

The G. W. A. entered and took his seat.

The G. W. P. read his report, as follows:—

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF NOVA SCOTIA:

*Officers and Brethren:*

I greet you in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

In presenting you with my first quarterly report I regret to be compelled to enter the complaint so frequently made by my predecessors in office, that the D. G. W. P.'s have not been found—except in a few cases—faithful to their duty in presenting me with quarterly returns as to the state of affairs in their respective districts. I have heard only from Deputies Creed, Cameron, Cramp, Shean, Porter, Nichol, Allison, Bill, Freeman, Corbet, Eldridge, Harrison, and VanBuskirk; the other twenty-nine have not been heard from. In this state of things it is impossible that I can give you a full statement of the condition of the Order in this Province; but must refer you for fuller information to the report of the Grand Scribe, hoping that the Recording Scribes of the Subordinate Divisions have proved more dutiful than the Deputies.

I am happy to state that the Cause in the City of Halifax continues in a very flourishing condition. The appointment of brother Shean to the office of D.G.W.P. for the metropolis has given very general satisfaction. He reports that the Divisions under his charge never were in a better condition. The brethren have exhibited praiseworthy zeal in holding public meetings for the furtherance of the Temperance Cause, and the result has been a general revival of Temperance interest, the organization and re-organization of Total Abstinence Societies, and a considerable increase of the membership in the Divisions in the city.

The address of the Grand Division to the Military, and the commendable efforts of the friends of Temperance to enlist in their Cause the Soldiers of the Garrison have been followed with gratifying success. Many soldiers have joined the Temperance ranks under the approbation of their officers and the chaplain of the garrison.

In Hammond's Plains the June Rose Division still continues to blossom, with a Total Abstinence Society by its side.

In Queen's County the Cause is at low ebb. A few still adhere with unyielding fidelity to the Divisions; many, however,