

lieve that the employment of suitable agency will have a restorative and invigorating effect. There is a Temperance power in Nova Scotia, which only requires to be roused and judiciously directed in order to secure permanently good results.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch, it is earnestly hoped, will be encouraged and sustained in his efforts to procure an efficient License Law, by the operation of which, the path to Prohibition will be smoothed and straightened, and the public generally prepared for a consummation so "devoutly to be wished."

The approaching Session of the National Division in Halifax is anticipated by your Committee with much pleasure and hope. They trust that it will inaugurate a new era in the history of the Total Abstinence movement in this Province, and that numbers will be induced to join us who have hitherto kept aloof, and whose neglect of the claims of this good cause is alike unaccountable and injurious; for the enemies of Temperance are greatly emboldened in their opposition when they see that many, who are usually engaged in the work of Christian philanthropy, decline to identify themselves with this form of protest against vice and disorder.

It is of great importance, in the judgment of your Committee, that the National Division should meet with a reception worthy of the dignity of that body, and fitly testifying our respect and esteem for its members. The excellent arrangements proposed by the Committee appointed to prepare for that occasion cannot but secure the approval of the Order throughout the Province. Considerable expense will, of necessity, be incurred, even on the most moderate scale of calculation; and your Committee, therefore, beg to commend to the generous attention of the subordinate Divisions the Circular issued on that subject. Many of the members of those Divisions, it is confidently hoped, will liberally contribute to the object, and all may share in the effort by consenting to grants from the funds at their disposal.

Adverting to sundry matters of practical interest in the Reports and other documents placed in their hands, the Committee offer the following suggestions:—