

The largest No. of Subordinate Divisions organized in one annual period, was during the official year ending October 1866, when 40 were instituted—at which time Bro. H. A. Taylor was presiding officer.

It is also shown by the statistics given, that our Order has been steadily progressing for the last seven years. It needs no other fact or figures to prove the value of the Agency department of our organization, as it is within the period named that the Agency system was most vigorously prosecuted.

The foregoing figures also exhibit the fact, that since the institution of this body 38,743 members have been admitted into the Subordinate Divisions within the jurisdiction, and that there was a loss of members by death and expulsion of 17,644. The members admitted and lost during the 12 months ending March 31, 1851, are not included. Making allowance for imperfect returns from Subordinate Divisions, there must have been between 46,000 and 47,000 persons admitted into the Order in Nova Scotia between November 17, 1847, and December 31st, 1868; and the loss by expulsions and deaths must have reached fully 20,000.

I herewith append several papers as appendices to this Report, submitting to your consideration the propriety of having the same printed in the Journal of proceedings. The titles of these documents are:

A.—List of Subordinate Divisions instituted since the introduction of the Order into Nova Scotia.

B.—List of officers of the Grand Division since its institution.

C.—List of places where Sessions of this Grand Division have been held.

D.—List of Subordinate Divisions incorporated in connection with the Grand Division.

E.—List of Members of Grand Division who have been initiated as members of the National Division.

I regret that want of time has prevented me from preparing for your information, a more interesting synopsis of the history of this body, and the Order within its jurisdiction, during the past twenty-one years.

When the Sons of Temperance Organization was introduced into the Province, there was a great rush of candidates for membership: but ere long many began to fall off, even within the first year. This fact afforded an opportunity for the enemies of the Temperance movement to prognosticate the early downfall of our Order. They, however, have proved to be false prophets. Our Institution is still alive and healthy, and although perhaps not as active as a year or two since, we can truly boast of what it has accomplished,—can look back with pleasure to the thousands that have been rescued from the drunkard's death, saved from a drunkard's hell,—restored to their families and to society, notwithstanding the many who may have returned to their cups. Outsiders are compelled to acknowledge that even if we have failed in saving a few thousands who were once within our fold, Society—our Province—has been benefitted by the existence of our excellent benevolent Institution, for it cannot be denied that many drunkards who became members of it, are yet either total abstainers, or temperate men, even if they are not now connected with us.

Brethren, to whom should be ascribed praise for our success in the past twenty-one years? While *we* have been the *workers* in the cause, we must humbly admit that we were but the *weak instruments of an Almighty Power*,—but blessed indeed of Heaven, else our Order could not have accomplished so much good. Let us then thank God, and praise His holy name, for the blessings He has bestowed upon us in the past, and place a trustful reliance on His assistance in the future.

NEW DIVISIONS.

Since the January Quarterly meeting two new Divisions have been chartered and organized, viz:

FELLOWSHIP, No. 312, at Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County, on 9th instant, by County Deputy Skinner.

YOUNG BRANCH, No. 313, at Little Harbour, Shelburne County, on 20th inst., by District Deputy Rev. T. D. Hart.