

the past three months. The quarter has given evidence of advancement. Seven charters have been granted, two for divisions in Digby county, two for Shelburne county, and one each for Annapolis, Lunenburg, and Victoria counties. Some divisions have had a large increase in membership, and though in a few instances, we notice with regret, on the other hand, that large numbers have been expelled for non-payment of dues, still the balance is greatly in our favour. Not less than 694 have been admitted, and about one half of that number must be regarded as clear gain for the quarter. Out of 77 divisions heard from, 65 have added to their numbers.

*One marked feature of the past quarter, consists in a wide spread and active temperance agitation.* The number of public and social meetings held for the promotion of our principles during the past three months, in city and country, has been, if I am not greatly mistaken, unprecedented. Our divisions have thus called out much latent talent and ability for lecturing among our members, and we have witnessed with satisfaction our young recruits becoming disciplined soldiers of temperance, ready to do battle for our cause when the senior members of this Grand Division will be summoned from the field of action. The agitation referred to has proved beneficial not only by calling out talent, but by giving expression to earnest aspiration and effort to reclaim the fallen, and to guard the young, both of which results have, by the Divine blessing, been accomplished to an extent which calls upon us "to thank God and take courage."

I designed at first to have omitted all details in this report, but as the information so promptly furnished by the various Deputies, to whom I tender my sincere thanks, was designed for the Grand Division, I esteem it my duty to lay it before you as concisely as possible.

Commencing as nearly as possible to the seat of the present Session, I may remark that the want of any report from Yarmouth will be made up by D. G. W. P. Christie and the other brethren, who will, doubtless, be able to give a good account of their county.

Deputy Randall states that "the different divisions in Digby County are doing good service, that he has had the pleasure of opening two new divisions: 'Haleyon,' at Digby, and 'Western Star,' at Long Island, Westport, which are both working and increasing in numbers. Columbia, at Weymouth, labours under disadvantages, chief of which is, want of a hall." I have plea-