

An extract or two from those Deputies' Reports which have reached me may help you to form some general idea of the existing state of the Order. Brother Corkum, of Chester, says—"It is with great pleasure I announce the increase of our Division since my last Report: our last Return showed but 19 contributing members; our present will show 38—thus doubling the number in one quarter." Brother Cameron, of Nine Mile River, states that the divisions under his care are "all working steadily, and increasing," and he suggests,—in which suggestion I cordially concur,—that the Deputies should become "Lecturers, and visit their divisions, and keep the subject constantly agitated." Brother Caldwell, of Windsor, observes—"I cannot say, as a whole, we are advancing, but some of the divisions are getting on very well." He alludes to some untoward circumstances connected with the recent election in Windsor, and judiciously remarks, that "if ever we get the object we are professing to look for, (a prohibitory law,) we must be united." Brother Blewett, of Liverpool, informs me that Victoria Division, No. 10, is "in the best working order," and is "rapidly increasing," but that Queen's Own Division, No. 54, "has been in a declining state of health for several months." The brethren in Liverpool, he says, "are more than ever determined, relying on Divine assistance, without which no good is effectual, to persevere in our present course, and build up our waste places, and help forward the ark of Temperance, until the demon alcohol is finally vanquished."

In the district under my personal charge, Wolfville Division, No. 112, is making satisfactory progress. The meetings are generally well attended, and an excellent spirit prevails in the division. Grand Pre Division, No. 47, has been so long out of working order, that I have found it necessary to require the surrender of its charter; but I trust there are worthy members of our Order in that neighborhood who will rally around our standard, and resuscitate the cause, by forming a new division. I fear there are many divisions, in different parts of the province, which are not in working order; and I regret being compelled to state that there is a lamentable want of regularity and promptitude in forwarding the quarterly Returns to the Grand Scribe. Serious embarrassment is occasioned by this neglect. The prosperity of public institutions, it may be further remarked, depends much, in addition to the punctual discharge of duty by its officers, on the employment of suitable agency, and on a wise use of the press. These topics, with some others, were referred to committees when we last met in quarterly session, and will be reported on, I expect, at the present meeting. The objects contemplated in the appointment of those committees are of the first importance, and must be pursued with unceasing ardor, if we would secure that ultimate triumph on which our hearts are set.

During the last quarter, the principles and character of our Order have been freely discussed by the public press of this