

fraction of witnessing the Total Abstinence reform taking a higher place than it has ever yet occupied in Nova Scotia.

From Deputies' reports which have been received I select extracts from two or three, which go to show that our brethren in different sections of the Province are actively and successfully employed. The Rev. Dr. Robertson of Annapolis county writes:—"I am happy in being able to send a favourable report of the proceedings of the Order within the limits of my jurisdiction." The Dr. reports the Emblem, the Margaretville and the Victoria Mines Divisions as being in a healthy state; and that Tremont Division, not working during the summer months, being located in a purely agricultural district, will resume active operations in the fall; and further observes, "Within the last quarter, the Nelson Division, after being dormant for some years, has been resuscitated, and is now in vigorous operation. It was really delightful to witness the alacrity and the ardour with which its remaining members engaged in the work of renovation, apparently from a deep conviction that the enemy was rapidly gaining ground and strengthening his position, while they were asleep. Their numbers already amount to thirty-two, with every prospect of future accessions."

The Rev. Geo. Christie of Yarmouth reports, that the state of the Order in that county "presents many favourable tokens, and nothing in particular to discourage. Temperance men are more alive to the claims of the cause than they were a few years ago. We have the weight of the community on our side. Our enemies are very bitter, but for that we are prepared." T. S. Bown, Esq., of Cape Breton writes, "the several Divisions under my charge are all working in a satisfactory manner. Temperance lectures have been delivered by some of our brethren with good effect; and a sum has been voted to send a Lecturer to some of the out-harbours where the inhabitants appear anxious to be made acquainted with the working of the Order."

I fear that the Agency Committee have not yet been able to carry out the suggestions made at our last quarterly Session with regard to arrangements with the County Deputies to act as Lecturers in their several localities. As we have not now the prospect of commanding general Lecturers for the Province, of the stamp which we desire to have, I am led