

Temperance men should always bear in mind, that, as the time occupied in journeying to and from the places at which their periodical meetings may be held, is lessened by improved modes of traveling, they should be ready to devote a little more time to the cause than they were enabled previously to do; and as a saving of time is equivalent to a saving of money, to increase their generous feelings by contributing a little more liberally to the funds necessary to carry on the work in which they are engaged.

While we thus refer with pleasure to the improvements mentioned, especially in connection with this Village, we are reminded that since we last met here, two of its most esteemed residents, Worthy Members of this Grand Division—have been removed by death. One looked hopefully forward to the time when he would meet again in quarterly Session in Bridgetown; the other was appointed, at last annual Meeting, to make arrangements for this Session. Both have been disappointed, so far as their “earthly intentions” were concerned; but let us trust that they have not suffered a like disappointment respecting a greater meeting where He who governs all will preside.

We have to regret the absence, from this meeting, of our zealous and talented Grand Worthy Patriarch, whom we all should like to have with us this evening. Other important duties have prevented him from enjoying the privilege and pleasure of presiding over our deliberations.

During the past three months, so far as your Grand Scribe is enabled to judge, there has been at least an apparent improvement in the condition of our Order in this jurisdiction, notwithstanding that a few Subordinates have to be reported dead, and the number of inactive Divisions increased. There is now more life in some of the others, and “times begin to look brighter” for many.

At our last meeting HOME DIVISION No. 169, of Smith's Cove, Digby Co., was reported dead. Since then Provincial Deputy Thomas Hutchings has succeeded in reviving it. It was resuscitated in February, and is now in a prosperous condition.

VICTORIA MINES DIVISION No. 103, of Nietaux, Annapolis County, after a sleep of some years, has also resumed operations. P. G. W. P., Longley reorganized this Division in February.

CANNING DIVISION No. 196, of Canning, King's County, after a year's inactivity is again at work; and there is a prospect of AURORA DIVISION No. 68 of Berwick, in same County, being resuscitated in a few weeks.

Hopes are entertained of others being reorganized before the end of present quarterly term.

On the 4th of March, Bro J. H. McLaren, D. G. W. P., of Argyle, organized a new Division, FLOWER OF WEST PUBNICO, No. 317, at West Pubnico, Yarmouth County. It has a promising career before it.

To the Divisions reported at the January Session as “not working,” the following named have to be added: 24, 106, 140, 195, 233, 266, 284.

The following named, reported in January as “not working,” may be considered as dead: 89, 150, 192, 193, 278.

As urged in his two last reports, your Grand Scribe would repeat the necessity of renewing the Agency Department of our organization at the earliest possible time. *An active, earnest, capable Agent is needed. One should be engaged without delay; and the Order should contribute generously to the Agency fund immediately, to enable the Committee to secure the services of a suitable lecturer.*

The amount now in Grand Treasurer's hand to credit of the Agency fund, is \$49.08.

The Abstainer has not yet received that support which members of the Order, and Temperance men generally, should accord it. Its circulation should be more extended than it is—than it ever has been.