

It is with sincere satisfaction I have to state that the divisional year now closing has been one of cheering progress, which leaves every hope that temperance has taken a hold of the people, through the Sons of Temperance, and is now spreading its roots that it may never die till it has accomplished the end for which it was intended, viz : a Prohibitory Liquor Law for the whole world.

It affords me pleasure to state that a number of the Deputies have been very attentive in making reports of the last quarter.

St. Johns.—Cameron Division is reported to be in a very unfavourable state there having been no improvement since last report.

Montreal.—D. G. W. P. Bryson, Montreal District, gives a very favorable and flattering report, having had a larger number of initiations during the year than at any other period, and are working actively in the cause.

Lacolle.—Lacolle Division keeps a steady hold of the cause, but not increasing.

Leeds.—Balaclava Division is prospering and increasing.

Sawyerville.—D. G. W. P. Constable, reports St. Francis Division in a more prosperous condition than it has been before. Also reports Richmond Division as doing well.

St. Andrews.—St. Andrews Division is reported as being in a rather unfavourable state.

Quebec.—Gough Division is in a prosperous condition, and increasing in numbers.

St. Lawrence Division is in a healthy condition, having been initiating a number of new members.

Montcalm Division being the first in Canada which has been working in the French language, promises to be a large Division, and will without doubt do a great deal of good ; the members are very energetic in the cause.

Lancaster reports considerable increase and prosperity.

Clarendon.—Making no progress.

Bristol.—Reports favourably.

Although the picture has a *bright* it has also a *dark* side. Notwithstanding all the exceptions, the subordinate divisions in a great number of cases are in good working order, and some of them rapidly increasing in number. I regret to be compelled to confess that intemperance is not correspondingly diminished, but rather on the increase. The existence of our Order, without doubt, prevents the evil from spreading more rapidly than it otherwise would ; but it is melancholy to reflect that, after having expended large sums of money, and years of laborious effort, we have been instrumental