

infancy; who vowed to cherish and protect it "through evil report and good report," and who are still "good men and true" in the cause of total abstinence.

As regards the advancement of our principles in the Province, I am unable to present the Grand Division with a true statement, in consequence of the absence of returns from many of the Divisions, and the remissness of Deputies in attending to their duties. I have much pleasure, however, in announcing that our Order is progressing favorably in the city of Halifax, and the county of Cape Breton, a large number of new members having been initiated into the Divisions located in those places during the past quarter, as will be shewn by the returns.

I have to reiterate the complaint so frequently made by the late lamented Grand Scribe—the absence of returns from Divisions. It is my opinion that the Deputies are alone to blame for the apparent lethargic state of the Order in this Province. They should be more energetic and persevering, and do something to merit the honors conferred on them by the Grand Division, through the G. W. P. While considering themselves the masters of the Divisions in their several districts, they should also recollect that they are the servants of this Grand Division, and are responsible for the good working of its subordinates. They should visit and work the Divisions placed under their charge oftener than, I fear, many of them do—some I believe only visiting the Divisions on the first night of the official terms, for the mere purpose of installing officers. If they will not perform the duties imposed upon them by their commissions, they should resign and make way for those that will. It would be only an act of justice, on my part, to admit that there are some honorable exceptions.

I have also to complain of the negligent manner in which many of the returns have been forwarded to this office, some without the seal, and others without the name or number of the Division. For instance: the returns of Roseway Division have been sent to this office without name, number, or date; the name of the Division I discovered from the seal. Hantsport Division returns one withdrawal, but does not state whether it is by Card or from the Order; also, one expulsion, without stating the cause. Returns of Morning Star Division, No. 38, is dated for quarter commencing 1st of July and ending 30th of September, 1856, instead of 1st of April and 30th of June. Returns of New Glasgow Division have been forwarded without the