

the cause as we could wish, yet, we cannot but rejoice in that measure of success, which has accompanied the efforts of the Sons of Temperance during the past year, far, very far indeed, beyond what our numbers would indicate. We cannot travel by rail-road or steam-boat, but a manifest improvement is exhibited in the improved habits of the people; and even where our Order has not been fully established, we may discover a great improvement, in the abolishment of the drinking usages of society, and a faithful testimony against them has been productive of much good. Whilst this has been realized to some extent in our populous cities, where the facilities and allurements to intemperance are usually the strongest, yet it is in our rural districts, where the improvement is more easily discovered. But in both, much remains to be done. And I can only recommend to the Grand Division with its Subordinates, a steady continuance of those efforts, which have been already tried with so much success. Our efforts must be directed to the enlightenment of the public mind, and the awakening of the public conscience. Our petitions and remonstrances to our Legislature must resound through our Legislative Halls, and our Ministers of State who have either stood aloof, or decidedly opposed the passing of a law, to prohibit the manufacture sale and traffic in alcoholic drinks, must be compelled to feel the pressure from without, and which no ministry can long withstand.

I rejoice to say that since our last Annual meeting, a new organization for carrying out more extensively this object has been brought into operation, and to which I wish the most cordial success. Yet should this law succeed in being carried, I do not see that the organization of the Sons will be any less necessary, for, as they have been the pioneers in this great cause, so will they be the most efficient agents in carrying it out. Whilst I shall most cordially co-operate