

gate strength in Nova Scotia. The liberality with which the treasury of the Agency is sustained by individual effort and by the various Divisions evidences that the cause lives in the hearts of the people and that our brother, the Agent's exertions are appreciated. Continual and ever increased liberality in this direction is earnestly invoked.

4.—We endorse and most cordially commend the united action of the Grand Temperance Bodies of this Province, as stated in the report of the Committee, in relation to publishing a weekly paper—the official organ of Temperance. In addition to the suggestions embodied in the report in reference to procuring subscribers, we recommend that the G. S. be instructed to send a pointer: circular along with the prospectus to all individuals and Divisions urging direct and thorough canvass within their respective limits for a good list of subscribers. The aid of the press we regard as of primary importance, and not to be dispensed with under any discouraging aspects which may present themselves.

5.—The report of the Agency Committee embodies a suggestion that the Agency of Brother Hutchings be continued for at least several months at such period as the said Committee direct, and that means be provided to liquidate expenses therefor. We cheerfully endorse the suggestion, and recommend action thereon.

6.—The Auditing Committee's report shows that the amount of \$142 60 has been incurred for printing, and considering the amount of work done it is not by any means an excessive charge. A large item was for Band of Hope stock which will not accrue again for some time. The necessary material for effective working of Bands of Hope can be obtained from the G. S. at the bare cost of their production.

7.—The report of G. W. P. Wetmore exhibits cheering evidence of the regular and unremitting progress of our work in the Temperance cause, which is the cause of all mankind. The reports of the Deputies referred to are in general of a most encouraging character, and if we were authorized to single out one as particularly cheering we should name the report of D. G. W. P. William A. McKeen of the South District of Cape Breton. We have specially noted the G. W. P.'s reference to our order in Halifax and find that usual additions to our membership have not been realized. We feel most deeply the importance of a steady advance in our work in the city. The brethren in the rural districts are wont to regard the progress attained in the metropolis as an index to the general state of the cause throughout the Province, and we invoke the brothers in the city to continue to supplement earnest and continuous effort with devout prayer to the "Source of all Good" for blessing and success. Through the Grand Division we earnestly exhort our younger brethren to the exercise of every possible means to ensure increased progress in the work. Effort, faith and prayer will not fail of their reward.

8.—The prompt and effective application of the present provisions of the law in relation to the destruction of alcoholic liquors found on the premises of inveterate violators of the License Laws; also the powers possessed by the people in the "Permissive Clause" so-called, have already effected cheering results and promise great good in the future.

9.—The report of the Grand Scribe gives additional assurance that our cause is progressive as well as aggressive, and details a variety of facts encouraging to your committee and to all Temperance advocates, and we respectfully ask the attention of our brethren throughout this jurisdiction thereto, when published in the Journals of this Quarterly Session.