

for a period of three months. If a similar state of activity were rendered permanent so as to become a characteristic feature of our body, we should soon find such a change in the customs of society as would banish the great Destroyer from all places of respectability; and Prohibition would be enacted by common consent.

It is gratifying to learn that more attention is being paid to the preparation and sending forward of the Returns to the Grand Division. We would suggest to the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs, and Divisions generally, that this is one of the most important matters in connection with our body. Accurate statistical information furnished promptly at the times appointed, has much to do with the progress and harmonious working of the various parts of our organization, and is intimately associated with every moral improvement.

Respectfully submitted in L., P., & F.,

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Avondale, April 27, 1864.

Bro. Allison presented the following Report from Committee on Communications:

The Committee on Communications beg to report:

That they have had laid before them by the Grand Scribe a proposal from Mr. Z. Pope Vose, Rockland, Maine, who invites this Grand Division to subscribe for a number of copies of a work which he designs to publish, entitled, "The Text-Book of Temperance." He offers it to the Grand Division at cost of publication, to be disposed of at the subscription price, 75 cents to subscribers, obtained through the subordinate Divisions.

Your Committee consider that in the present state of our funds and in view of the additional support which our own Temperance press requires, they cannot recommend the adoption of Mr. Vose's proposal, leaving for the Grand Division to take any further action on the matter which they may think proper.

They have also had submitted for their consideration a letter from D. G. W. P. Danton, of General Williams Division, requesting that the locality of that Division be changed from Prince