

all over the Province, is in a good state of doctrine and discipline

Among the gratifying evidences of animation and the right spirit, are the liberal responses made by several Subordinate Divisions, towards defraying a debt for which the Grand Division became liable, and the employment of a Temperance Agent and Lecturer. These responses gladdened the hearts of the members of the Grand Division, as affording testimony of the existence of much of that good sense and right feeling, on which future progress may be based. Respecting the past and the present we see cause for rejoicing, but more in anticipation of that good time, whose hastening seems to be, eminently, a duty and a privilege of the Order, and of every good Son of Temperance.

Another appeal, accompanied by some explanation, might be wisely made by the Grand Division in reference to the remains of the debt, and the sum which is yet required to provide for a Travelling Agent, with a view to permanency. The temperance cause, particularly at this period, requires such agency. Other societies find such means essential to success;—the Order is well able to provide for it,—and should exert the ability without delay.

The propagation of our views by moral suasion, is a great part of our mission; let us individually and collectively be faithful to this, not forgetting the other part of our duty, to aid, by our best exertions, in providing legal restrictions for that which we combat, as well as in gaining accessions, by the more usual modes, to the ranks of temperance.

The Committee have to express the pleasure which has arisen from the ardour evinced in reference to legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Let this be steadily and energetically prosecuted, and let us thus assist in removing one of the reproaches of the Empire to which we have the privilege of belonging,—in extending the already great power of that Empire for good,—and in forwarding the prosperity of every individual of the community where our lot is cast.

Having made these brief remarks concerning the causes of regret and of rejoicing,—and the calls for watchfulness, activity, hope, and faith,—the Committee conclude their report with congratulations on the really great advances already made in the cause of Temperance, as regards its enrolled adherents, and its influence on society generally; and with a respectful exhortation for more fidelity and zeal, that more success may have to be recorded at the next assembling of the Grand Division. Invoking the Divine Blessing, we remain,

In L., P., and F.

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