

from the Grand Worthy Patriarch of South Carolina, and respecting the Session to be held in Charleston in June next. It will, doubtless, be a meeting of much interest and importance, and I hope that several brethren of Nova Scotia will find it convenient to represent the Province on that occasion.

One Division of the city, has honourably and successfully distinguished itself, in some missionary efforts. It has been instrumental in establishing a Division at St. Margaret's Bay, twenty miles from Halifax, and has made other similar advances which promise well. This example of social visitation, for the purpose of extending our Order and the cause of Temperance, might be followed, and with very happy effects, by other Divisions in various parts of the country. Other new Divisions have been organised by instrumentality of Deputies, but that of St. Margaret's Bay is named, because it was the result of a voluntary effort on the part of a Subordinate Division.

The new Division just alluded to, has been named the Inkerman,—let it be indicative of the indomitable individual heroism which our struggle with a tyrant principle, and in behalf of justice and mercy, demands. Our cause does not include ill to any, but on the reverse, its object is the good of all mankind. Let us be worthy of laurels in this noble field; it is one which calls for the heroism of charitable action and patient endurance; and its honours are those of the heart, those which spring from the growth of human happiness, and the approval of heaven.

Brethren, the old apathy, of which we had to complain, appears removed to a great extent, respecting meetings of the Order;—judging from my experience, I would say, that the brethren have now chiefly to guard against, undue warmth of temper, uncharitable remarks, disputes on inconsequential topics, and readiness to give and take offence. Our Division rooms should be places noted for courteous demeanour, for intelligence, for general interest, as well as for good morals and the Temperance element. Much depends on the various companies which form the army of our Order; many eyes watch our conduct; let us reform what is wrong with ourselves, and go on improving our local concerns, while we strive after influencing society generally. The better the instrument, the more efficient, we may expect, will be its instrumentality.

Want of acquaintance with the proceedings of the National and Grand Divisions, is sometimes observable, to an injurious extent, in the Subordinate Divisions. This may be remedied,