

that he with us may occupy a better and a happier place around our Heavenly Father's throne in heaven.

It is to be lamented, that many have had a mistaken notion with respect to the using of intoxicating liquor as a preventative for *cholera*, and thereby have again become the victims of the glass.

Since we last met, the printed proceedings of the National Division have come to hand, and some important alterations have been made, which will require your consideration at this time.

I would suggest, for your consideration, the necessity of collating, compiling, and publishing, in a convenient form, for the use of Subordinate Divisions, and members of this Order, the Decisions of the National Division, and the Decisions and By-Laws of this Grand Division, together with the Constitution as amended.

I have to regret to inform you, that defection, desertion, luke-warmness, neglect of stated meetings, non-payment of dues, laxity of discipline, disregard of moral and civic duties, as well as neglect of the great principles of our Order, have existed in some sections to a fearful extent, while in others, amid fearful discouragements, our band have stood up manfully to the contest.

The Order has arrived to that period in its history, when it is incumbent upon it to act, and to act efficiently. It is the only organization, outside the Christian Church, that is calculated to promote the work to which it is engaged, and if the great heart of the Order can be brought to consider its position, its responsibility, and its duty, the day is not far distant, when we shall have a Prohibitory Liquor Law for this Province; when thousands who are now oppressed, will rise up and call us blessed.

It gives me pleasure, to be able to speak in the most favorable terms of the manner in which your Grand Scribe has performed the duties of his office.

I have again to recur to the neglect of my D.G.W.P.'s in making their official reports, in consequence of which, I am un-