

I could have told you then, that the Division whose jubilee you are helping us celebrate to-night was two years ahead of the National Division in affirming that principle and calling for legislative action. I quoted the resolution in the paper I read ten years ago, but I ask you to excuse me for repeating it now. Here is the resolution passed in Mayflower Division on the 6th of December, 1850 :

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Division, the licensing of men to sell intoxicating liquors is contrary to the principles of morality, subversive of the sanitary regulations of the country, destructive to the happiness of thousands of its inhabitants, and injurious to all the best interests of the human race.

"Resolved, That this Division deems it to be the duty of the representatives of the people to enact measures which may tend to the greatest possible good to their constituents morally, intellectually, and commercially, and to prohibit to the utmost of their power whatever may lead to opposite results ; and that from these considerations it deems it not only proper but imperative on the legislature to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of ardent spirits.

"Resolved, That the Grand Division of Nova Scotia be requested by this body to petition the House of Assembly for the repeal of the license law, and for such preventive measures as may conduce to the extinction of the liquor traffic."

This resolution, as I said, was two years ahead of that of the National Division, and you will admit the necessity for it when I tell you that in the course of the discussion on the resolution it was stated that the city was then receiving about \$6,000 per annum for rum licenses. A larger amount than that is received to-day, 'tis true—and more's the pity.

But prohibition was not the only important subject to which this Division or its members were the first to call attention.

"Temperance in the schools" was a pet question with us,