

Division could appropriate sufficient funds to furnish say a couple of rooms in the Home? A hundred dollars would do it. A bill—soon to become law—is now before the Legislature respecting inebriates, one clause of which makes the liquor dealer responsible for the consequences of sale to such unfortunates. This law, the beginning of what is known as the "Civil Damage" clause. It does seem only natural that this clause should in its broadest sense become the law of our land. This Grand Division should take the initiative in recommending such Legislation and I feel confident that if we do, the Grand Lodges of Templars will at their ensuing session resolve to co-operate with us in rousing the country and petitioning the Legislature. The Grand Division at the last Quarterly Session authorized the Executive to act in concert with the other Grand Bodies of the Province in petitioning the Dominion Parliament for prohibition. The British Templars had already circulated petitions for signature by the people and such perhaps would have been the best for us, but it was late in the season and the Independent Templars had not taken that course. So we agreed to petition in our corporate capacity. The following petition was sent to Bro. M. H. Goudge to be presented in the Commons and to Senator Northup for the Senate:—

*To the Honorable the Senate of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament Assembled:*

*To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament Assembled:*

The petition of the undersigned, the Grand Worthy Patriarch and the other Office Bearers of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, of the Province of Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That in Nova Scotia there are at present *one hundred and sixty-five* active Divisions or Societies, subordinate to the aforesaid Grand Division with an aggregate of 10260 members.

That for many years past the Grand Division and the great majority of the Subordinate Divisions of this Province, have been committed by resolution; and by petitions to the Governing Bodies of the Country in favor of the complete and entire suppression of the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors as beverages.

That at a recent meeting of the Grand Division it was—

*Resolved*, "That feeling the importance of petitioning the Dominion Parliament for Prohibition, this Grand Division hereby empowers its Executive to act in concert with the Executives of the other Temperance Organizations of the Dominion, to petition in the manner to be mutually agreed upon."

That your petitioners view, with the greatest apprehensions, the alarming extent of intemperance throughout the Dominion, consequent upon the facilities afforded for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

That the most careful enquiries into the causes of Pauperism, Immorality and Crime, in this and in other countries, show that a very large proportion, probably not less than three-fourths of these evils, arise from the traffic in Strong Drinks.

That the history of Legislation in regard to the Liquor Traffic conclusively proves that the evils referred to cannot be successfully repressed so long as the Traffic is licensed and protected by law.