

so ;—the difficulty is in obtaining such an officer, but the G.D. may be able to devise a remedy and plan, by which this very important service may, as it should, be well established.

The revival of the prohibitory Liquor Bill, and how its advocacy may be promoted, and its triumph advanced, form enquiries which demand earnest attention?

Since our April Session, the General Election for representatives of Assembly, has taken place. Some unpleasant experiences are connected with that event. It caused disputes and dissensions,—our objects and principles received damage in places where better was to be expected, and Temperance or Legal Prohibition was scarcely made a leading question in any part of the country. While we regret that the better and more reasonable experience has not to be recorded, we should freely admit, that in some places, where intemperance notably prevailed formerly on such occasions, there was a marked abstaining from the worst features of the vice at last election. Our cause has won and kept a wide influence in society, among many who do not rank as avowed adherents.

The effect of the elections, on the fate of the Bill deferred from last session, has yet to be seen. Let us hope that the great moral reform is not placed in a worse condition by that exercise of popular privilege; and let us act as if we had faith in the consummation which we wish. I am aware that some are impatient concerning the progress of legislative action, and express disinclination to renew the efforts of last year, as regards petitioning. A slackening of exertion now, however, in this respect, would argue fickleness, mistake, or perhaps want of reflection concerning other perseverance by which other great national changes were effected. In reference to this matter, the word should be, let us agitate, petition, vote, as if we duly appreciated the hoped for reform, and were willing to practise self-denial and other virtues, requisite for the accomplishing of a worthy object.

I have to regret the absence of several returns from the Deputies. I am aware that those officers perform duties that may sometimes be burthensome, but they should recollect the honour and satisfaction which result from benevolent effort, and be ready to add to their other Temperance contributions, that accuracy in making returns and giving stated periodical advice, which are so requisite for the well-being of our organization.

Brethren, the Order is well calculated to be a great and glorious Institution; it would be so if all its avowed friends and