

Brother P. G. W. P. Hutchings under the judicious management of the Agency Committee, has been doing excellent work in the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne and Queens; with his usual earnestness and zeal and indefatigable perseverance, holding large meetings, instructing the ignorant, strengthening the weak, encouraging the faithful to hold fast, and persuading many to join the Order.

I have reports from the following named Deputies:—P. G. W. P. Avard Longley, Annapolis Co.; P. G. W. P. Rev. I. J. Skinner, Lunenburg; P. G. W. A., R. S. McCurdy, Pictou; G. W. A. Bryden, Queens; P. G. W. P. Rev. J. McMurray, West Hants; Wm. Abner McKeen, Sydney, southern district, C. B.; George S. Parker, Columbia Division, Weymouth; J. B. Bowser, "Evangeline," Lower Horton; L. Laffin, Lingan Division, Lingan, C. B.; Wm R. Barss, New Germany Division, New Germany; E. R. Bishop, Maple Leaf, Greenwich; Dep. Blois, East Hants; J. A. McDonald, Dist. St. Mary's, Guysboro'; J. M. Aymar, Hope Division; portions of these I will read.

Of the Divisions in the city I may report:—Chebucto, Mic-Mac, Mayflower and Northern Star in good active working order, Athenaeum, though a large Division, has not been well attended of late. Howard has decreased in membership, though somewhat better attended than in the previous quarter. Southern Star, the youngest, is least in numbers, has had difficulties in management incidental to new Divisions, but has been making fair progress during this quarter, taking ladies into membership—heretofore admitting lady visitors. Richmond Division, though languishing previously, has been progressing rapidly during the winter. Bro. Mosher, Divisional Deputy, says: "I must not neglect to mention our lady members, some of whom deserve great credit for the hearty manner in which they work for the Cause."

The Acadia Section of Cadets meet regularly, training candidates for the Divisions. The Rosebud and Star Bands of Hope are constantly increasing their numbers.

Dep. Brother Layton of Rising Sun Division of Musquodoboit, says: "the Division meets regularly, holding its own, and is in good working order, not progressing in numbers, but there is quite a standing army in their settlement ready for action when the enemy may appear."

Brother Hugh Fraser of Orior Division, Oldham, reports the Division small in number, faithful and determined, and working very well, a sober community, and no liquor seller in the place.

Archibald Hall, Champion Division, Sheet Harbor, reports steady progress through the year past, have been successful in the prosecution of three offenders against the law, and by strong remonstrance have induced another to quit the sale; says that Tangier is the "giant home," against which they have not been able, so far, to produce any effect.

Brother John Gibbon of Hubbard Division, Hubbard's Cove, says that Hubbard and Green Leaf of Fox Point, have not been working for several months, and suggests that they might be united in one Division. Brother Provincial Deputy Hutchings will shortly visit their localities and probably advise them with good effect.

Brother W. McKeen says:—"I am happy to report Reform Division in a thriving condition. We find that the outsiders are not using as much liquor as formerly, in consequence of which one rum-shop not far away has gone down for want of customers."