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Respected friends

The Licensed Victuallers and others interested in the sale of Intoxicating Drinks, are using very strenuous efforts, preparatory to the assembling of the Legislative Council, in order to get up a Petition numerously signed, praying that the Clause in the New Licensing Act prohibiting "the Sunday traffic" in Intoxicating Liquors, should be rescinded.

Hence it becomes highly necessary that the friends of Sobriety, and all who value the orderly and quiet observance of "the Sabbath-day" should bestir themselves, lest through their own supineness and indifference, an enactment which has already been productive of the happiest results, should through the clamours of the interested be abrogated.

Under this conviction the Committee of the Tasmanian Temperance and

"Total Abstinence Association," has prepared the Petition of which I enclose a copy, and which now lies for signatures at various places in Hobart Town.

But it is obvious that to give effect to the appeal thus made to the Legislature, the voice of the people in the Country districts must be lifted up; and it is under this persuasion that by direction of the Committee I have earnestly to request the favour of thy influence and co-operation in promotion of the object we have in view.

This may be done effectually and perhaps with the least trouble, by adopting the Petition referred to Verbally, or if not, one of similar import on behalf of the District in which thou art resident, and by taking measures in order to obtain the greatest possible number of signatures. The subject is one of such

paramount importance, And so
intimately Concerns all who have the
Moral and Religious interests of their
fellow-Creatures at heart, that I trust
arguments are unnecessary to prevail
on thee to accede to our request.

I will only further remark that
the Petition itself should be engrossed
on stout paper or parchment, and
a few signatures should be included
on the same sheet, after which sheet
after sheet of names can be appended
to the original as may be necessary.

Care should however be exercised
that the Petition itself be always submitted
and its purport made clearly intelligible
to the persons who sign at the time of
Signing. Nor should it receive any
other names than those of Adults,
or of persons of sufficiently mature
age to apprehend its meaning, and
only of the male Sex.

It is also desirable to append

the occupation and residence of the parties signing in distinct, ruled columns.

With these observations and explanations, offered with a view to ensure the getting up of the Petition in due form. I recommend the subject to thy careful attention and most active zeal; and trusting to receive from thee a line in acknowledgment of my communication, having been received.

I remain

Thy friend respectfully