

We would very strongly urge upon Divisions thus circumstanced, the propriety of adopting in their Bye-Laws, the alterations with regard to benefits, suggested at our last quarterly session, together with such other means as may be prudently acted upon, in the case of those, otherwise good members, who have been unable to pay up their dues. By the adoption of the measures which are now constitutionally within our reach, (see Journal of 6th Sess. Nat. Div.) there is no Division that may not keep its finances in a safe and healthy state.

In the opinion of our most judicious brethren, some of our Divisions by restricting their proceedings to mere routine business, and by occupying their attention with questions of comparatively little consequence, have thereby lessened their usefulness; but experience, I trust, is now teaching them a wiser course. Subjects that are unnecessary and unprofitable should be avoided, and the great objects of our association be kept prominently in view; then our Division-room will be, as they are intended to be, training schools for our young men, fitting them for aggressive warfare upon the ranks of our opponents, and preparing them for general usefulness in life.

Prudent but earnest means should be employed to enlist the sympathy of the influential, more generally, in our favour, and to bring into union with us those, who from their position in society might become mighty for good. But we must not forget that our cause is "the cause of all mankind," and that we should aim to engage the co-operation of all classes, and especially the young men of our land, of whatever grade of society; taking care at the same time to keep from our fellowship the vicious and unprincipled, and any who would be likely to prove troublesome members; for nothing is more essential to our success, than the maintenance of peace and good order.

We might with great propriety avail ourselves more largely of the advantages to be derived from the circulation of suitable Temperance tracts; and as another matter very nearly allied to this, but one perhaps more likely to prove extensively and continuously beneficial, we ought now to consider the feasibility of getting into operation an efficient Temperance Paper. The advantages of such a periodical are obvious, and as the Gazette lately published at Yarmouth has ceased to exist, it is for us to inquire if a well-conducted organ for our body, is not absolutely necessary to our prosperity; and is it not possible at our present session, without any great risk, to adopt measures for the immediate establishment of such a Paper? I strongly hope that we shall see our way clear to enter upon this object with spirit, and with a prospect of success.

It is also desirable for us to enquire if a suitable person could not be obtained to visit all our Divisions as our agent, during the ensuing autumn. This, if it could be accomplished, would be a measure calculated to be of great advantage, tending very much to strengthen and extend our principles.