

cured, and its effects are not only apparent in the prosperity of the Divisions, but it is sowing good seeds around the hearthstones that will spring up in the homes of the land, and bear fruit in coming generations to happy millions.

The recommendation of the M.W. Scribe on the subject of admitting ministers of the gospel without fees or dues, involves a question which should not be lightly passed over. The influence of the pulpit is one that we should, by all means, enlist in a cause so holy as that of ours, but we doubt the propriety of making any special discrimination in favor of any particular class in society. If ministers are admitted without fees or dues, should we not extend that privilege to professional teachers? Temperance lessons in the school are nearly as important as in the church; and if we begin to discriminate, where will we end? Moreover, the discretionary power now left with Subordinate Divisions in the management of their funds, we think amply sufficient to meet the emergency, and Subordinate Divisions are the most competent judges of when they should exercise that power. Nevertheless, we would not undervalue the importance of securing the aid of so powerful an auxiliary as the pulpit on all moral questions.

There are, in many parts of our jurisdiction, ministers of real worth, who are laboring under mistaken views of our objects, or the modes of attaining our ends, whose false impressions might be corrected by the issuing from this most worthy body a circular addressed to the clergy, earnestly inviting their cooperation with us in our labor for the promotion of Temperance, and with it every moral and social virtue.

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