

one third have been added since our annual Meeting in October. Our Divisions like so many garrisons of well disciplined troops, are established in every town, and very many of the rural districts of our Province, presenting a formidable appearance before the common foe; and it is gratifying to us to reflect, that the prosperity of our cause in our own land, is but in agreement with the history of the Order wherever it has been established from its origin to the present time. Little more than 6 years ago the cloud arose small as a human hand, and now its pure white flakes, fill the horizon, giving promise of spreading over every civilized country, and of dropping in blessing on our fellow man of every clime. Nor can we sufficiently estimate its advantages and value by its extent, for the benefit it has been to a vast number whom other means have failed to save, and the attraction it presents before the public generally, thereby winning many, and especially young persons who but for this instrumentality would in all probability have been wandering in the path of dissipation, bring it before our view, as an institution designed by Providence for the accomplishment of a great work.

Nor are we to overlook the fact that previously to the introduction of the Order into the Province, the Temperance societies were very generally in a weak and depressed condition; but we trust that by our operations, new life has been inspired into the true friends of the cause. We are aware however that to this some exceptions are to be taken, that some who are very warm friends of Total Abstinence Societies, have not thought proper to unite with us, and in some instances, are led to view our efforts and our progress with jealousy and distrust—but for this we are not to blame, nor would we censure such, for the course they pursue, but would strongly hope that, when they become better acquainted with our

principles, and see the working of our organization, the most of them will feel it to be their duty to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Let it be our care to encourage Total Abstinence Societies, to attend Total Abstinence meetings and to labor harmoniously with Total Abstinence men whether they are "Sons" or not. "The encouragement of every right Temperance effort under whatever name it may present itself, is but policy and duty, inasmuch as all are parts of a great common whole, and each may contribute to swell the tide which is destined to bear us on to a great common triumph." And while we justly regard our order as being the most complete and efficient form of the Temperance movement, we will show that ours is not a rival institution, or at all events, not intended immediately to supersede the Societies previously in existence, but that there is work enough for all to engage in, and that we are with them fellow helpers in a great and glorious cause. And we would earnestly recommend to all our own brotherhood, the exhibition of those principles of good will towards all classes of men, by which we profess to be governed; not denouncing any who stand aloof from us, or who bitterly oppose us, but endeavoring by a courteous and kind demeanor, to win them to our ranks.

The Grand Division have viewed with extreme satisfaction, the excellent tendency of our institution, in allaying political feeling, party excitement, and sectarian differences, and doubt not but that by a strict maintenance of our principles on these points, we shall be the means under the blessing of God, of uniting very generally the scattered elements of society together, and thereby of greatly lessening those differences on vexed questions, which have to a very wide extent divided and injured our happy Province. While we maintain individually our dis-