

ance as seen in the increased number of Divisions opened during the first half of the present year, and particularly with the pleasing indications of permanent success evidenced by the large number of resuscitated Divisions and the diminution of the numbers suspended and expelled.

We note with grateful interest the prosperity attending the labors of Brethren honorably mentioned in the Report.

The Petitions for a Prohibitory Law, though unsuccessful in the degree desired by your Committee and the public generally, have had a salutary influence upon the Legislature and the country generally, in the amount of information communicated upon the question, and will ultimately result in good.

Your Committee earnestly call attention to the recommendation of the Grand Worthy Patriarch to hold public meetings, relying, if need be, upon local talent, availing yourselves of accredited agency when obtainable.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the Grand Worthy Patriarch with reference to the desirableness of holding a Provincial Convention of all the different organizations, fully convinced that the individuality and power of these bodies, as such, will be rather augmented for the advancement of the cause by such a combination of effort, and we respectfully recommend the appointment of a Committee of seven to confer with other organizations in Canada, East and West. The approaching meeting of the Grand Division of Canada East we think should be improved as an opportunity for maturing plans in the carrying out of our object, and we recommend the appointment of a deputation from this body on that occasion; and further, that the Provincial Convention be held at such time and place as the Committee may, after due consultation with other bodies, appoint—the said Committee having full power to consider and mature all plans for the presentation of an address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, acting with all co-operating temperance organizations.

And we further suggest that, if practicable, the assembly of the Convention and the presentation of the Address be appointed to take place at some central point in the Province where a large attendance may be secured.

With reference to the recommendation of the Grand Worthy Patriarch upon the subject of juvenile temperance organizations, your Committee beg to urge that all proper encouragement be given to such institutions, and that, when practicable and consistent, they be also formed, as in Great Britain, in connection with the Sabbath Schools of our land.

Your Committee would, we consider, be guilty of delinquency did we not enter our protest against that wretched progeny of ignorance and vice recently brought into existence by the provisions for the sale of cheap wine in England, and the facility afforded the cursed traffic in these Provinces by the last tariff, in the reduction of the duties upon foreign wines; and we earnestly trust that the enlightened public sentiment of our beloved country will prevent any further facilities being provided for such a pernicious movement.

Your Committee would here express our high sense of the able manner in which our Grand Worthy Patriarch has conducted the duties devolving upon him since his appointment, and the excellent suggestions contained in his able Report; and particularly his recommendation that, as Sons of Temperance, we concentrate our influence in the furtherance of the cause, working by the means ordinarily employed by this body.

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