

to hope that some of the more prominent advocates of our Cause, including the County Deputies, might be induced, to a limited extent, to undertake this department of service.

The present aspect of the Temperance question loudly demands that the most efficient means, by lectures and otherwise, should be employed in every portion of the Province, in order to the thorough indoctrination of public sentiment by the reiteration of our elementary principles, and by the free discussion of the Maine Law doctrine: thereby preparing the way for the realization, at the earliest period possible, of our high aim in the prohibition of the liquor business by Legislative enactment—and to accomplish this object *through the people*, by arousing them to the duty of securing, as their representatives in the Legislature, men of reliable integrity on this subject—men who will, without fail, carry out on this question, the well-understood wishes of their constituencies, uninfluenced by political party bias. Whether it will be right to take anything less than a Provincial Prohibitory Law, is a question claiming our most grave consideration. I need offer no apology for giving an extract from a letter just received by me, on this subject, from a brother standing high in our Order, and one whose sentiments are entitled to the highest consideration. He says, “We have little to expect from any other quarter than from Temperance men themselves. Politicians cannot be depended on. We may well adopt the language of the inspired Book, and say, ‘Put not your trust in princes.’ But knowing the justice and righteousness of our Cause, we may also adopt as ours another expression of Holy Writ, ‘The God of Heaven, He will prosper us, therefore we, His servants, will arise and build.’ I am afraid that our people, despairing of a Prohibitory Law for the Province, are beginning to think of taking lower ground, and of petitioning for the *Permissive* Prohibitory Law. I know this move would please politicians of every shade right well; but I feel assured that it will not accomplish the object we desire. The great objection made by *time-servers* has been, ‘You cannot carry out a Prohibitory Law.’ But the difficulties of a Permissive Law would be much more formidable. They talk of our extent of coast; but, by the Permissive Law, we would have our coast extended one hundred times, by County line divisions, and even by Township lines. My voice in the matter is this, ‘We have