

Lecturer or Lecturers, to be constantly employed till the next meeting of the Legislature. I recommend also the plenteous distribution of tracts on Temperance, and especially on the Maine Law, its necessity, its principles, and its operation; they can be procured in the United States on very reasonable terms and in great variety. I may add, further, that it appears to me important to bring the power of the Press to bear upon the subject more extensively and efficaciously than has been yet done in this country. Such arrangements as I have hinted at cannot be carried into effect I am aware, without incurring considerable expenditure. Can that be regarded as a difficulty or an objection by true friends of the cause? Will not the benefits accruing to society be worth far more than it will cost to obtain them? Are we not all gainers by the adoption of Temperance principles and practice? And can we employ a portion of our gains in a more suitable manner than in endeavouring to effect the deliverance of our fellow-men from the baneful influence of alcohol? I beg to submit these considerations to the serious attention of the Grand Division, indulging the hope that it will be resolved to act with all the energy and liberality which the emergency of the case demands.

The engagement with Brother Johnson has terminated. Under the direction of the Agency Committee he visited a considerable number of places, met many of the Divisions, and delivered lectures at numerous public meetings, obtaining in almost every instance a large audience, and always producing a highly favourable impression. The Committee would have gladly engaged him for a longer period, but he was unable to protract his stay in the Province. It is much to be desired that so talented an advocate should be permanently employed in the work. Brother Johnson may reckon on a hearty welcome whenever he may re-visit Nova Scotia.

So few of the Deputies have sent me their Quarterly Reports, that I am unable to communicate to you much information respecting the state of the Order. I believe, however, that I shall be justified in affirming that our progress in this Province during the last quarter has been on the whole of a satisfactory character. Two new Divisions, the Maine Law, No. 114, and the Phoenix, No. 115, have been constituted, and there have been encouraging accessions to our ranks in various parts of the Province. The Lecturer's visits have evidently produced beneficial effects and revived the zeal of many. In this connection I may also state that P.G.W.P. Rev. George Christie has lectured repeatedly in different parts of the Western District, since the Annual Session, and otherwise exerted himself to promote the prosperity and extension of the Order.

On the other hand, it is necessary to advert to the drawbacks on our prosperity. The expulsions for non-payment of dues, which have recently become very numerous, form a painful feature of the discipline of our Institution. It cannot be supposed that all who are thus expelled have ceased to be interested in the Temperance enterprise; on the contrary, there is reason to believe that a large proportion of them continue faithful to their vows: Should