

nence from all intoxicating beverages. More especially have we been gratified to learn that the progress made in establishing Subordinate Divisions in your great Country has been such as to lead you to desire the formation of a Grand Division in your Colony, the Charter for which was forwarded by our Grand Scribe in June last.

We believe that the introduction of this branch of our organization, in connection with the Subordinate Divisions already in existence, will prove to be highly important, and will add vastly to the efficiency of the work already accomplished. The nature of our Order requires that there shall be a Head to direct having wisdom to guide, and vitality to infuse into each department, so that the several branches shall form one harmonious whole in accomplishing our great design, the spread of Love, Purity, and Fidelity. Having these benevolent objects in view, with faithful men associated for the purpose of practically applying our principles, we might well look for an early and wide extension of the Temperance reform in your land. Young countries afford a fine field for the Philanthropic exertions of Temperance men, and there is hope that the seed sown will have more influence on society generally than in countries where the habits of the people are already formed, and where it is more difficult to effect changes for the better. If a Temperance basis can be laid, and the superstructure reared upon it be in harmony with the motto characteristic of our Order, then a growing prosperity may be anticipated, and the elements of happiness enjoyed to the fullest extent. An individual who forms good habits in early life, becomes more firm in his convictions on arriving at maturity, and reaps the double advantage of a healthy and vigorous constitution, as well as avoids the evils of misfortune, disease and crime; so with a community, if well grounded in virtue and sobriety its institutions will largely reflect the same character in its future course.

Further, Worthy Brethren, we are gratified to learn that the National Division at the last Annual Session of that body,—the head of our Order—came to the conclusion that, in consideration of the long distance at which you are from them, it would be advantageous to the cause in your extensive country, that a National Division with supreme authority should be organized as soon as possible. They therefore granted a Charter for this purpose which if not already sent will soon be forwarded to you.

We need scarcely mention that it would afford us no small amount of pleasure to hear from you, from time to time. Especially would we ask for a reply to this letter, at an early day.

We wish you abundant success in this work of reclaiming our fellow-men from the paths of the Destroyer. Do what you can, dear