

From the reports which have been transmitted to me by the Deputies, I gather that upon the whole, notwithstanding some drawbacks, the Order holds on its way in Nova Scotia, and continues to shed a beneficial influence on society. The counties in which the most favorable indications are observable are Halifax, Hants, King's and Queen's. The Divisions in Pictou, Lunenburg, Digby and Annapolis counties have probably greater difficulties to contend with, on which account it is not surprising that their progress is slower; but the brethren evince commendable zeal and patience, and their efforts will not be unrewarded. The intelligence from Cape Breton is encouraging. I have received no information from the Deputies in the other counties of the Province, and can only express my hope that the Divisions in these counties are working satisfactorily.

I congratulate you on the successful results of the Prohibitory Liquor Law in New Brunswick, and on the defeat of the attempt to procure its repeal.

The business of the present session will be of a highly important character. We shall have to consider what the cause now requires, in what way we may most effectively promote its welfare, and how we may meet existing difficulties and discouragements. We shall need wisdom, earnestness, and steadfast enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. M. CRAMP,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

SHUBENACADIE, May 14th, 1856.

On motion, the report was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Treasurer moved the following resolutions, which were seconded by Rev. J. Cameron, and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from us by death brother William Scott, late G. S. of this Grand Division:

*Resolved*—1. That this Grand Division do hereby testify the high esteem in which our late brother was held, for his steadfastness in the advocacy of Temperance principles, his unremitting assiduity in promoting the interests of the Order, his earnest zeal, his strict integrity.