

aided, in the opinion of the Committee, by the appointment of a suitable Lecturer and General Agent. They attach great importance to that appointment; believing that if an individual can be found, well informed on 'Temperance matters, of popular address, versed in the policy and practice of our Order, energetic, prudent, and skilled in the transaction of business, his influence on the public mind will be very beneficial to the cause which is so dear to us all.

With reference to the question of a prohibitory law, which has now become *the* question of the age, your Committee are glad to learn that good progress has been made in various States of the Union. They feel persuaded that the members of this Grand Division are of one mind on this subject; and they beg to recommend, in the event of the appointment of an Agent or Lecturer, that he may be provided with a supply of Tracts or other publications, for general distribution, in order that information may be diffused, and united action more easily secured. They also strongly recommend to Subordinate Divisions to concur with other friends of Temperance in holding County Conventions, such gatherings being adapted to render essential service, by exciting public attention to the object we have in view.

The Committee regard the action of the Grand Division in requesting the Grand Worthy Patriarch to attend the Annual meeting of the National Division as eminently judicious, and doubt not that much good will result. It appears from the communications of the Grand Worthy Patriarch that several important alterations in the working of the Order (including a new ritual); have been made by the National Division, which alterations will duly appear in the Journal, when published. They agree with the Grand Worthy Patriarch in suggesting the desirableness of recommending to the Subordinate Divisions that it will be advisable to abstain from taking action on the changes made by the National Division, till after the Annual Meeting of this Grand Division.

In concluding this Report, the Committee beg to refer to the remarks offered by the Grand Worthy Patriarch and the Grand Scribe respecting some of the Subordinate Divisions. It appears that in many instances the Quarterly returns have been unnecessarily delayed, thereby subjecting the Grand Scribe to great inconvenience; some that have been sent are in various respects imperfect; and fifteen are altogether wanting. It also appears that several of the Subordinate Divisions are very scantily attended, and are scarcely in good working order. The Committee affectionately entreat the members composing such Divisions to bear in mind the obligations which they voluntarily assumed when they entered the Order; to consider that attention to its laws and rules is absolutely necessary to healthy action; and to reflect on the consequences which must flow from apathy, or indifference, or neglect. A great work is yet to be accomplished. Every one must be at his post. Let no man's heart fail: let no man's hands be slack.

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

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Which was adopted.