

cessity of supporting the official organ :

"I think such a paper is necessary if we wish to prosper, and that money spent for it will be well expended. 'There is that withholdeth more than is meat, but it tendeth to poverty.'"

After giving a list of dispensations granted, and official decisions given, the G. W. P. says :

"I have officially visited eight Subordinate Divisions, and the Peel District Division, and I only regret that my business has not permitted me to extend my visits over a larger field ; but I hope during the summer to slightly make up for this. I must here acknowledge my thanks to P. G. W. P. George M. Rose for his attending with me a public meeting held by Bronte Division, and for visiting with me Laskay Division about a week ago, and for his advice, at all times freely given. I must also return thanks to the Grand Scribe for his readiness to fulfil any appointment of mine where I could not attend.

"Very few District Divisions exist in the Province, so far as I can learn. Where they have been worked properly they have done good, and I think exertions should be made to organize one in each county or riding in the Province. The district should not be too large, and the District Division should see that no Division is allowed to go down, and that every available spot is occupied by our Order. I really think these District Divisions are of as much importance as our semi-annual sessions, and I think the executive should be authorized to send out Provincial or other deputies to organize these when the County Deputies have failed to do so.

"I have had several appeals sent to me during the half year, but they have chiefly been on points of order or on the dancing question, and I think all have been satisfactorily disposed of. You will pardon me for referring to an appeal from the Deputy of Otterville Division. After I had received the appeal and had written to the Deputy for his state-

ment of the case, I received a letter from the appellant asking to withdraw the appeal, because he found it was creating two parties in the Division, and thereby doing harm, and while he felt his position was right, he was willing to drop the appeal rather than to try to seek a temporary advantage over one who was for twenty years an active member of the Order. Thank God for such men. May the Order be filled with such. Let our motto be, 'The Order first, personal advancement and success in it far behind.'

"I am sorry to say that the Cadets department of our work is not being taken hold of. Only one Deputy reports a section to me. This is not as it should be. I fear that other orders taking hold of the young people shall supersede us yet unless we go back to first principles and strive 'by the Order' and 'with the Order' to train up these useful auxiliaries, and thus show that we are more anxious than politicians to work 'for the country.' I think we should spend some money in sending a lecturer or organizer through the Province, who, while working generally for our Order, should be specially instructed to try to institute sections of Cadets."

After referring to the services of lecturers, Revs. J. N. Elliot and E. S. Howard, the report says:—

"My own idea is that we require a staff of organizers to go throughout this Province and visit localities where no temperance organizations exist, and by talking more to the people and lecturing less, show them the benefits of our Order, and then organize Divisions where they have a good prospect of succeeding. We do not want first-class lecturers for this work so much as men of less ability who love our Order, and in private conversation, if not on the public platform, can advocate it as the most efficient means of promoting the cause of temperance.

Reference is then made to the Annual Meeting of the Dominion

Alliance, and the formation of a Provincial Branch for Ontario. The Temperance Act is referred to, and the following amendments suggested :—

"1. The Local Government to appoint a License Inspector and Commissioners in each county where the Act may be adopted as well as in the counties where licenses are issued.

"2. These persons to be specially charged to see that this Act is strictly enforced.

"3. That the County Attorneys in such counties shall be instructed to take charge of cases brought to enforce the Act in the same way as they watch cases of burglary, carrying firearms and other misdemeanors.

"4. That magistrates trying such cases shall be authorized to call upon the County Attorney to watch the case for the prosecution, and if he fails to attend, to call on other legal help, and the expenses thereof to be paid by the county.

"5. To provide a speedy way of investigating charges of neglect or breach of duty that may be brought against the License Inspectors or Commissioners, so that others may be appointed in their places if they fail to perform their duties, and thus let the Act have a fair trial where it may be adopted."

The illness of the Grand Treasurer, Rev. John Finch, is then referred to as follows :

"I am sure you all join with me in expressing my sorrow that our Grand Treasurer is not in his accustomed place to-day. He has been suffering for some years, and during the past winter and spring he has been confined to his bed most of the time, and is too ill to-day to be with us. I know you all miss his pleasant face, his hearty welcome, his keen appreciation of our Order and its needs. I know that I am expressing the thoughts of you all when I say that I trust God in His mysterious providence will give strength for weakness, health for illness, ease for pain, and that He will permit him again to meet us in the Grand Division."