

An aim surely should be, also, to provide, regularly, for the interest and improving nature of those meetings, by addresses, discussions, and other suitable means of profitably occupying an evening hour. The stated meetings, the organization, the rules of order, the portions of time at command,—afford fine opportunity for moral and intellectual inquiries, and, consequently, for individual and Divisional advance, of a very valuable character.

The office of Deputy Grand Worthy, might be more auxiliary, to the prevention of decline, and the promotion of progress, than it sometimes is. Much good might result, if the D. G. W. of each Division or district, felt that he was not merely the depository of certain incidental authority, but that he was also a superintendent of the general harmonious working of the Order, and of the good standing and good walk of Divisions;—a guard against the beginnings of weakness, and a special official aid to progress and prosperity.

The expulsion of many members for non-payment of dues, is matter of much regret. In this way persons may be abandoned to habits, against which the discipline of the Order is especially directed. The great aim of our Institution, is, to reclaim and to secure, those in danger of Intemperance, and not the mere accumulation of money. By an alteration of constitutional rules, the National Division has given power to Subordinate Divisions, whereby they may discontinue the privilege of drawing “benefits,” and of voting on money matters, respecting persons in arrears, while they allow such persons, during their abidance by their pledges, to be present at Divisional Meetings. This is recommended to the consideration of Divisions. Some modification of practise, so as to check expulsion in consequence of arrears, seems very desirable.

Brethren, we recommend, to your serious examination, these topics,—and, generally, all such matters as may seem conducive to the security and growth of an Institution, admirable in its organization and objects, calculated to be eminently influential for good, but requiring the affection and zeal and persevering attention, of many faithful members.

Wishing you all and every prosperity, we remain, Brethren, in L. P. & F. Signed in behalf of the Grand Division.

WM. M. BROWN, *G. W. Patriarch.*

E. G. W. GREENWOOD, *Grand Scribe.*

*Halifax, October 25th, 1851.*

The following Resolution moved by Bro. Blanchard :

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature, praying aid for the employment of suitable persons to lecture on subjects of Temperance throughout the Province.

Passed.

Committee appointed—Brothers Blanchard; West and Robson.