

tion respecting the Divisions under their care. In his report he says:—"Chester is as usual doing its accustomed work, keeping up its regular meetings, and holding its own as to numbers and the interest of the Division, sustained largely by the introduction of readings, recitations, &c., &c.. Beyond this there is not much apparent fruit.

"I can say nothing for the simple reason that I have not heard from them through the proper channel.

"I fear however, that the cause is rather on the decline, doubtless for the want of more direct agency, which shall look to the cause of Temperance as its appropriate every-day work. It is simply impossible that the work can be thoroughly done by local agents, because every man, whether in public or private life has his own work to perform, and he cannot perform extra labour without, in some measure at least, neglecting his own duties."

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

One encouraging feature of our Temperance work is the harmony and good will existing between the different temperance organizations. It is but one work we have to do,—one foe we have to meet,—we *cannot afford to be divided!* God speed all who speed the great cause.

THE ABSTAINER.

Allow me to congratulate the Grand Division on the prompt and noble response, which the temperance public gave to the appeal of your committee relative to the organ of this body. This speaks for itself as to the appreciation in which the *Abstainer* is held, and the deep-rooted conviction that prevails, that we cannot, we will not, forego so valuable an auxiliary as the *Press*. Brothers let us double our diligence, for enlightenment is an essential element of reform.

Gore, *Hants County, Jany. 25th, 1870.*

LEONARD GAETZ,
G. W. P.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

P. G. W. P. Taylor presented the following Report from Committee on Communications:—

The Committee on Communications beg to report: They have considered the Communication, from "Vesper" Division, No. 124, for permission to pass a bye-law "allowing members between 14 and 18 years of age to vote," and recommend That as this matter was before this Grand Division at its last annual session in October last, its decision on that occasion be still adhered to, viz: "That it would be unwise to grant the request."

(Signed)

H. A. TAYLOR,
S. B. MARTIN,
DAVID ELLIS.

January 25th, 1870.

A motion was made for adoption of the Report, which on being put was declared to be lost.

The Yeas and Nays being called for, they were recorded as follows:—

Yeas—Taylor, No. 7; Ellis, No. 9; Dunbar, No. 92; Fisher, No. 92; R. Creed, No. 119; Fraser, No. 92; Hunter, No. 221; Martin, No. 52; Monaghan, No. 7,—9.

Nays—Gray, No. 26; Thompson, No. 124; H. H. Blois, No. 124; Hutchings, No. 7; Longley, No. 44; Cameron, No. 124;