

every hamlet in the Province. Most encouraging accounts have been received from various quarters in reference to the Petitions to be presented to the Legislature; while in other parts many of our friends are halting, because they imagine that the time for such a law as the Main Law, has not arrived, and therefore do not lend their aid. This should not be. Temperance men must unite and boldly take a firm stand, or they never can succeed. The time for moral suasion has passed by, and when we see melancholy evidence of the victims swallowed up in the gulf of intemperance, and descending into an untimely grave, we cannot but lend our aid to destroy a traffic which ends in ruin and misery to thousands of our fellow beings—and therefore trust that the people will show to the Legislature that they are really desirous of having this law passed, and that they are fully determined to carry it into effect when passed. I would also press upon this G. Division the necessity of obtaining a first rate man as an Agent and Lecturer, to visit the Divisions and lecture in the different localities. All the Subordinate Divisions seem anxious to have this matter carried into effect, and have accordingly appropriated sums for that purpose. Since the Annual Session the following appropriations have been made:—Mayflower Division, 20s.; Howard, 60s.; Avondale, 40s.; Harmony, 20s.; Agricola, 20s.; Union, 50s.; Coldstream (in addition) 50s.; Aurora, 20s.; Star in the East, 40s.; Herald, 20s.

An incalculable amount of good has been done in New Brunswick, by an authorised Agent visiting the Divisions, healing breeches, reviving and re-animating drooping spirits, and infusing new life and vigor into the whole Order; having reaped so much benefit, they have re-engaged their able and talented Agent. The Grand Division of Canada West has under its jurisdiction 400 Subordinate Divisions, and employs two Agents and Lecturers; the good that would result to the Order in this Province from such an Officer being employed, is beyond calculation, and the anxious eyes of many of the Divisions are turned towards us, in expectation of so desired an end being attained.

I cannot conclude this official communication to this Grand Division without expressing a hope that the several Divisions will look sharper after their affairs, and that the returns will not be handed into this office, so carelessly filled up, as many of them have been during the past quarter, and without the seal of the Division attached. If it is necessary to have all these particulars attended to, the proper officer does not do his duty unless he insists upon them being adhered to. Several communications have been forwarded to me for the decision of the G. D. which shall be submitted for that purpose. And in conclusion, I trust that having manifested a desire to have the duties of this office faithfully performed, that the Returns and other documents will be forwarded to me in such season as to enable me to do so—and invoking the blessing of him who alone can aid and prosper our cause, I respectfully submit this in I. P. & F.

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Grand Scribe.