

I have reason to believe that some good has resulted from these visits. My own mind has been refreshed and cheered by intercourse with true-hearted friends of the Cause in these different places.

As the Grand Division at several sessions have almost unanimously, and with great spirit, espoused the Cause of prohibition, and as the adoption of this measure leads us to regard with deep interest the position of political parties in relation thereto, I cannot in making this report overlook the fact that since our last session a change has taken place in the administration of this Province. What influence this change may have upon the Cause of prohibition, time alone will show.

I cannot, however, request you to place much dependence on Legislators, whoever is in power, until the people at large are impressed with the importance of temperance Legislation; and especially until the Sons of Temperance themselves make the passage of an Anti-Liquor Law a matter of supreme importance, *and determine to hold every other political issue in abeyance, until the election of a House of Assembly thoroughly committed to this important measure.*

This is the course we have resolved and re-resolved to pursue, and from which we cannot consistently depart. In prosecuting our purpose we have resolved to know no political party as such; but by every proper means in our power to imbue all parties with our principles. We will form no political party, but whenever an opportunity presents itself to afford expression of our course of action, I trust the brethren of the Order will give the world the proof of their sincerity, in withholding their approbation from every political aspirant, belong to what party he may, who is not satisfactorily pledged to throw the weight of his legislative influence into the scale of Prohibition.

In no other way, in my opinion, can we ever secure the passage of an Anti-Liquor Law bill for the Province of Nova Scotia. The people are the source of power, and to the people we must make our appeal, inviting them to take the course of action we recommend. Give the people the light, and they will act in view of their obligations.

But to what quarter are they to look, if not to the G. D. for the information they need. Do we not, in the providence of God, sustain such a relation to the public as lays us under the deepest obligation to meet their wants. Shall we not educate the people on this, the greatest political question of the