

lamented Father Mathew. It becomes the Sons of Temperance in every suitable way to show respect for the memory of the illustrious dead.

I beg to call the attention of the Grand Division to the importance of taking means to extend the circulation of our excellent periodical "*The Abstinence*."

We have got at last the paper which meets the wants of the times—a paper which wherever it has gone has gained golden opinions, except from the enemies of Total Abstinence and Prohibition. Its present circulation in comparison to its value and the interest involved in the reform which it advocates is far too small. We ought not to rest until its subscription list numbers as many thousands as it at present does hundreds.

I know of no better instrumentality, in the absence of the Temperance lecturer, for keeping alive the interest among our Divisions and amongst Temperance people generally. Let measures be taken forthwith to increase the subscription list of the *Abstinence*.

But we need a Temperance lecturer in the field. This want has long been felt and acknowledged. A committee has year after year been appointed with special reference to this necessity, but with little practical results. Let me urge upon the Grand Division to give this matter their serious consideration. It seems to me to be at the present time necessary to our existence that we have an efficient lecturer abroad among the people.

Such a lecturer can be sustained. Demands are coming from various quarters for such an agent. He would have no difficulty in my opinion in raising the means necessary to his support. The country is ripe for lectures on Temperance legislation.

I have to announce to the Grand Division that I have received the "Bonds" of the G. S. duly signed, sealed and delivered, to ensure the faithful performance of his duty in the responsible relation he sustains to this Grand Division.

A committee was appointed at the annual session of the Grand Division to prepare an Address to the Clergy, and heads of families. From some cause this Address has not made its appearance. I hope the Grand Division will not lose sight of this important matter.

A circular was addressed to the Subordinate Divisions asking their opinions as to the propriety of seeking to obtain a charter for the establishment of a National Division for the British