

their respective Counties. Would all the County Deputies do this it would be a much more direct and effectual way of bringing the condition of our Temperance Reform to the notice of the Grand Division through the G. W. P.'s. Report, and obviate the necessity of the Grand Scribe copying so many extracts and forwarding so many letters for the information of that Officer. Let us divide the labor. Divisional Deputies reporting to the County Deputy, and the County Deputy to the G. W. P.

DIFFICULTIES WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

It is our painful duty to report a flagrant breach of our cardinal principle, *fidelity*, on the part of "Conqueror," 306, Lunenburg County. We have been credibly informed that for some time past they have paid but little respect to Art. 2 of the Constitution, and also indulged in all sorts of irregularities. At length, fearing they might be called upon to answer for their conduct, they met and agreed to disband. This they carried into effect, selling at auction their regalia, furniture, &c., &c., and dividing the proceeds among them.

Deputy McFarlane has been officially instructed to demand the Charter, Rituals, and other dues from parties holding them, in behalf of the Grand Division, and failing to obtain them, to report the names of parties holding and refusing to deliver them up. The result of this demand we have not yet ascertained.

Some difficulty has arisen in the case of "Ray of Hope" Division, No. 186, which seems disposed to supersede the appointment of Divisional Deputy, by a new nomination, without the former incumbent having resigned or without sufficient reason being shown for his dismissal; but as the full investigation into the matter is left in abeyance until after the Session of Grand Division, it would be premature to report any course of action at present. Deputy S. Cahoon reports the Division itself in good working order.

The correspondence in relation to the foregoing cases will be laid before the G. D., if called for.

THE "ABSTAINER."

I am informed that, at the recent Session of British Templars, a resolution was passed to adopt the *Abstainer* as the Organ of that body. The I. O. G. Templars do so consider it. In this we congratulate our Reform that it has attained sufficient unanimity to speak its sentiments through one mouthpiece, and we congratulate our old friend the *Abstainer* in respect to the valuable aid it is likely to receive from that influential branch of the Temperance family. Let none, however, suppose that the *Abstainer* is now "increased in goods and has need of nothing." Most unflagging efforts must be put forth on all hands to raise it to a safe financial basis, and also to sustain and improve its literary character.

Prohibition.

We rejoice in the growing conviction that absolute prohibition is the only effectual method of destroying the Destroyer. In every truly philanthropic mind this measure is but a question of time, and we trust that the rising generation may yet look upon the enormity of a legalized liquor traffic in this land of Bibles and Sanctuaries with as profound an astonishment as that with which we now regard the worship of idols and the burning of witches by our forefathers.

AGENCY.

Lastly, Brothers, I commend to your most serious consideration the important subject of *Agency*. I am persuaded that I do not over estimate it when I affirm that this is *the question of the present Session*.