

strumentality by which it can be secured, viz :—constant agitation. Look around you, and you cannot fail to see that other organizations are being planted all over the country, and upon enquiry you will find that this success is attributable to the employment of efficient Lecturers, all such organizations fully proving that "it pays" to keep them in the field.

I have been looking over the records of this G. D. for the last ten or twelve years, and I find that each of my predecessors in office have, with scarcely an exception urged this subject (that of employing lecturers) upon the G. D. Resolutions have been placed upon record almost without number, and except a few spasmodic efforts of short duration, this is all that has been done in this direction, and unless you are prepared to attend the Funeral of our Order in this Province, I trust that at this Session you will act, and that some plan may be developed by which a good efficient Lecturer may be kept permanently in the field.

Whilst on the question of lecturing I would suggest to the Subordinate Divisions that they have already in their neighbourhoods, many, whose energies and talents may be enlisted on our side, and brought out on our platforms by a little thoughtful encouragement. Do not let me be misunderstood here, from my acquaintance with the Ministers of the Gospel when travelling as a Lecturer, and since my admission amongst them; I believe them to be as a body, as warm in their love for the temperance cause and as earnestly desirous for its promotion as any body of men can be, but still I am satisfied that they would be found oftener on our platforms and aiding us by their addresses if in return they received something more substantial than a mere vote of thanks. I am treading a delicate ground, but I am speaking from experience, and I fail to see why a minister of the Gospel should be expected to purchase temperance literature and keep himself well posted on the general question; expend time in preparation of a lecture, travel a number of miles at the expense of wear and tear of clothes, harness, wagon and oftentimes of health, in order to benefit a Division, or any other society in return for the empty compliment of a verbal acknowledgment. I therefore recommend to Subordinate Divisions to copy largely the movement begun by another branch of the temperance army, of liberally recognising by surprise or donation party, or some other suitable means, the efforts of those Ministers of the Gospel in their localities, who in addition to their pastoral duties, labour with them in the good cause, and I feel satisfied that neither will Divisions be so frequently disappointed by refusals, or Ministers so often return home disheartened if there is a mutual sharing of the burden, "I speak as unto wise men, judge ye."

I find from the reports that there is almost an entire absence of efforts in this G. D. for indoctrinating the young with temperance principles, and I would with pleasure point the brethren to what is being done by one of our young brothers in Montreal, and under whose fostering and self-denying care, the Young Earnest Teetotalers are proving themselves a living earnest organization. Brethren, if the temperance cause is to be of permanent growth it must be implanted in the youth of our land, and I suggest that each Division shall take such steps as shall enable it at our Annual Session to report that it is making an effort in this direction.

Howard Division, No. 1, of Montreal, has commenced a system of open meetings once a month, the first of which, held last week, augurs well for the success of the plan, and I submit that their example may be beneficially followed.

I would further suggest to this G. D. that they should instruct our G. S. to apply to the heads of similar organizations in Ontario and Quebec, or the Dominion if thought advisable, and ascertain if they are willing to unite in forwarding at the joint expense of the different Orders, a circular to every Minister of the Gospel with the request that on a given day to be named, every pulpit of our land should utter no uncertain sound on the temperance question.