

who shall object? Nor is the measure "unprecedented." The principle has already been recognized, even in the legislation of this province, in the municipal incorporation act and the school law.

The question of prohibition is now settled for another year. But how does the failure affect us? Has the law one friend the less among us? I believe not. On the contrary, I am convinced that the cause was never more deeply rooted in the hearts of the people. Its influence is increasing, and the day is not far distant when the rising swell of popular indignation will raze the reeling fabric of the legalized liquor traffic of this province from its very foundation. I respectfully suggest that the duty of this Grand Division at the present crisis is,

TO RE-AFFIRM, WITH SOLEMN EMPHASIS, ITS PROHIBITORY POLICY.

Let it be our battle cry; let it be our whispered pass-word; let it be inscribed in blazing capitals on our many-colored banners: *Eternal proscription to the accursed traffic in human bodies and souls!* Let us join our brethren in Yarmouth: "We are resolved," say they, "to agitate — agitate — AGITATE! Nor shall hollow-hearted and false friends prevent us from seeking a law to put down intemperance. We are not disposed to take the counsel of those who suggest that we should lower our demands."

The present posture of our cause demands that we should redouble our efforts

TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC MIND.

*Moral suasion*—prayers, entreaties, and appealing words—should be more diligently employed, not merely to save individual drunkards, but for the purpose of raising public sentiment to a more elevating tone on the great question of *national morality*. The pulpit, the press, and the platform should be leagued to expose the moral and social wrong of the legalized traffic in intoxicating drinks. Appeals should be made to the *moral sense* of the people. Our policy should be bold and enlarged. The aid of *Christian Ministers* should be more generally secured. There is no system which creates more inveterate obstacles to the progress of divine truth than the liquor trade. It not only desolates God's earth, but sends its consequences into the awful future