

The G. W. P's. report a year ago suggested four amendments to our License Laws :

1. The Destruction Clause.
2. Civil Damage Clause.
3. Coal and other Mines' Safety Clause.
4. For Halifax City—The Permissive Bill.

It is cause of much thankfulness that in one short year in addition to progress in other departments of our work, the *first, third, and fourth* of these have become the Law of the Land.

We have made great strides ; but the enemy is gathering his forces for a conflict and there are rumors of attempts to repeal some of the Laws enacted last winter. This Grand Division should be on the alert to prevent the success of such baleful efforts.

There are two things for us to do :

1. Authorize your Executive to use the full power of this G. D. in fighting the foe- by protest and appeal.

2 Help the Halifax Temperance League in their endeavors to enforce the Permissive Law in this City.

Last year we petitioned for our new Laws ; now if threatened we must *protest* and that most vigorously against any retrograde Legislation. And if all the Temperance Bodies of the Province protest unitedly as they petitioned, then no Government or Legislature in the Country would dare to disregard so powerful an expression of public opinion.

Several Divisions during the year have ceased working. Some such Divisions possess real and personal property, which legally reverts to this Grand Division. We should always be prompt at collecting in these amounts ; and we should also have a method of disposing of such fund. Would it not be well to lend all such monies to the Agency Committee without interest ; to be repaid if the Division should be resuscitated at any future time ?

The Grand Division in Quarterly Session at Yarmouth authorized the Executive to procure a stock of blank books, certificates, &c., to sell to Subordinate Divisions. There are sample sheets of such blanks now upon the table. It will cost \$100 at least to lay in such a stock of materials as these blanks indicate, and without your vote the Executive did not care while the funds were inadequate, to make such an expenditure.

The \$20 voted for tracts, &c., have been mostly expended and the samples are lying on the tables for your inspection. It would be well to place say \$100 at the disposal of the Executive to procure and keep up a good supply of such Literature. We must bring the Country up now educationally ; and tracts, books and papers must be spread everywhere to help accomplish the great work.

Rev. Mr. Welton, one of our members, read a paper some months ago before a Ministerial Conference on "Scripture Wines," and Rev. Mr. McMurray, P G W. P., recommended us to publish this paper. Would it not be well to do so ?

The prize essay published a year ago did good service for the cause, and this paper would be a natural sequence.

Would it not be advisable to offer several prizes to the Divisions or Deputies who during the year will exert themselves and organize new Divisions, or resuscitate any that have become defunct ?

Prizes might also be offered to the Divisions in Nova Scotia that would initiate the greatest number of members during the year.

Stock on hand as follows :—

Charters	17
By-Laws for Subordinate Divisions.....	367
Ode Cards.....	930
Band of Hope Certificates.....	750