

Liquor Traffic. This is our work, let us proceed to the performance of ^{our} duty "with the help of God," and victory will be ours.

It becomes my duty to present in as short a space as possible the result of the past quarter, which I hope will meet with the approval of the Brethren.

I have to report that the several items of business referred to the Executive Officers of this Grand Division have been disposed of in accordance with instructions given at the last quarterly session.

During the past quarter I received a circular from the Secretary of the Prohibitory League of Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick, asking this Grand Division to appoint their delegates to meet at Ottawa during the month of April, for the purpose of united action in reference to the subject of Prohibition now before the Dominion Parliament.

It was impossible for this Grand Division to send special representatives to said convention in consequence of the state of the finances, but in consulting with several members of the Executive, it was decided to appoint or rather request, M. H. Goudge, Esq., M. P., and C. E. Church, Esq., M. P., who would be in Ottawa at the time of meeting of said convention (*and who are members of our Order*), together with the Grand Scribe to act as delegates in behalf of this Grand Division. This action of the G. W. P. will require to be confirmed by you.

Communications were received from H. A. Taylor Division, No. 249, Little Glace Bay, Cape Breton, and from Orior Division, No. 308, Oldham, Halifax County, informing me that they required a dispensation to instal parties as Worthy Patriarchs of said Divisions who were not 21 years of age. The dispensations were granted with the understanding that said Divisions had none qualified who would take the office. This action will require to be confirmed by this Grand Division.

According to previous notice given at the last session I issued a postal card circular to each Divisional Deputy throughout the jurisdiction, with a view to obtaining more general information in reference to the position of the Grand Division. I think the issuing of said circular has been productive of good results, as far as they have been acted upon by the brethren.

At the last annual session of this Grand Division, several brethren were appointed to attend the coming session of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, to be held in the city of Ottawa on the 17th day of June, 1874. It will be for this Grand Division to say whether the annual provision shall be made towards defraying the expenses of said Representatives.

Your G. W. P. has very great pleasure in giving it as his decided opinion, that the importance of Juvenile Temperance Associations is being more generally felt throughout the jurisdiction, and I am sure you will hail with pleasure the addition to our ranks of several Bands of Hope, and a Section of Cadets of Temperance. It is to be hoped that the work of the

Agency Committee,

will continue to command the attention of every member of our Order, the action of this committee in issuing a circular to Subordinate Divisions, asking for Donations to the Agency Fund, and suggesting the holding of Public Installations, has met with a response from many of the Divisions, and as the work of this Committee is the most important in connection with the advancement of the principles of our Order, I most earnestly suggest to the several Divisions that have not contributed to the Agency Fund, to do so without delay, and as liberally as possible.

It has been the privilege of your Grand Worthy Patriarch to uphold the Banner of Total Abstinence for a portion of the time that has elapsed since the January Session, under the immediate direction of the Agency committee