

I am happy to inform the Grand Division that the Divisions in the capital still continue in a healthy state, and that much good has been achieved there through the successful efforts of Total Abstinence Societies, in connection with religious bodies, and also that Temperance efforts among the military of the Garrison have been productive of much benefit. The success that has attended the labours of the friends of the Cause in the city, is worthy of special notice. When the heart beats healthily, we may hope for growth and vigor throughout the entire body. So may it be, is the earnest wish, of

Yours in L. P. and F.

ALEXANDER McARTHUR,  
*Grand Worthy Patriarch*

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read his report, as follows :

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE  
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers, and Brethren,—*

Being again permitted to meet in quarterly session of Grand Division, I would congratulate you on the brightening prospects of the Order and the Cause in this Province. Temperance has made a great advance in Nova Scotia since our last meeting.—Old Temperance Societies have been revived and new ones organized; some of the working Divisions have had large accessions to their number; others that were in a sickly condition have recovered; new life has been infused into a number that were inactive, and one more added to the muster roll.

The counties of Halifax and Yarmouth have had the greatest increase, as respects additions to our ranks—some hundreds being pledged in the latter, while *upwards of four thousand names* have been enrolled on the books of the various Temperance associations of the former. The Cause is also looking up in Hants, King's and Cape Breton counties; the brethren of the latter have been very active during the past winter, and deserve our thanks for the energy and perseverance they have displayed in extending our principles in the Island. Portions of the counties of Annapolis, Colchester, Pictou, and Shelburne are preparing "to follow suit." This is encouraging, and should incite us to further, and more energetic efforts in disseminating the blessings of Total Abstinence, among such of the people as are still the slaves of Bacchus. Other counties, although