

dulging in a social glass of wine occasionally and treating the efforts of total abstiners with comparative indifference, they exert an indirect yet powerful influence against the cause they profess to advocate. There are some medical men too,—clever in their profession—who to their shame be it spoken—indulge too freely in the stronger liquors for beverage purposes. Such individuals in any community form a most formidable hindrance to the cause of Total Abstinence; for it is well known that with certain classes of persons, whatever the minister says and does must be right, and whatever the Doctor takes must be conducive to health. I am fully convinced that if the sympathies and energies of professional men throughout our Province could be heartily enlisted and warmly engaged in favour of Total Abstinence, the whole tone of society would be elevated, and a new and better state of things would soon appear as the result of their combined efforts.

The action of the Halifax City Council as reported in the Abstinence of the 13th instant is a movement in the right direction. Should the Legislature please to sanction the measure, so that it becomes law, great good will be the result in the city where illicit traffic in intoxicating liquor is so general. Such a law would doubtless aid in suppressing the ruinous trade in many of our towns and villages throughout the Province.

I am very happy to learn from various sources, that the labors of Brother Beattie, Grand Sentinel, are highly appreciated in the western part of the Province. He has travelled through the counties of Lunenburg, Queen's, Shelburne and Yarmouth, and is still continuing his mission. The advancement of the Temperance cause in those counties may be regarded mainly as the fruits of his well directed efforts. Bro. Beattie is laboring under the auspices of the Agency Committee, and as the funds are nearly or quite exhausted, I would most respectfully, yet most urgently solicit from the subordinate Divisions in this jurisdiction, contributions to the utmost of their ability to aid in this good work. We need two or more agents constantly in the field, and I am persuaded that the beneficial results which would follow such continued effort would more than justify the expenditure of all the money required.

The necessity and utility of a Temperance Periodical cannot be over-estimated. It is the very life blood of our institution, conveying through all its parts that information so necessary to