

good work, as also is Arctic Division located at Economy. Agricola Division is not large, but its influence for good is felt.

*Cumberland County.*—Deputy Huestis writes that the divisions under his care are flourishing. Lucknow is besieged, but holding out. Friendship "is running a *flaming* course, and gives promise of great success. Lebert is working with unabated vigour. Deputy Mills reports that Excelsior and Southampton divisions are doing as well as can be expected. Deputy Atkinson states that White Rose is in a prosperous condition. "The attendance full and regular, and the utmost harmony prevails." Wallace, Temple, Pugwash, Marshall and Eureka divisions are all flourishing. Diligent River Division is not working.

*Pictou County.*—No report.

*Guysboro' County.*—No report.

*Cape Breton.*—Deputy Bown reports the divisions under his care in good working order, and the cause of temperance gaining ground." Brother Johnston's lectures have been productive of much good where ever he has labored.

The above extracts afford cheering evidence that in every part of this jurisdiction from which information has been received, our Order is achieving its triumphs, developing its efficiency and power, and demonstrating the justice of its claim to be regarded as the *grandest and most truly human instrumentality in existence for the destruction of intemperance.*

The principle of

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has been adopted by the Order. As to its necessity, one common sentiment, one electric moral impulse, pervades the jurisdiction, and, under the direction of the All-wise Being, we are steadily aiming at the consummation of the mighty purpose of total prohibition by Legislative enactment. At its last Annual Session this body adopted a resolution to petition the Legislature for a Prohibitory Law, to be submitted to the people for ratification, the vote on the question to be taken by ballot.—It is not necessary now to argue the point that it comes within the province of a wise and just legislation to enact laws for the suppression of the liquor traffic. A difference of opinion has, however, been expressed as to the constitutionality of the action by which the Legislature would pass conditionally a bill, and submit it directly to the people for approval. In this country the power of the Legislature is not restricted by the express provisions of a written constitution. The will of the Legislature sanctioned by the Executive, is the supreme law of the land.