

The answers to the eighth question are delightfully enthusiastic. Deputies grow warm upon the subject of the ladies. These angelic visitors are neither few nor far between. A large proportion of the Divisions are now blessed with their presence, and in most instances have started anew on the tide of prosperity through their beneficial influence.

The answers to the four following questions are not very encouraging. We hear of but few openings for forming new Divisions. We know, however, that such openings can only be discovered by whole-souled temperance men, and these are not numerous. Temperance periodicals are not well supported. Temperance men are either too poor to be taxed 2s. 6d. a-year for the cause, or are so well read up on the subject as to need no further information. There seems, however, to be a general desire for temperance lecturers, and perhaps, after all, the public lecturer is the best promoter of our principles.

We are informed, too, that intemperance greatly abounds, but this should not discourage us.

We can see what has been achieved, but we cannot see the depth of degradation into which society might have fallen but for the efforts of temperance men and women for the last twenty years.

The thirteenth question relates to the clergy. From the answers to this we gather that though some oppose temperance, and one is named as having made a present of a bottle of wine to each of his servants on Christmas Day; yet the far greater number practise and are favorable to total abstinence, and a goodly number are energetic workers in the cause. The increasing interest evinced among clergymen of all denominations in the cause of temperance is the most hopeful feature that we have gathered from these reports.

The physicians seem to be about equally divided upon the subject of temperance; but if doctors differ, let us be in accord, and we shall triumph either with or without their aid.

But the teachers of youth are not all with us yet, though they ought to be. We cannot afford to allow opponents of temperance to hold such a responsible and influential position. Temperance men should attend to this matter, and should use all the influence they have in their several localities, to put away from among them teachers of youth who are not also teachers of temperance.

There are further questions purely statistical, which your com-