

have no doubt from the unanimity, earnestness and energy which prevailed amongst the members upon this subject, that it has a fair chance of being carried. Printed petitions are to be sent in triplicate to the 385 Divisions under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, to be by them, through committees, presented to every adult within the limits of their respective Divisions; to the signatures, the places of residence, by lot and concession, are to be attached.

Every Minister of the Gospel in Canada West will have a copy of the Maine Law transmitted to him, and be requested to deliver two lectures during the months of June and July.

Canada West has been divided into four Sections, with a Committee appointed to each,—these committees to form one general committee, and the sum of twelve hundred dollars appropriated to be applied in providing competent and talented lecturers to advocate the Maine Liquor Law.

From the ability and zeal of the members of this committee, I doubt not that the wishes and intentions of the Grand Division will be fully carried out. Gough has also made arrangements, independent of this, to visit several localities in Canada West during the month of June, previous to his attending the mass meeting temperance convention, which takes place at Detroit early in July.

With all these means and appliances to boot, I am certain that success and victory must crown our efforts, despite the evil workers, who, impelled by either interest, appetite or prejudice, are vainly endeavoring to stay the philanthropic hands which are endeavoring to check the fell destroyer.

The fearful and lamentable ignorance which prevails, even amongst what are denominated the respectable classes, respecting the laws of Physiology, and the pernicious influences of alcoholic drinks, is much to be deplored; and their example in using them will cause a fearful reckoning before another tribunal, for the gospel plainly tells us, that "it is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Some of our very refined and delicately minded ministers object to the "Tee-total Pledge." I wonder if they ever read those passages of the celebrated Church of England Divine, Paley, in his Moral and Political Philosophy, where he directs the person who has any "inclination to intemperance, to arm himself with some peremptory rule"—"I own myself," he says, "a friend to the laying down of rules of this sort, and rigidly abiding by them. They may be exclaimed against as stiff, but they are often salutary. Indefinite resolutions of abstemiousness are apt to yield to extraordinary occasions, and extraordinary occasions to occur perpetually; whereas the stricter the rule is the more tenacious we grow of it; and many a man will abstain rather than break his rule, who would not wisely be brought to exercise the same mortification from higher motives, not to mention that when our rule is once known we are provided with an answer to every importunity."

I only regret, from my want of sufficient information, to have been unable to give you a more perfect sketch of the sayings and doings of the Grand Division, but it is the best you can expect from
A TRAVELLER.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

In connection with the proceedings of this body, we cannot withhold the following excellent report of the committee on the liquor traffic, composed of the following individuals, viz:—

Wm. H. Ellerbeck, Brockville Division, No. 1; E. Arkland-Oshawa Division, No. 35; Robert Wilson, Pioneer Division, No. 58; E. Ryerson, Grantham Division, No. 75; Wm. Wilkinson, Table Rock Division, No. 48; H. R. O'Reily, Nelson Division, No. 273; Robert Dick, Toronto Division, No. 159; Ebenezer Perry, Jr., Elginville Division, No. 121.

1. That your Committee are of the opinion, that it will be much to the interests of the Order, and assist greatly in extending the principles and designs of this institution, to employ competent Temperance Lecturers, for the purpose of agitating the question of a law prohibiting the use and sale of Intoxicating Liquors.
2. Your Committee recommend, that the sum of three hundred pounds be applied by this Grand Division, and placed at the disposal of your Committee.
3. That in order efficiently to carry out the design of employing such lecturers, and agitating the question referred to, it is necessary to divide the Province into four Districts, as follows:

The first District to comprise the Counties of Middlesex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Essex, Huron, Perth, Bruce, and Norfolk.

The second District, of Brant, Wentworth, Halton, Hamilton, Welland, Waterloo, Wellington, Grey, and Peel.

The third, of York, Ontario, Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough, Simcoe, Hastings, and Prince Edward.

The fourth, of Lennox, Addington, Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Prescott, Russel, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Lanark, and Renfrew.

4. That Brothers Wilson, Wilkinson, and Boyd be a sub-committee for the first district.

O'Reily, Ryerson, and Curry, for the second district. Arkland, Dick and Farwell for the third, and Pardee, Ellerbeck, and Perry, for the fourth district.

5. That the sum of £75, portions of the appropriation be placed at the disposal of each of the said sub-committees.

That such sub-committees shall employ competent persons to lecture in their respective districts, determine the number of Lectures to be delivered in each County, so that at least one lecture shall be delivered in each and every County; and that such sub-committees shall make arrangements with the subordinate Divisions, for holding meetings, and generally to carry out the objects of the appropriation.

6. Your Committee recommend for the adoption of the Grand Division, the following Petition, to be presented to the several branches of the Provincial Legislature, viz:—

To the Honorable, &c., &c., in Parliament assembled.
The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the 'Town—

Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioners regard intemperance as a great moral, and social evil, destructive of health, virtue and happiness, and producing only disease, lunacy, and crime, entailing heavy burdens on Society, and erecting a fatal barrier in the path of individual and national progress.

That Your Petitioners regard Total Abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as the only effectual means of prevention or cure of this great evil; but while rejoicing that many thousands of their fellow countrymen in this Province are persuaded of the truth of those statements and act on such persuasion, your petitioners regret that many from interested motives, consequent on their peculiar avocations, or from the blinded influence of vitiated appetites, are, in this matter, still unmoved, and apparently unmovable by the remonstrances of moral suasion.

That Your Petitioners deem it the duty of a wise and patriotic government in such circumstances to protect the community from the immense pecuniary sacrifices, the mental and physical maladies, the outrages on life and property, and the moral contamination consequent on the use of Alcoholic Beverages.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Honorable House to pass a Legislative Enactment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Your Committee recommend that your Grand Scribe be directed to send three copies of the foregoing Petition, and a copy of this report to each Subordinate Division with directions that each Subordinate Division return the Petitions when signed to the Grand Scribe.

We are pleased to notice that the G. D. of C. E. have adopted precisely the same petition, word for word. Let us thus continue to act in unison and harmony, and no obstacles that the enemy may seek to put in our way can ever become insurmountable.

Notices respecting Contemporaries, &c.

The American Temperance Magazine, and Sons of Temperance Offering, completes its second volume and the first year of its existence with the June number, now on our table. The portraits of the Hon. George Hall, and of F. A. Fickardt, Esq., M.D., are very finely executed. The literary matter varied and useful. We should judge that this magazine is destined to have a very wide circulation, and must prove a valuable aid to the Temperance cause in general, and to the Sons in particular. P. T. Sherlock, Publisher, 86, Nassau Street, New York, issues the following notice:—