question of organizing a division of the Sons of Temperance at Murray Harbor North was discussed—and it was felt that it would be wise to undertake to do this until we could get a greater number of the older people more deeply interested in the temperance work.

Our third quarterly session was held in O'Leary on Aug. 23rd. The attendance at the afternoon meeting was large. Some very interesting discussions were carried on over the different problems confronting the Sons of Temperance. A programme of work was also mapped out for the different parts of the Province. Rev. Carlyle Waterworth was to give as much time as possible in assisting in this work thus mapped out.

A very fine programme was put on at the evening meeting. Addresses were given by Rev. Carlyle Waterworth, Educational Secretary, Rev. A. F. Baker, Pat. J. Worthy Patriarch, by Messrs. A. J. Mathieson, W. E. Brooks, and W. T. Costain and by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert.

In the early part of September an enthusiastic public meeting was held at O'Leary at which the chief speaker was Rev. Carlyle Waterworth.

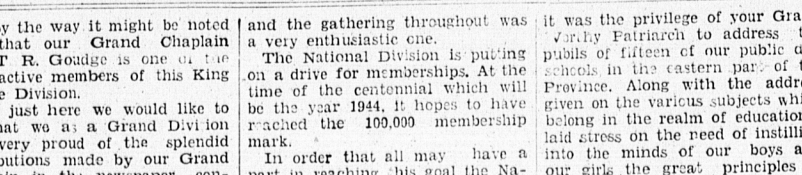
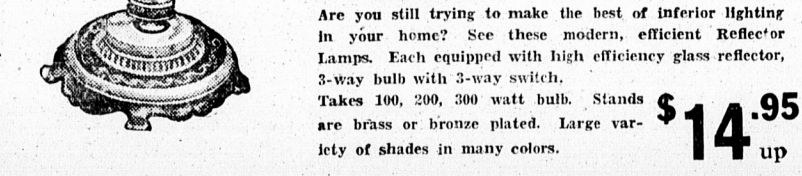
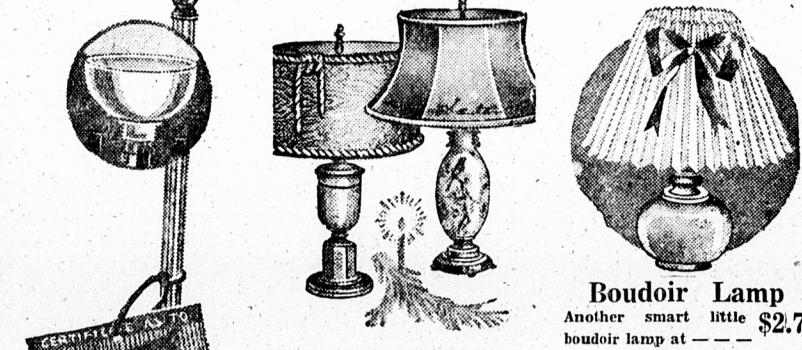
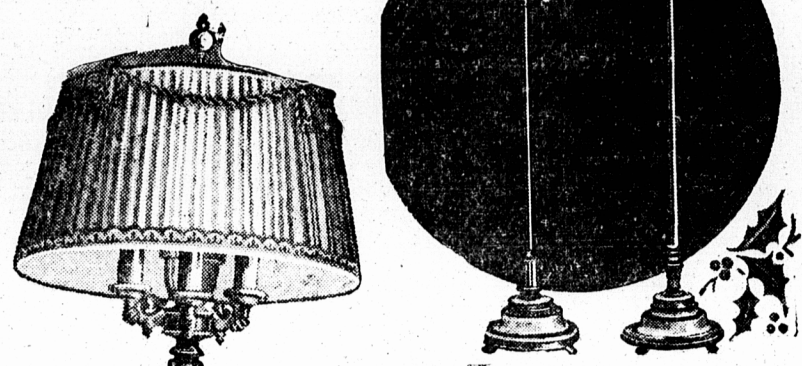
On Thursday Oct. 8th, a rousing temperance meeting was held in Murray Harbor South. A very fine programme of solos and readings was carried out and a stirring address was given by Rev. Carlyle Waterworth.

Your Grand Worthy Patriarch was away on his holidays and therefore was not able to be present.

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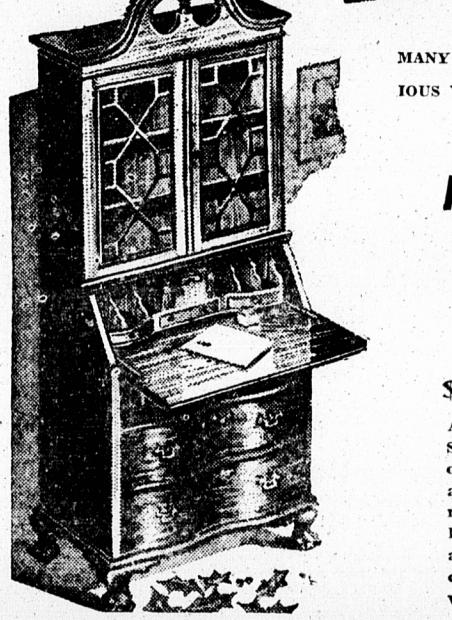
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And by the way it might be noted here that our Grand Chaplain Rev. T. R. Goudge is one of the most active members of this King George Division.

And just here we would like to say that we as a Grand Division were very proud of the splendid contributions made by our Grand Chaplain in the newspaper controversy carried on some months ago on the subject of temperance.

And we would take this opportunity of congratulating Rev. T. R. Goudge on the high and noble stand taken by him throughout the whole discussion of this important question.

It was the privilege of your Grand Worthy Patriarch to attend the annual session of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, held in Sydney, July 15th and 16th, 1936. The meetings were very interesting

and the gathering throughout was a very enthusiastic one.

The National Division is putting on a drive for memberships. At the time of the centennial which will be the year 1944, it hopes to have reached the 100,000 membership mark.

In order that all may have a part in reaching this goal the National Division is sending out an appeal to every member of the Sons of Temperance in North America to do all in his or her power to roll up as large a membership as possible by the year 1944. May all of the members of our subordinate divisions and also of our Grand Division, heed this appeal and begin at once to roll up a large number of new members.

During the last week of February, 1936—known throughout the Province as Education Week—and P.vince as Education Week—and during the several weeks following

it was the privilege of your Grand Worthy Patriarch to address the pupils of fifteen of our public day schools in the eastern part of the Province. Along with the address given on the various subjects which you will readily understand that I laid stress on the need of instilling into the minds of our boys and our girls the great principles of total abstinence. Our hope is in the young and we must never forget that as "the twig is bent, the tree will be inclined."

When visiting the pupils of the three rooms in the Murray Harbor South School—as embodied in the Principal's room—our Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. R. Goudge was present and gave an inspiring address.

We believe that more of such work should be done by our clergymen throughout the Province. And said to say in many places today

we should need to go in search not only of our "wandering boys" but only of our "wandering girls" as well, a large number of whom are drinking intoxicating liquor quite freely.

From these various observations you will readily understand that at least several of the officers of the C. and Division—your Grand Worthy Patriarch included—have not been at all idle.

Besides the activities already referred to, we would like to say that our Grand Scribe, Mr. Ralph McCaul has been quietly and faithfully carrying his share of the work. Among other things he has been doing a large amount of corresponding, getting in touch with a great many different localities, and seeking to find out the places where it would be possible to organize a division. We regret to say that to a number of the inquiries no replies have yet been received.

But still and in the face of certain discouraging features—the work goes quietly and surely on. It seems too bad though that in so many localities many of our people do not seem to be able to estimate the value of a division of the Sons of Temperance to their young people.

In all of these various activities in which we have been engaged your Grand Worthy Patriarch has always placed himself at the disposal of all the other officers and members of the Grand Division and has always been ready to go at any time in answer to any call for service. And now after having taken a hurried glance over the past let us take a moment to look at the present and also at the future.

That there is a great work waiting to be done by this old order there is no question. On all sides

this curse of intoxicating liquors is carrying on its nefarious traffic, and sad to say in the midst of all of the wreck and ruin caused by it, many of those whom we have been inclined to believe were among our best people at least seem, to be taking no interest, whatever, in the crushing out of this evil.

Not only are many of our bright boys and our young men on the downward way, but even sadder to say—as we have already intimated—quite a number of our bright girls and our young women are going along with our boys and our young men, on their downward career.

Surely, surely, something must be done and done at once to save many of the bright young people. We must do all in our power to have our prohibition law enforced in the strictest possible way. If there is no question. On all sides

—By George McManus

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