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able to give you a full particular account of the working of our Order. I would recommend, that something be done this Session to oblige those who may fill the important office of D.G.W.P. to be particular in sending to the G.W.P. their official reports.

I have been pleased to see, how much public opinion has been drawn towards the Maine Liquor Law. Throughout this Province, a large proportion of the people, if not a majority, are in favor of abolishing the Liquor traffic.

Since we met last, a petition has been forwarded to our Legislature, asking for an Act of Incorporation for this Grand Division and Subordinates.

The Grand Scribe's Report will contain a more statistical account of the Order, showing, with other information, its strength in numbers and Divisions, also, what Divisions have made their Quarterly returns, and those that have failed in that all important duty.

The Grand Treasurer's Report will show the financial state of the Grand Division.

In conclusion, the remarks ought not to be withheld, that the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this Province is destined to go down, unless its members shake off their sloth, and determine that, abandon it they never will; but this one thing they will do, work with it, and for it, and by it, until it shall have done its part in achieving the victory. In a word, they must devise such measures as shall put into it new life and vigor, and that speedily, or its days are numbered.

Having served the constitutional term, for which I was elected, and being about to retire from this elevated and honorable station, and this being my last communication, I will take this occasion to tender my sincere thanks to the Grand Division, for the unexpected and unsolicited honor conferred on me, at the last Annual Session, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness I have received from the members of this Order, in all matters relating to my official duties.