

societies, of every conceivable kind. Every church has its more than quadrupled duties for its members, male and female; benefit associations, lodges and courts, are in competition for the time and talents of all who have either to give; and where, fifty years ago, you could only count eighteen societies of all kinds in the city, including all the temperance societies, to-day the number, exclusive of all kinds of temperance associations, is nearly one hundred, and of temperance societies there are at least a score. Is it any wonder, then, that the membership of a Division will fluctuate? Rather, is it not a tribute to the inherent goodness of our Order that six Divisions still maintain a successful and useful existence in this rum-burdened city of Halifax? Rum-burdened, it is true, but not so badly burdened as it would have been but for these same temperance societies.

From its earliest days the members of this Division have been mindful of the fact that, "though it is their duty to "guard with vigilance the interests of the division to which "they belong," it is also their duty "to look with a broad and "generous view to the interests of the whole Order, unbiassed "by sectional feeling or personal prejudice." And this they HAVE done; in how many ways it would take me too long to tell; but when the inner history of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia is written, if it ever is, you will find that it owes its prosperity, its harmony, its past and present proud position, as much to the individual and general efforts of the members of Mayflower Division as to those of any other of the nine hundred Divisions and thousands upon thousands of members of which the Order has been composed these past fifty years.

When I read a paper a few nights ago on the "father of prohibition," I gave an extract from a report, submitted in 1852 in the National Division, in which prohibition as a preventive measure was declared to be the policy of the Order.