

Subordinate Divisions, whose returns for the December quarter were not transmitted at the proper time. When I last saw our late excellent Grand Scribe, he was waiting for those returns, and was much annoyed at being prevented from discharging his duties. Knowing his promptness and punctuality, I had supposed that the difficulty was removed, and did not inquire further into the matter, when my attention was called to it by the present Grand Scribe. The annual returns were immediately forwarded, but it was then too late for publication. The Grand Division, I trust, will accept this statement, and excuse the apparent neglect.

Contemplating the existing aspects of our enterprise, while I see no reason for despondency, I am penetrated with the conviction that prompt measures require to be taken for the revival of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this Province. A great work is before us. We are pledged to carry it through. We must be faithful to the pledge—and we must use our best endeavours both to increase the number of fellow-labourers, and to keep the machinery of our system in continual and vigorous action. Nothing but the force of law can affect the dealers in ruin and death. But on all others we must bring to bear the utmost power of instruction, persuasion, and remonstrance.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

J. M. CRAMP,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Yarmouth, July 23, 1856.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read his report as follows:—

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND BRETHREN:—

It is with much pleasure I meet you in Quarterly Session of Grand Division in the Town of Yarmouth, the cradle of our organization in this Province.

Here the first Division of our "Noble Order" in Nova Scotia—ACADIA, No. 1—was instituted on the 17th of November, 1847; here, also, was organized that branch of the Order to which we have been elevated by the suffrages of our brethren.

I am pleased to recognise among the brothers assembled here to-day, some of those who stood by the nursing in its earliest