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To D. G. W. P.

WORTHY BROTHER,—

It has been the privilege of the members of our Order, during many past years, to have an organ circulating weekly through the jurisdiction; and happily heretofore, its maintenance appears to have been easily secured. Valuable as we know its continuance to be, we are now in great danger of having it stopped. The proprietor of the "ABSTAINER," who is also its Editor, has informed our Grand Division that it must be stopped at the close of the current year unless a considerable addition is made to the list of subscribers. His own labours have been very inadequately rewarded; but he will cheerfully continue them, provided he is enabled to do so without endangering his own safety in a pecuniary way. Those who receive the well prepared sheet, seldom think of the labour and responsibility of the Editor and Proprietor.

But, Brother, we cannot spare the "ABSTAINER." Our principles as well as our excellent organization require such a Messenger, which goes to many firesides, is read in Hotels, and finds its way to the Barrack room and the Ship of War, and to many lone places where the living exponent of our views and objects is never seen. Experience tells us of its worth; but the full measure of its influence is not known, nor will it be unless it be discontinued, which for our country and humanity's sake, we pray may not be, until it shall be no longer useful.

Brother, we earnestly solicit your aid in this matter;—do what you can to induce the members individually, and the Divisions as such, to become responsible for numerous copies, that the collection of sums unpaid may be made easy for the Proprietor. It were desirable to have payments in advance; but where this cannot be done, might not the Divisions, through their officers, make arrangements for obtaining the required sums.

Brother, the year is drawing towards its close;—lose no time in urging the claims of the "ABSTAINER" on our Brethren, and on others, who, though not of us, are with us in principle, and who appreciate our efforts for enlightening and improving the whole human race.

When you have taken action and can communicate satisfactorily, please address the Grand Scribe.

Yours fraternally,

H. A. TAYLOR,
W. M. BROWN,
WILLIAM WILSON,
JOHN GRIERSON,
WILLIAM MURRAY.

Halifax, Nov. 4, 1869.

Please present this Circular to your Division without delay.

In connection with the foregoing, the undersigned would intimate that if a sufficient guarantee is given, which will warrant the continuance of THE ABSTAINER, it will be sent to subscribers on the following terms:—

Two Dollars per copy, per annum, in advance.

Subscribers to pay their own Postage, which can be arranged for at the Post or Way Office where paper is received, at *five cents* per quarter.

It is very desirable that it be known at the earliest possible date, the number of copies that may be subscribed for from the first of January next. Deputies, or other persons who may receive a copy of this Circular, are therefore requested to canvass earnestly for subscribers, and, as far as possible, collect the subscriptions in advance. They will also please make returns to the undersigned by the 15th day of December.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Halifax, Nov. 4, 1869.