

perance in the past, still shows no sign of decay ; but is more and more deeply fixed and steadfast in its membership, not less generous in its aims and objects, and no less necessary to afford protection from the ravages of intemperance.

"There is peace in all our borders!"

In the absence of detailed reports from many of the Deputies, connected particulars cannot be laid before this Session of Grand Division.

It will be necessary only to refer in general terms to matters which by common consent seem to be left for the July—but especially to the report of the Annual Session.

COMMUNICATIONS.

On the 20th February last, I received the following letter, which, lest its import should be misunderstood, I copy entire:—

"HALIFAX, 19th February, 1868.

"My Dear Sir,—The trustees appointed by the members of the late Howard Division observe with pleasure that the powers of Grand Worthy Patriarch have been settled at the recent Session of Grand Division held at Shelburne.

"They now conceive it would be unjust to withhold any property of the late Howard Division in their charge which would subserve the interests of the Order of Sons of Temperance, notwithstanding that the late members whom they represent were large contributors towards its purchase.

"I have therefore been requested to inform you that the Charter, &c., of the late Howard Division will be handed over to you, or such person as you may appoint to receive the same.

"I take this opportunity of thanking you for many courtesies, and
Remain, dear Sir, yours, respectfully,

EDWARD MORRISON.

D. MARSHALL, Esq., G. W. P. }
of S. of T., New Glasgow." }

I at once replied accepting the tender, and appointed Bro. Charles Bobson who received the property—an inventory of which he returned to me and which is on file. The possession of the Howard property having been thus transferred to the G.W.P., it became my first duty (after having the Charter inspected by the Grand Scribe) to place the property in the possession of the only constitutional owners thereof. That duty was discharged to the satisfaction of all parties by the Brother whose praise is in all the Divisions—P.G.W.P., H. A. Taylor, D.G.W.P., for the County of Halifax; assisted by the Grand Scribe, present, by request, on your behalf; and by Brother Robson, of whom it is enough to say that he was requested to discharge a delicate mission, and he performed it well.

Thus the sun of Howard, the long tried and faithful, has burst forth. Opposing influences have been withdrawn. Old friends consider "the interests of the Sons of Temperance."—May the reign of love and peace break down every barrier, and may those who bear the olive branch find a welcome in our ark!