

We have affirmed again and again that to have a temperance Lecturer, an agent of the Grand Division, is an imperative duty, an absolute necessity. This matter has been referred to a committee; they have made no report, but we have raised hopes among the people that have not been realized. I commend this matter once more to your serious consideration, and urge you to instruct your committee to take the action you have before recommended, without further delay.

As a further means of indoctrinating the people on the subject of temperance legislation, I earnestly recommend that efforts be made to extend the circulation of your excellent organ,—the *Abstainer*. This periodical has gained the confidence of the friends of temperance, and has done valiant service for the Cause in those circles where it is read. But its subscription list is too small, compared with the value of the paper, the demand of the Cause, and the magnitude of the ends to be secured. It ought to circulate over this Province by thousands, instead of hundreds. I trust the Grand Division will be fully alive to the necessity of employing, to the full extent of their ability, those powerful agencies, the pen and gift of speech, in the work of converting this Province to our views.

The United Kingdom Alliance presents us with an animating example of success in prosecuting the Cause of Prohibition.

Through their efforts the public mind in Great Britain is being roused to a consciousness of the evils inflicted upon society by the trade in drink. Candidates for political favours have been thoroughly catechised—some of them pledged to prohibition. Samuel Pope, Esq. Secretary of the Alliance, has been put in nomination for parliament, on the question of Prohibition alone, and stands a good chance of being returned. Unless we bestir ourselves in Nova Scotia, the mother country will be before us in the suppression of the Liquor Traffic; through the potency of statute law.

The celebrated Prize Essay of Dr. Lees has had a powerful effect in moulding public sentiment in Great Britain. I hope the Grand Division will endeavour to promote its circulation in this Province. As a Temperance text book it ought to be in the hands of every member of our Order. The temperance Tracts about to be issued by the Grand Division are light infantry, and, though necessary in their place, are not capable of doing such execution as the heavy artillery of Dr. Lees. It stands unrivalled—the book for the times.