

And about one hundred dollars have been received from 18 Divisions. It is hoped that the remaining 138 Divisions will each respond in such way as will secure continuance of Agency work during the year.

WM. M. BROWN, *Chairman.*
JOHN GRIERSON,
ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ.

A communication from Central Division, No. 2, requesting the privilege of allowing members between the ages of 14 and 18 to vote, was referred to the Committee on Communications.

Grand Conductor reported Representatives Smith Harding, of 229, and George E. Goldsmith, of 2, in waiting to be initiated, who by obligation were admitted and after signing the roll took their seats.

Grand Worthy Patriarch read his Quarterly Report:

YARMOUTH, N. S., April 20th, 1874.

WORTHY OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—With heart-felt gratitude to the great Giver of all good, we meet this day to counsel, admonish, and strengthen each other in the discharge of duty, as well as to deliberate upon questions calculated to advance the general interests of our beloved order. Pleasurable remembrances of the past history of our order, call to mind the fact, that here in this enterprising town of Yarmouth, the banner of our order was first unfurled, and we are greatly encouraged this day in knowing that many of the old veterans are still to be found laboring in this organization.

It is a great source of pleasure to your chief officer to be able to report continued progress during the last quarter, such as to surpass the most sanguine expectations of our warmest friends. The order of the Sons of Temperance continues to hold a prominent position among the several Temperance organizations throughout this Province, for I am satisfied it has the heart-felt wishes of all classes throughout the land, that its mission may be speedily accomplished.

The reports to be presented to you in detail will convince you that the days of success, too long expected and looked for, have dawned upon us, and I feel warranted in saying that the marked advancement made during the past year and a half will compare very favorably with that of any other jurisdiction in the Dominion of Canada.

The principle of Total Abstinence is formally progressing throughout the land, and the important work that is being done throughout the United States, in England, and in our own country, cannot fail to be productive of lasting good. It must be gratifying to us all to know that our influence has been felt in the Provincial Legislature, and that we can rejoice this day in the fact that the prayer of our petitions for the several amendments to the License Law has been received and adopted; these important changes will prove of great advantage to all who are concerned in the onward progress of this reform.

This is the most progressive age that the world has ever seen, and the glorious results arising from well directed efforts, are being felt and enjoyed by thousands and tens of thousands of individuals throughout the world, but we must continue to work until our mission is fully accomplished. It will be for us to see that the important provisions of the law are fully enforced, to strive to remove all the barriers that may be raised to thwart our purposes, to create a sound and wholesome sentiment in favor of the Total Prohibition of the