

Halfway River, Wallace and Pioneer. Bro. B. reports himself for Stanley. These Divisions are all in fair order, and no doubt others are too, but the change in County Deputy may account for reports not being received the first quarter. I hope there will be an improvement.

## YARMOUTH.

Bro. Bowman Corning has a good report from this County, where "the general outlook for the Sons of Temperance," he says, "is above the average," and the temperance sentiment of the county is fairly good. Bro. C. wants more work among the young, and thinks that some means we do not possess will have to be resorted to. Well, perhaps so; but my advice is, give a fair trial to our means first, and resort to another when ours fail.

Bro. Corning has written reports from five Divisions—Milton, Brightlight, Hopewell, Orangedale, and Lansdowne. From his own knowledge he reports good work from Mariner's Guide; Climax, active as usual; Progress working well; Arcadia getting fairly to work, and Leading Star in trouble about its hall.

Bro. Lewis' good work in the county is commented on, and the sustenance of Agency is urged. On the whole, Bro. Corning's report is a cheering one, and he has my thanks for it.

## HALIFAX.

Bro. Geo. H. Mackinlay thinks, from the 18 reports received, that Divisions in this County are doing fairly well. The Divisions reporting are Mayflower, Rising Sun, Gibraltar, Richmond, Northern Star, Elmsvale, Murray, McClintock, Beacon Star, Flower of the West, Golden Dawn, Royal Standard, Rippling Stream, Perseverance, Boquet, Ocean, Honor Bright, and Moose River. This leaves eighteen in this county unheard from.

## PICTOU.

I cannot do better than give entire the report received from Bro. Peter A. McGregor, who writes from New Glasgow under date of Jan. 30:

"I have received the official report from all Divisions in East Pictou excepting two, viz., Seashore, No. 690, and Mistletoe, No. 643; but from information received, I understand these two Divisions meet regularly. All the others that have reported answer the questions on the whole satisfactorily. They all meet regularly, have a fair average attendance, are fraternal and harmonious.

Evergreen Div., Hopewell, is the only one that has a Band of Hope under its care. From the reports received only 66 members have been initiated during the quarter; of this number Trenton Division initiated nearly the half."

## QUEENS

Our Grand Scribe kindly consented to act for me in this County until I could make a selection. He writes as follows:

"Owing to the lateness of my appointment but few Division Deputies were aware of the address to which returns might be forwarded. But I have visited some Divisions and enquired as to others. Queens County is in a hopeful condition as regards Temperance generally. At several points prosecutions for violation of the law are being pressed successfully. Our Order here as elsewhere is the main agency for centralizing and educating Temperance forces. Our Division rooms are coming more and more to be regarded as nurseries of good for the country."

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