

aroused to the magnitude of the evil we oppose and the good we sustain."

The Committee agree with the G. S. that the synopsis furnished by him of the returns from subordinate Divisions for the last Quarter is "decidedly encouraging." They regret, however, that so many have been expelled for non-payment of dues, and they trust that such prudent and wise changes in the financial affairs of the subordinate Divisions now that the National Division has accorded that privilege, that not only old members may be retained but that new ones may be induced to join their ranks on either the reduced or the non-benefit system.

The Committee consider that the services of a travelling Agent and Lecturer will be greatly required during the present year to keep the question of a prohibitory law constantly before the public mind.

They also consider that the "Athenæum" newspaper is an important auxilliary in the cause and that its present improved appearance, enlarged size, and the able manner in which it is conducted challenge for it a generous support among members of the Order and friends of Temperance generally. The Committee do not hesitate to pronounce it one of the cheapest and best family papers published in the Province, and trust that the subscription list will soon place it in a self-sustaining position.

The Committee feel very sensibly that the present aspect of the Temperance question in this Province calls for unabated and vigorous efforts on the part of Sons of Temperance, so that the vantage ground gained during the last sitting of the Legislature may not be lost. Shall the next House of Assembly be *more* or *less* willing to sustain a prohibitory law than the last?

The Committee hesitate not to say that this question is one to be determined by the friends of Temperance, and they trust that their brethren will all in this respect conscientiously and determinedly discharge the duties devolving upon them.

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Adopted.

The Committee on the Athenæum paper reported as follows: