

sion, and to report that with few exceptions the Order in this jurisdiction is in a peaceful and harmonious condition, and that our noble Order still maintains its proud position. It is true that apathy exists in some localities to a great extent, and it should be our aim, Brothers, to arouse such localities from their enervating lethargy, and to encourage our brethren to renewed and more brilliant exertions for the full fruition of our hopes and labors, the attainment of Legal Prohibition of the infernal traffic in intoxicating drinks.

The Permissive Bill which is being so ably advocated in Great Britain by its champions of Prohibition, is worthy of our notice. The Bill enunciates three great principles, and contends for "Prohibition upon physiological, economic, and moral grounds."

The continental governments in Europe are also giving some attention to this all-engrossing subject, whether viewed religiously, morally, economically or politically; everywhere the past year has been one of the most eventful ever witnessed for Temperance agitation and progression. The complete triumph of the principle of Prohibition in the State of Maine is of no small importance.

I trust that this Session of the Grand Division, of Representatives assembled from the extreme limits of your jurisdiction, will be the means of having our cause prosecuted still more vigorously, earnestly and efficiently than heretofore, and will give each of us more faith and increased impulse in the prosecution of the total suppression of the liquor traffic in this Province.

To make our efforts successful in the right direction, to remove this most fearful incubus, the liquor traffic, that presses out the very life of the body politic, this curse of curses that was ever permitted to afflict suffering humanity, we must go forth together, united, determined to toil in this great cause till the abominable traffic is annihilated. We must study how best to build up our Divisions as a base for future operations, to make our meetings more interesting and engaging, to enlist the sympathies of the youth of our country. Already we find that our ranks are being filled up with this interesting class who will soon fill our vacant places. And permit me to draw your attention to those veterans remaining within our pale and now thoroughly imbued with the great principles of Total Abstinence, who when the propitious time arrives, as arrive it must, are ready to make no little sacrifice for the cause they so ardently love.

It is also particularly cheering to find that our fair countrywomen are also coming in to assist our efforts and grace our meetings with their counsel and presence; in many instances the benign influence of our fair visitors is being felt and an increased interest manifested in a larger attendance at Division meetings.

Although we regret to find that we have not made great progress numerically during the past year, still we have maintained our ground, and have a band "faithful ever," "more than ten thousand men who will never bow the knee to Baal," and the efforts of these men of strong heads and pure hearts will, if properly directed, carry on the work successfully to a glorious consummation.

The important changes made in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, whereby each Division has been permitted to regulate its own "Initiation fees" and "Weekly dues," and also the privilege of suspending "Benefits"