

prosperous state, some scheme should be devised to cause a reaction in our favour. Amongst other discouragements, that of the defeat of the Prohibitory Bill and Athenæum—will be the two prominent questions, no doubt, that will be brought under your notice. With respect to the former, the action of the Legislature at their late session calls forth our just indignation, at the unprincipled conduct of several of the representatives there assembled, who notwithstanding the pledges made to their constituents at the hustings, were from the pressure somewhere, induced to absent themselves on a division, or in other cases, to recant their votes previously given in favour of the measure.

The subject of the Athenæum requires immediate action. During the interval between the last session and present, Mr. Willoughby, the proprietor, was, in consequence of pecuniary embarrassments, compelled to relinquish its publication in *toto*—and up to now the press remains in charge of the Committee who are held liable, as you are aware, for the amount of the same. It remains therefore for this Grand Division to adopt such measures as will place the paper on a solid basis.

The want of an active energetic Agent is much required to visit Divisions and instruct them in their duties, as there are instances where Divisions get into difficulties for want of information on Constitutional questions—and a qualified person, in my opinion, would be well received throughout this Province, and no doubt his visitations attended with beneficial results. The Divisions of course would be expected to assist by pecuniary means, in the attainment of such measures.

I am sorry to inform you that from the returns, I find many of the Divisions in a most languishing condition, and unless some such impetus be adopted as I have recommended, I fear they may die out altogether.

I regret to inform you that from a letter received from brother Payson at Westport, the Westport Division has ceased operations altogether. The Charter has not been received. The following Divisions have not sent in their returns for past quarter: Concord, No. 5; Union, 6; Westport, 15; Oriental, 16; Mechanics, 34; Truro, 41; Paradise, 45; Queen's Own, 54; Rock, 63; Aurora, 68; Iron Age, 82; Exeter, 113; Maine Law, 114; Phoenix, 115; Salem, 116; Inkermann, 123.

Of the 78 Divisions supposed to be working 62 have made returns to this office, as follows:—

No. Admitted during the quarter ending 31st March,	349
Suspended, - - - - -	94
Expelled, - - - - -	166
Violated Pledge, - - - - -	74
Reinstated, - - - - -	35
Violated Pledge second time, - - - - -	10
Signed over, - - - - -	21