

accomplished, we shall have many a hard-fought battle ; but our difficulties and toil shall but endear the cause the more to our hearts : and our hard-earned laurels, when secured, shall be estimated the more highly in the remembrance of the trials by which they were gained.

Nor is our hope limited to our own Province, nor to a few more favored portions of our earth. We are anticipating the enlargement of the circle of sobriety until it shall enclose the whole family of man. The conviction is deeply seated in our hearts that the whole world is yet to be redeemed from the terrible curse of intemperance ; and, though we may not live to see the day, we have confidence it shall be done, and that

“ Our earth shall glisten in the ray  
Of that good time coming.”

Our hope of this end is placed in a power higher than the most help which an arm of flesh can afford, and, having such hope, even the magnitude of our discouragements shall but stimulate us to greater effort.

But in the highest and best of enterprises, constituted as the best minds are, some degree of success is necessary to nerve us for the faithful prosecution of the course of duty. We are therefore thankful that present circumstances seem to assure us that upon the work in which we are engaged, the blessing of Heaven is even now resting in a very considerable measure. We do not for a moment suppose that the Order in Nova Scotia is as heartily engaged in the prosecution of its appropriate mission as could be desired ; yet so marked an improvement in the revived zeal and renewed prosperity of a large proportion of our Divisions has taken place within the past few months, that our hearts have been greatly gladdened. Truly Divine Providence is preparing our brotherhood for the great work committed to our trust.

The nett increase, for the last quarter, in the number of contributing members, will be found, I believe, to be nearly 100. Three new Divisions have recently been opened under encouraging auspices, Temple Division, at Wallace Bay, Cumberland County : Pittacus Division, in Yarmouth County ; The Miner's-Hope Division, at Acadian Mines, Colchester ; and we learn that, in all probability, some others will be instituted at an early period. Some of the older Divisions had not been in working condition for a considerable