

Bros. L. E. Van Búskirk. — Manning, and Joel Shaw, a *Committee on Communications*.

Committee on Publication reported as follows :—

The Committee of Publication, appointed by this Grand Division for issuing a Weekly Paper, devoted especially to the interests of Temperance, and as the official organ of this body, respectfully report,

That they have commenced "The Athenæum and Journal of Temperance," three numbers of which have made their appearance, they venture to believe, much to the gratification of the many zealous members of the Order, and warmest friends of Total Abstinence principles throughout the Province, many of whom have already expressed their decided approval of the undertaking, and regard it as likely to prove an auxiliary in the great work of Temperance reform. The members of this Grand Division need not be reminded of the necessity of having a judiciously managed Paper, conveying to all parts of the Province, Temperance intelligence, recommending the principles and enforcing the arguments on which our cause is established, in order to the vigorous and successful prosecution of this great and good work in which the friends of humanity are engaged. It is the settled conviction of many that the extension and continued permanency of our cause, depends much upon our being able to wield the influence, silent yet potent, which a well conducted periodical can alone enable us fully to exercise over individuals, Legislative bodies, and the public mind generally. The value of this agency, in numerous ways, is so apparent as to render further remark scarcely necessary. It enables us to employ an instrument that our opponents have ever dreaded—to pour a flood of light over the darkness of the polluted and murderous traffic in alcoholic liquors, from which manufacturers, venders and consumers have instinctively shrunk—to produce our reasons, strong and convincing, for the total suppression of the God-dishonouring, man-destroying traffic, to lift up a trumpet voice of warning and alarm, extending to circles where the living voice of the eloquent advocate will not be permitted to reach, and to knock at the door of every conscience, appeal to the judgment, heart and better feelings of every man, woman and child, within the range of its circulation; exhibiting the evils and perils, as well of moderate drinking as of absolute drunkenness; placing in bright and inviting contrast therewith the blessings and security of Total Abstinence. The history of our cause in other lands is a continuous proof of the value of the Temperance Press. Indeed comparatively little would have been done, had not the public mind been constantly assailed by the powerful agency of the Weekly Paper and Monthly Magazine, as directed by the staunch, uncompromising champions of tee-totalism.

The Committee of Publication beg leave to assure the Grand Division, that unlimited confidence may be reposed in the fixed resolution expressed in one of the standing regulations of "The Athe-