

Cumberland County.—In Maccan the Cause of Temperance is sustained but the Division is not working so orderly as is desirable.

Pictou County.—In the town of Pictou I am sorry to state the Cause is still stationary. The traffic is on the increase and drunkenness prevails to an alarming extent. In New Glasgow, however, there has been a powerful avenue of Temperance interest. The Division is in an exceedingly prosperous condition. The brethren are full of zeal and determination. The same may also be said of Albion Mines Division. But Flowing Fountain Division is in a very low state. I fear it will be compelled from local causes to resign its charter. Mainmast Division is also in a very feeble condition.

In Cape Breton—as I am gratified to learn from the report of the Temperance Committee for that County—the Divisions are increasing, and the Cause is progressing. The exertions of the Committee cannot be too highly commended. It is very probable that our Order will soon be extended to other parts of the Island.

From Guysboro'—no report. As far as can be gathered from the reports of the D. G. W. P.'s our Cause is not in the most hopeful condition. While we rejoice over partial success in one locality, melancholy declension appears in another. But this state of things is common to all moral reforms and should not discourage us when we remember that our Cause has truth for its basis and good as its object.

It is cheering to know that while we may have occasion to mourn over temporary decline at home our Cause is making rapid progress abroad. The publication of Dr. Lee's Essay seems to mark a new era in the progress of this great reform. Its rapid and extensive sale has been the astonishment of the most sanguine friends of Temperance, and shows how deeply the public mind is becoming impressed with the truthfulness of the principle it is set forth to advocate: the suppression of the traffic of intoxicating drinks through the potency of statute enactments.

I earnestly recommend the circulation of this celebrated Essay in this Province. As a text book on Temperance it is unsurpassed and ought to be in the hands of every thinking person in the land.

Since last we met in session, the world has lost one of its most indefatigable and successful lecturers on Temperance, the