

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

P. G. W. P. Longley says:—"In submitting my quarterly report of the state of the Divisions in Annapolis County, I regret to say, that I have received reports from but two of the Division Deputies in the County, namely: Bros. Mills and Raymond, of Calidonian, No. 14, and Raymond 349.

"Bro. Mills speaks of a falling off of interest and attendance, and neglect of payment of dues during the last quarter, and of general apathy prevailing in the community in reference to the cause of temperance; on the other hand he states that there are no spirituous liquors sold in the community, and apparently very little drinking. Bro. M. states that the 27th Anniversary of the Division was celebrated on the 5th inst., with much interest and good feeling. Owing to cold, stormy weather, the Band of Hope has not been very active during the winter.

"The tenor of Bro. Raymond's Report indicates less of present interest and activity on the part of the Division during the last quarter than could be desired, but he speaks somewhat hopefully as regards future plans and prospects.

"As regards Silver Spray Division, No. 376, Paradise, its meetings are regularly attended and moderate progress is being made. Of Nelson, Olive Branch, Geneva, Clarence, North, Middleton, and Nictaux, I am unable to speak very definitely, but I believe they are all working, and some of them are progressing.

"The public sentiment in favor of the cause is deepening and rum-selling is becoming more and more odious in the public estimation. It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when the *dram-seller* will be ostracised from decent society, and *dram-drinking* abandoned by all making any claim to respectability or good citizenship."

CAPE BRETON.—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Wm. Abner McKeen, Southern District of Cape Breton, says:—Since my last report I have visited, officially, all the Divisions in this District, and endeavored by the best means in my power to advance the cause of Temperance and encourage all to go on in the noble work.

"Star in the East" Division, Sydney, shines in its usual style, and within its rays are those who are "workers in the cause," always at their post when the hour of meeting arrives. Many of the older members, who in times gone by nursed the Division through dangers and difficulties, have returned, to gladden the hearts of the young, and help strengthen their hands.

The British Templars are doing a good work in advocating the Temperance reform and of educating the public mind in favor of our highest object, "Prohibition." Last but not least, the young men's Catholic Total Abstinence Society is wielding a powerful influence for good. Many who were almost considered hopeless have under the auspices of this Society become steady, sober, industrious and useful men in the community.

Yet, withal, intemperance prevails to a considerable extent in our little town, notwithstanding the opposition it receives from temperance