

and no matter how zealous and persevering the G. S. may be, he cannot perform his duties with pleasure to himself or satisfaction to the Order, unless his suggestions and wishes in this respect are more generally complied with. Ever since I have had the honor of holding this office, I have endeavoured on all occasions to impress upon the Subordinate Divisions the necessity of punctuality in sending in their returns, otherwise my report must contain but little real information as to the progress of the Order, and I unhesitatingly state that much of our apparent want of success is owing to the apathy and indifference manifested by many who take office, and merely occupy the place assigned them, without entering heartily into its duties, and endeavouring by their example to induce the regular attendance of the other members. I have paid particular attention to all the details connected with our beloved Order, and am constantly making inquiries respecting its working in all parts of the Province, and am fully convinced that much injury arises from officers not attending regularly at the stated meetings of their respective Divisions, and also from those who have passed through the chair, and then out of the door, ever afterwards absenting themselves, unless by occasional visits to pay up dues, &c. ; and many others whose influence would be great and powerful if at their post once a week, or even once a fortnight, to impress upon the brethren the necessity of individual exertion in promoting our prosperity and adding to our numbers, and above all of being united in the bonds of Love, Purity, and Fidelity, have but little weight because of their limited attendance on the Division night of meeting. Too many instances of the evil effects thus described have come under my own notice, and I am fully satisfied that if we have a sincere desire to promote the harmony of Divisions, and advance the cause in which we are engaged, a sacrifice must be made occasionally to attend to our duties, for each one has a solemn duty to perform in reference to the Temperance cause, and if we expect to succeed we must use exertion corresponding to our desire, and I would again as I did at last quarterly session of G. D. impress upon the Order, and the friends of the cause throughout the Province, the desirableness of holding County Conventions, that the Petitions may be more numerously signed than on any previous occasion, for the necessity of a prohibitory law is becoming every day more apparent. Amherst, the border Town, has had a deluge of rum selling and drinking since the liquor law of New Brunswick went into operation, and the evils arising from it has disheartened our friends there. This should not be the case, they should think of ancient times, and not rest satisfied until the enemy has been driven back over the border again, or totally annihilated. Much complaint is made from various parts of the Province, in respect to the present inefficient license laws, and in several places the Divisions have spent large sums in endeavoring to have offenders convicted, but they have eventually slipped through their fingers by appealing to the Supreme Court, where the decision previously given has been reversed ; therefore no exertion should be spared in endeavouring to obtain a Maine Law, such a law as will have the desired effect of destroying the monster evil by which our country is suffering, and I feel convinced that never did Temperance