

The G. W. P. read his Report as follows :—

TO THE GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Worthy Brothers,—*

In presenting this report, suffer me first of all to acknowledge the goodness of God, to whose restraining grace we owe our personal deliverance from that which "at the last biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," and to Whose gracious smile and approval we may justly trace the successes which have attended the operations of our noble order from the first. Successes which, considering the vicious tendencies of our fallen nature, the prevalence of drinking customs, and the potency of habit, are most remarkable, and trusting in the God of righteousness and truth, our expectations of universal victory over the fell destroyer we oppose, are certain and unwavering. Our temperance warfare may be long, and the draft on patience and perseverance numerous and trying, but the results cannot be doubtful, for our principles and practices are in perfect harmony with the laws of nature and the religion of Christ.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

In reporting upon the state of the Order, it is a matter of unfeigned regret that the delinquency of Deputies in reporting the exact status of subordinate Divisions, renders it impossible to obtain any thing like a fair representation of our influence or efficiency as an organization; nevertheless from what we have been enabled to glean from the scanty information communicated, we are warranted in saying that during the last quarter "peace has been within our walls, and a measure of prosperity within our borders.

At no period of our history as a Grand Division, was our influence more felt, or our principles more respected; and although as Deputy Marshall says, "uncertain sounds are yet to be heard around the watch-towers of Zion," it is manifest that the sympathy between the Church and the Temperance Reform was never stronger than it is to-day.

From some counties we have not heard at all, and in the case of others, Divisional Deputies have but reported their own Divisions. From

CAPE BRETON,

Deputy Harrington reports very fully for the southern district of Cape Breton. "Star of the East" heroically survives the ruins of the fire of '67 and the discouragements and inconvenience incident thereupon, and bids fair to shine with a brighter lustre. "Beacon" has greatly revived during the past quarter, and is now working with fresh life and vigour. "International" is quiet in consequence of the cessation of work at the International Colliery, and removal of members. "H. A. Taylor" is feeble from the same cause.

Four out of the six Divisions in this district are reported prosperous and useful, and the remaining two are only suffering from that species of paralysis incident upon depressed trade and business. From

ANTIGONISH,

County Deputy King writes: "The Divisions in this County maintain their efficiency, and are cheered in the knowledge that the principles of Temperance, through their advocacy, are steadily gaining ground. We fear not the result; the enemy is strong, but right and truth are stronger, and will prevail.

COLCHESTER.

Count, Deputy McRobert complains of the negligence of divisional Deputies not advising him respecting the working of their several Divisions, in consequence of which he is not able to report fully upon the state of the Order, but believes, judging from various sources of information, that the Order is in a healthy, if not a prosperous, condition. "Iron Age" is flourishing. "Cobequid" is doing a good work in the face of many difficulties. "Springside" is holding its own, and exercising a wholesome and beneficial influence in the community.