

by your Committee,—while the causes of regret, they believe, should only induce to perseverance, better preparation for the future, and more zealous efforts in promotion of the great objects of our fraternity.

Without expressing an opinion on the propriety of the withdrawal of the Bill for prohibitory enactments, the Committee agree, that the fact should cause more early and extended exertions, in reference to Petitioning, and other legitimate and prudent modes of increasing legislative influence in favour of the measure.

The Committee heartily second the suggestions concerning, a lecture, the distribution of tracts, and the use of the Newspaper Press in the cause of Temperance.

The requirements connected with the first, are, adequate means and competent agency ; but the Committee hope and believe, that if the former were realized, the latter might be obtained ; and they think, in reference to the former, that some right feeling and proper arrangements, are all that is wanted to secure an amount amply sufficient.

Tracts might be obtained from England and the United States, on cheap terms and of very useful character ;—but the Committee suggest that a Nova Scotia Tract, on the history and nature of the prohibitory question, might be productive of much interest and benefit.

This Committee understand that certain publishers of morning and other newspapers, in Halifax, have intimated willingness to publish in their respective papers, articles favourable to Temperance. This affords important opportunity for effective advocacy of the Cause. The want is, the appropriation of time and talent to the work. In this department, particularly, there should be a harmonious junction of zeal, perseverance and much prudence. Mistaken efforts might cause dissatisfaction and difficulty, while judicious contributions might have very happy effects.

The Committee recognize the very great importance of legal enactments in the Cause of Temperance ; but they would respectfully and earnestly urge, persevering attention to the time-honoured instruments of Moral Suasion, and the promulgation of abstract Temperance principles ; and as one means of this, the renewal and zealous support of the old Temperance Societies.

The Committee congratulate the Grand Division on the state of its Financial affairs,—and suggest that careful supervision should be unremittingly observed, to keep them in a healthy condition.

The expulsion of Members, from Subordinate Divisions, for non-payment of dues, continues to be a source of regret. The circumstance should lead perhaps, to some consideration of increased liberty in reference to non-benefit Membership, and application on the subject to the National Division.

The Committee would repeat regrets intimated in the G. Scribe's Report, concerning inattention to the forwarding of returns ; and they appeal to the Subordinate Divisions, generally, to thoroughly remedy the cause of inaccuracy and weakness.

Questions respecting the New Ritual require, from all concerned, the exercise of prudence and patience. Some of the language of this Ritual is of the highest character,—but objections have arisen