

I received the graphic and pleasing statement, "We have a Prohibitory Liquor Law in our Township."

The usual public notice has been given in the "Canada Gazette" and other newspapers of the intention to make application to Parliament for a continuation of the Act of Incorporation. Petitions also to the three branches of the Legislature have been signed by the Grand Division Committee, which are now ready for presentation when Parliament assembles. The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, M.P.P., has kindly consented to take charge of the amended Bill, and to introduce it at the opening of the Session.

The questions of establishing a National Division for British North America, the appointment of a Grand Division Lecturer, and to memorialize Parliament to erect an asylum for inebriates, have been submitted to all Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction; and a correspondence has been opened with the Grand Divisions of the sister Provinces of British North America respecting a National Division for British North America, in accordance with instructions given at the Semi-Annual Session. The correspondence to and from Grand Divisions will be laid before you.

Since the last Session I had the honor as your Representative of attending the Advisory meeting at Cape May, and have much pleasure in stating that the meeting under the circumstances (the disastrous retreat at Bull's Run had just taken place) was a most agreeable and profitable one, and although out of forty-one Grand Division jurisdictions only nine Grand Divisions were represented on the occasion, still the importance of such an Advisory meeting to the Executive of the National Division and the whole of the Order at this crisis cannot be over estimated. The following is a brief summary published of what transpired at the Convocation:—

"The Convocation of the National Division took place, pursuant to the call of the Most Worthy Patriarch, at Cape May, New Jersey, on Wednesday, 24th June. The following jurisdictions were represented, viz: Eastern and Western New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Canada West and East. The principal subjects brought forward for the consideration of the Convocation were the following:—

"1st. As members of the Order had joined the Federal army in large numbers, it was considered desirable to devise some means to keep alive the principles of our Order in the hearts of those of our members who were absent from their homes, and exposed to great and numerous temptations. It was resolved that Grand Divisions should have the power to grant dispensations to such of their members as were absent with the army to hold meetings as Sons of Temperance in their respective regiments, subject to certain limitations as to the use of the bluebook, the signs and passwords.

"2nd. As to the time and place of holding the next Session of the National Division. After some discussion it was agreed upon unanimously that there should be no meeting of the National Division until June, 1862; and it was also agreed that the place of holding such meeting should be the city of Montreal, provided the affairs of the United States continued as at present; but should such a change take place as to allow of a meeting at Nashville, then it should be held there; and the advice of the Convocation to the Executive was to call the next Session of the National Division at that time and place, under the above limitation. The Most Worthy Patriarch, while expressing his concurrence, stated that before taking any definite action he would take the opinion of the Grand Divisions who were not represented at the Convocation.

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