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progress was impossible
& in fact many members
still on the list were only
nominal ones -

I gather from your letter
that all this will not be
new to you, & that you are
already aware of some
of the difficulties -

We used to think ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} lady
strongly of Mrs. Stanton,
who is devoted to the cause,
& has probably given more
time & strength to it than
^{money to} her family claims would
have allowed - ~~and we~~

~~requiring the devotion~~
but we know you will agree
that the interests of the individuals
must be subservient to the good
of the whole - & some change
must be made, if the P.M.A.
is to flourish as it ought to
in a town like Scarborough, one
of the old strong holds of
Total Abstinence.

~~The way which seems to me~~
Is there any suggestion you
can make as to how to
alter things? The only
plan which has occurred to me,
(other than the resignation of
Mrs G. which would probably

be difficult to bring about,
without ^{causing} great pain &
possibly division,) is the
~~direct~~ splitting of the
Branch, which is normally
very large, into two or
three districts - one of
wh. Mrs G. might continue
to act as Secy if so
desired. I think
there would be plenty of
rooms in S. for 2 or 3
branches, & it would call
out the power of many
fresh workers. If this
were the best solution, how

could it be brought about?
But perhaps this had better
be left for the present, till I
hear your views, as to the
desirability of such a change.
I am very sorry to have to
trouble you with these things
whilst you are on holiday,
but it seems wellfull to open
out & consider the difficulties
without delay, so that some
practical steps may be taken
if possible early in the
winter, or before the New Year