

drunkards, but the young we may save from so fearful a degradation and so sad an end. Let the youth of our land be properly trained and instructed, and the vices and follies of the present and past generations will in half a century disappear.

I ought, perhaps, to say that Deputies Porter, Lippincott, and Shaw, have reported to me in regard to Divisions under their care.

I have visited personally several of the Divisions in the County of Annapolis during the past quarter, and all thus visited are doing well, and some flourishing.

The moral aspects of our movement claim the first attention, and has ever properly occupied the most prominent position; but there are other considerations connected with the subject justly deserving of prominence and study.

Many of you are doubtless aware of the efforts made during the last session of our Provincial Legislature to amend the license law, and procure and circulate facts bearing upon the "Traffic in Intoxicating Drinks."

I now allude more especially to the commercial or pecuniary part of the question. The people ought to be made more fully aware of the folly of our present policy and practice. Men generally are aware of the degradation and misery resulting from drunkenness, but are largely ignorant of the enormous expense of intoxicating drinks to the country. It would, I dare to say, require no little persuasion to convince some of our people that it costs this little country of ours more than £100,000 per annum, and then, in addition to this, about as much more by indirect exactions. The wonder is how our country is sustained under this immense burthen. Let it be ours to put a stop to this unheard of folly by repeatedly proclaiming the fact in the ears of the people, and thus both through their consciences and pockets, bring them to the point required for the practical operation of prohibition.

The Grand Scribe's report will, I trust, in part at least, supply the deficiencies of this hurriedly prepared affair.

Trusting that this session may be attended with results highly conducive to the good of our Order, and of lasting good to all concerned, it is hereby respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

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New Glasgow, July 17, 1861.

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