

The Grand Scribe presented his quarterly report which, after reading, he handed to the committee on the State of the Order. The following is a copy :—

KELLOGG DIVISION ROOM,
Elmsdale, April 27th, 1875.

G. W. P. and Brethren :

One of the oldest and most consistent Divisions of our Order gives us a welcome reception in this second Quarterly Session of 1875. This Grand Division having held twenty-seven annual gatherings and eighty quarterly sessions, this eighty-first session finds us assembled in goodly numbers and with stronger faith in our principles, if such be possible, than ever we had before. The benefits arising from the success of our principles flow out far beyond our own borders "still blessing and to bless."

All classes of society have cause to be grateful to the "Sons of Temperance." No institution of our land has been so systematic and successful in its efforts during the last quarter of a century for the benefit of our fellow-man as our beloved Order, and to-day we stand foremost in power to repress the liquor traffic and to bless humanity, of all the benevolent institutions of the country.

During the quarter our officers and members have been actively engaged aiding the Halifax Temperance League. Good work has been done in the city (and very much remains yet for us to do) while in the County of Halifax, outside the City and Dartmouth not a single legal license is granted for the sale of liquors this year. Sixteen licenses were recommended by the Grand Jury, and the Court of Sessions sanctioned them, but they did not proceed according to law, and the Supreme Court was appealed to and granted a writ of Certiorari whereby all proceedings were stopped, pending the decision in the Supreme Court. The Court of Sessions in Halifax and the City Council petitioned our Legislature to fasten the curse of the liquor traffic upon the community by making licenses permanent, and a bill was introduced to that effect, but last Saturday said bill was pitched out of the Legislature by an almost unanimous vote. No legislation has been sought by the Temperance people this year; but "forms" have been prepared and published in our Journal (page 392) to be used in enforcing the Destructive Clause of the law. With these forms (*and courage to use them*) no community need be very long cursed with a rumshop in their midst. In several towns the people have seized and destroyed illicit liquors. The Halifax League is in need of funds. Would it not be well for the Grand Division to vote a small sum, say \$10, to aid this organization?

Last evening a number of gentlemen met together in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Halifax, and took the initiatory steps for establishing a "Home for Inebriates." I find by referring to the records of this Grand Division that years ago such an institution was favorably considered, and in 1868 our Executive petitioned the Government to take some steps in this matter. At the following Annual Session an influential committee was appointed to assist in any such undertaking. After years of working and waiting we find this portion of temperance effort assuming positive shape. Can we do anything to aid this undertaking? Would it not be well if this Grand