

with them has been of a very satisfactory character. I have reason to believe that these Deputies are a noble band, and that, as a general thing, they are the right men in the right place.

The decisions which I have made in the appeals on constitutional questions, rules of order, &c., have been, I believe, satisfactory, excepting on the "Cider question," which still unfortunately exists in some portions of our jurisdiction. The National Division at its recent Session decided that the use of cider as a beverage could not be admitted at all by the Order.

As there was no legislation during the past year on the several important questions for which we have petitioned Parliament, it becomes necessary for us to move with vigor and energy during the ensuing year. An Act of Incorporation is necessary for our Order, instead of the old Act being continued from year to year. I would also recommend that we act in concert with other Temperance bodies and friends of the cause in favor of a Prohibitory Law, and also of an Asylum for Inebriates. The ground which we have thus far gained must not be lost, and it has become all important for this Grand Division to adopt such measures to insure success as in its wisdom it may judge best.

This is an important era in our country's history, and now is the time for laying the foundation of measures for saving the souls and bodies of men from the consuming fires of Alcohol. As one of the most effectual means of accomplishing this, I desire to invite your particular attention to the organization and sustaining of BANDS OF HOPE as well as CADETS OF TEMPERANCE, not only in our towns and villages, but also in every Sunday School and Common School where it is practicable, throughout the land. God has implanted in the young a repugnance to alcoholic drinks, and if they can only be preserved from the destroyer, our country is saved.

It will be the duty of the Grand Division to throw some more healthy and active element into the field of labor than hitherto, perhaps by making our Provincial Deputies more effective, employing Travelling Lecturers, and forming County Associations for providing regular meetings in every School Section, so that our philanthropic efforts may reach every individual. It has been suggested that each Division be invited to lay by a certain amount in proportion to their means to form a fund, to be called the "Lecturer's Fund."

I felt it my duty to cause a circular to be issued giving the members of our Order an opportunity of contributing as they might feel disposed for the relief of the suffering operatives of Great Britain, and which I hope will meet with a favorable response.

Our meeting at this time seems quite a happy coincidence. We heartily unite with our fellow-subjects of every kindred, name, and race, throughout our land, in "Thanksgiving" to God for His bounty. May wisdom characterize our deliberations, and our good cause, "the cause of all mankind," be much advanced at this our great Council meeting.

Brothers, we have a great work to perform, and not by one way or means, but by *all* legitimate ways and means. We must not be disheartened by the sneers of the drunkard, the freezing coldness of the uncharitable, or the pharisaical saint. The heroes and martyrs of all ages have been spurned, ridiculed, and crucified in their day, because the world did not