

the rate-payers have no voice in the granting of Licenses. The unanimous vote of the Assembly in favor of the measure is a cause of congratulation, as showing the progress of the movement and extension of our principles.

Respectfully submitted, in L., P. & F.,

R. H. WETMORE, *Chairman.*

The Grand Scribe read the following Report from the G.W.P., which was referred to Committee on State of the Order:

TO THE GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. OF NOVA SCOTIA:—

Again we meet for the transaction of important business in connection with the well tried Order of Sons of Temperance.

We are gratified to the Giver of all good for the many tokens of his favor vouchsafed during the past quarter.

The fearful ravages of intemperance in destroying our *young men*, and others, thus threatening to lay low in the dust our fairest hopes and cherished anticipations, have doubtless awakened feelings of alarm, and prompted our languishing army to heroic deeds, in order to check the encroachments of the hateful foe. Alas, that we should be so careless in the performance of duty as to require such painful considerations to move us to energetic action!

Whatever causes may have contributed towards the movement, it is evident that a fresh impetus has been given to the Order throughout this jurisdiction. Let us however not imagine that incipient prosperity will insure permanent success without individual and united action.

The call for temperance activity and influence was never louder than at present. In view of its lack, in high places, it is quite time that our Province should know at the Polls the strength of the temperance reform. We must have a majority of genuine temperance men in both branches of the Legislature.

I rejoice to say that the Order is advancing in King's County. Most of the Divisions are doing well. The one opened last quarter is flourishing. Eleven candidates were initiated at its last meeting.

I have heard from the following deputies: Brethren Marshall, Johnston, Skinner, Crowell, King, Muir, DeWolf, McRobert, Parsons; and from others indirectly. All speak encouragingly. I hope our prosperity is only beginning.

I regret that a suitable agent has not yet been found. Had we the right man we would doubtless have increased cause for congratulatory remarks, in reports on the State of the Order.

Allow me once more to commend as worthy of larger patronage than it now has—our excellent organ *The Abstinence*.

I trust the day is at hand when temperance men will prove that in their estimation, the cause of temperance is of more importance than party politics. Let us as moral reformers, proceed,—in this matter of blending the cause with political action, in the most cautious and judicious manner.

May wisdom from on high, direct us in all our deliberations, and lead to just conclusions.

G. O. HUESTIS, *G. W. P.*

Canning, April 20, 1872.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report:

TO THE GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Worthy Brothers,*—

It becomes my pleasing duty to report the Order in this jurisdiction in a prosperous condition. Many of the Divisions from whom returns have been received have had large accessions to their membership during the past quarter, and several have resumed work after lengthened terms of inactivity.

Three new Divisions have been instituted since the last quarterly Session, viz