

The G. Scribe read the following report :

Canard, Cornwallis, April 26th, 1854.

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The routine Business of the Order has again assembled us in quarterly Session, to devise means for reviving the hopes and expectations which are felt by many to rest upon our organization, as well as to strengthen the hands of those who are battling against the common foe, and to reanimate with fresh zeal those who have been nobly striving during the past, both by precept and example, to elevate the condition of fallen man, by removing from his path the temptations which surround him. These are eventful times, we hear of Nations arming against Nation, and with energy and vigour preparing armed Hosts, and sending them forth to the battle field to maintain the balance of power and preserve the freedom of Europe. And how many thousands of these brave fellows will fall victims to this inhuman principle of war on the battle field, believing that they are engaged in a Sacred Cause while fighting for their country, to preserve the rights of other Nations against an aggressive foe. They will be lamented and mourned over, and then forgotten, victory only living in the minds of the people. These things make us sigh and wish for the times when Nations shall no longer learn war. But this brings us to the fact that a dreadful war is raging within our own borders, as well as surrounding Countries ; alas ! how few are there that reflect upon this soul and body destroying contest that is continually going on in our land, and filling the grave-yard with its victims, sparing neither the high nor the humble, the Prince nor the Peasant ; the giant in intellect nor the imbecile. All, all, fall prostrate before it, for it conquers the might of the brave. And does not the blood of these victims cry aloud for vengeance ? Can we behold the heart-rending scenes of suffering and woe it causes, and not nerve our arm to the battle, until the Liquor Traffic ceases to exist. We do not find the Kings and Queens of the earth, nor the high and mighty arming for this contest, although heavy and great sufferers by it, they cannot be convinced that we are in the right. Ever ready when the pressure from without compels them to grant liberty to the subject. They believe that to grant our prayer would be to subvert it. Ours is a great moral struggle, involving a great principle, one which must be maintained, and we must prepare to go forth once more to arouse the people to still greater efforts than have ever yet been put forth to convince all who are opposed to us that we are fully determined to win, and save our fellow-beings from being murdered by this accursed Traffic.

Since our last quarterly Session, the " Maine Law " has been before the Legislature, the result of which is well known to all. And if it only serve to convince the Temperance body, of how little they have to expect from high quarters, unless they take the law in their own hands, it will have served a good purpose ; for then we may look for renewed energy and zeal throughout every Division in the Province, a recruiting of our forces and calling in the aid of our auxiliaries, the Total Abstinence and other friendly Societies, to