

ally to expulsions for non-payment of dues. Notwithstanding this apparent declension, I am led to believe, from the accounts received from several friends, that the Order is in a healthy condition, and that the prospects of success during the coming winter are very encouraging. In order that these hopes may be realized, it is necessary that some plan should be devised to awaken a new interest in favor of our principles among the people.

To attain this object, there are several modes by which it may be accomplished. First—by active individual effort on the part of all temperance men. Second—by providing means whereby the Agency department—which has effected much good during the past two years—may be sustained and continued. Third—by a more extensive circulation of our organ, *The Abstinence*. Fourth—the formation of societies similar to the Aid Association of Halifax. Fifth—the organization of the youth of the Province into temperance associations: for they—in the words of the M. W. Scribe—“are the great, hopeful, and immortal prize for which a wise foresight tells us we are really most earnestly to struggle.”

In addition to these I would suggest the publication of an address, or Appeal, to the public, whereby (as was also suggested to the National Division by the M. W. S.) we may “gain practically to our cause:—1. The Clergy of the jurisdiction. 2. The teachers of our youth. 3. The women of our communities. 4. The children of our schools. 5. The physicians of our families. “A glance will show the value of each and all of these powerful and important classes.”

Thus, Officers and Brothers, if we, and all other good Sons of Temperance, do our duty with the means about us, there can be no doubt of our future.

“If we also make our action general, the people will assuredly respond; for it is becoming evident that the same reaction which is visible with us exists with the people also. They stand ready for the harvest; and it wants but the fervor of a true effort for them on our part, once more to awaken the echoes to the songs and success of the Order.”

The subject of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and the means of obtaining a law, will no doubt receive your serious consideration. A great diversity of opinion now exists among the friends of the cause as to the *modus operandi* by which that measure may be obtained. But I think the Grand Division, in