

sion of these sentiments, would secure a rich return, not only of happiness to the community, but also of money to the Treasury; and believing that your Honorable House is not disposed to neglect either of these important considerations, they humbly solicit a grant of money for procuring the services of competent Lecturers in support of those principles.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

To the Honorable the Representatives of the Province of Nova Scotia,  
now convened:

The Petition of the Undersigned Females residing in various parts of the  
aforesaid Province,

Humbly Sheweth,—

That during the last Session of the Assembly your Petitioners ventured to approach your Honourable House with a prayer that you would be pleased to enact such a law as might tend to annihilate the Traffic in Intoxicating Drinks. Firmly convinced that such a measure would incalculably promote the happiness of their sex, notwithstanding their want of success, they are determined to persevere in their solicitations. The abuse which has perverted Alcohol from its proper purposes, into a beverage for human beings, has rendered it the most deadly of all the enemies of female comfort. They desire therefore, again to entreat your Honourable House to interpose your authority, for the protection of hundreds of the Wives and Daughters of Nova Scotia, between the selfish traffic and wiles of the Rum Seller, and his miserable victims, who would often themselves rejoice if the Intoxicating Cup were placed beyond their reach.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

To the Honourable the Representatives of the Province of Nova Scotia,  
now convened:

The Petition of the Undersigned, Inhabitants of the aforesaid Province,

Humbly Sheweth,—

That your Petitioners would again respectfully solicit your Honourable House to adopt such measures as in your wisdom you may see fit, to effect the Total Abolition of the Traffic in Intoxicating Drinks.

They do not desire to weary your Honourable House by reiterating the unanswerable arguments by which at various times your favourable attention has been solicited to this most important question.

Your Petitioners would respectfully remind your Honourable House that the possibility of overthrowing the Traffic in Intoxicating Drinks by Legislative enactment, is no longer a matter of conjecture. They do not assert that, as yet, it has any where been completely destroyed; for no human power could at once eradicate an evil so vast and so deeply rooted; but they do assert that though it may for a time prolong a sickly existence, it has received at various places a wound from which it must eventually perish.

They would therefore pray your Honourable House to enact a law for prohibiting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, for any other than Chemical, Medicinal, and Mechanical purposes.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

The Petitions for the Council to be a copy of the above.

On motion, Bro. Seldon was added to the Committee on Communications.

The Grand Scribe read his report, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE OF S. OF T.

Halifax, N. S., 26th July, 1853.

G. W. P., Officers, and Brothers,—It is matter of regret that the returns of many of the Subordinate Divisions are delayed so long before being sent into this office, as to preclude the possibility of a correct report being laid before the G. D. at its quarterly sessions.