

The G. W. P. read his report as follows :—

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Officers and Brethren,—

The Deputies generally have been so inattentive to the duty enjoined on them in their Commissions, of transmitting to me Quarterly Reports, that I am totally unable to give you accurate information respecting the condition of our Order in this province. Forty-nine Deputies have received Commissions, but only six have furnished reports for the last Quarter. Under these circumstances I can only say, that in the city of Halifax the Order is in a more healthy and flourishing state than in any other part of Nova Scotia; that in Hants, Kings, and Queen's Counties the Divisions maintain their ground with resolute perseverance; that in Annapolis County the prospects are somewhat less encouraging; and that the members of Hillsburg Division, County of Digby, have succeeded in an action against a rum-dealer, whose licence has been taken from him for a breach of the law. I hope that at the close of the present Quarter, the Deputies will send me such statements as shall enable me to give you a clear and full view of the state of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.

In obedience to the directions of the Grand Division at its last Quarterly Session, the committee then appointed took into consideration the subject of a Temperance Periodical. The following is an extract from a circular issued by them, addressed "To the Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, and to the members of Temperance Societies generally, in the Province of Nova Scotia;—

"We have considered the subject thus presented to our attention, and have ascertained that a monthly paper—about the size of the late *Athenæum*, but folded in sixteen pages, instead of eight—may be published at *half a dollar per annum*, if 2,000 subscribers can be procured: a smaller number would not be sufficiently remunerative.

"Mr. Selden, of this city, proprietor of the *Christian Messenger*, is willing to undertake the publication provided the above mentioned number of subscribers be obtained. The Rev. Dr. Cramp has been requested to act as Editor, and has consented.

"The proposed paper will be wholly devoted to Temperance. The arguments will be presented in the form of Essays, Tales,