

BROUGHAM, No. 175, by County Deputy John McLean, on 18th March, at Boularderie (South), Cape Breton County.

MABOU, No. 176, at Mabou, Inverness County, on 22d March, by D. G. W. P. Thomas A. McKeen.

HART, No. 177, at Margaree, in the same County, by the same brother, on 1st April.

HIGHLANDER, No. 178, on 9th April, at Leech's Creek, Cape Breton County, by County Deputy McLean.

RESUSCITATED DIVISION.

I am happy to report that PARRSBOROUGH DIVISION, No. 110, of Parrsborough, Cumberland County, is again in working order, having been re-organized on 16th inst. by Deputy D. J. Taylor. The Division had been inactive for a period of nearly five years.

INOPERATIVE DIVISIONS.

To the number of Divisions reported at last meeting as not working, must now be added VESPER, No. 124, of Douglas, in Hants County. The Division has not held a regular meeting for nearly twelve months. Its resuscitation is doubtful.

RETURNS FROM DIVISIONS.

Ever since my first appointment to this office, in May, 1856, I have had occasion to complain of the want of punctuality on the part of the proper officers, in forwarding the Quarterly Returns from subordinate Divisions. These complaints were continued up to the last quarterly session. It is with the greatest satisfaction, however, I am now enabled to report an improvement in this particular, *eighty* returns having been received by the 20th inst., whereas on the same date in previous quarters the number rarely exceeded *forty*. If this system of punctuality, now commenced, is faithfully adhered to in the future by the proper officers, the labors of the Grand Scribe will be less irksome, and he will be enabled to discharge the duties of his office with more satisfaction to himself and the Order at large.

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS.

The names of *one hundred and three Divisions* are now on the roll, *ninety-nine* of which number are supposed to be in working order. Returns for quarter ending 30th March, should have been received from *ninety-five*, of which number *eighty-four* have been received, exhibiting in the aggregate the following