

naum," that this their "official organ" will be conducted free from party politics, and denominational bias, and in a manner at once conciliating and energetic, with sufficient boldness, and yet with due regard to the claims of courtesy. It will not spare the vice of drunkenness, the evils of moderate drinking, nor their promoters; but admonition and even rebuke will be administered with as much severity as fidelity to truth will allow.

It will be seen by comparing our present issues with the specimen number issued in September last, that the size and general appearance of the paper has been very greatly improved. So that now "The Athenæum" may be regarded as one of the cheapest weekly papers in the British Provinces. In order therefore to obviate the possibility of failure in this effort, and to secure its efficient working and prosperity, an enlarged list of paying subscribers is absolutely essential. The first scheme embraced the proposition of at least one thousand subscribers. The present undertaking commenced with less than four hundred, which as an ultimate point could not support it. Indeed some of our trust worthy friends, in the city of Halifax, have strongly advised an increase of price—fearing that the present rate would peril its permanency—but it was the view of your Committee that the present price would encourage a larger circulation than would otherwise be obtained, and as the object is to spread the "organ" far and wide over the land, it was determined to retain the original amount of subscription, with the confident expectation that all who felt interested in "our Order," and in the general cause of Temperance, would take a lively interest in the Paper, and would use their best endeavours to increase its circulation.

These remarks are made with a view of expressing to the members of this Grand Division the necessity at present existing of giving to "The Athenæum," in their several localities, their influence, patronage and support. As the number of subscribers increases, so increases the prospect of its usefulness and efficiency.

It will also be seen that the enterprise can only be conducted with safety, by strictly adhering to the system of cash pre-payments, as the least loss, with a limited number of subscribers would be much felt. It is hoped that an earnest recommendation, from the Grand Division now assembled, will meet with a cordial reception on the part of Subordinate Divisions, and especially in those counties in the Western section of the Province, where little has as yet been done in this matter; and greatly influence them in a right and desirable direction.

Another matter the Committee of Publication beg leave respectfully to bring before the attention of the Grand Division;—much of the interest of this our "official organ" will depend upon its being able to command a regular correspondence from all parts of the Province, on the various, great and interesting topics, necessarily connected with the reform; and they record their thanks to the G. W. P. for his ready co-operation in furnishing the able article which appeared in the second number of the paper, as well as the Rev. Mr. Cochran for his letter of last week. Much yet remains to