

that the foes of man and especially of God come to the front when our principles should have ruled us long ago. When will we be wise and prepared to take up the ground that long ago we ought to have possessed." It is the duty of every temperance man to make their united will and record it on the statues of the Dominion. Why could we not take our place? Our men are equal in talent to any. "Why then stand while the petty interests of the hour divide us? Men are dying while Sons of Temperance deliberate."

With these few remarks I beg to submit this brief report, hoping that our meeting will be under the guidance of Him who doeth all things well, and that it will be profitable and harmonious.

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

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Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read the following Report, which was referred to same Committee :—

*To the Grand Division S. of T. of Nova Scotia.*

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

There has not been much activity in the Order in this jurisdiction during the past quarter. A few of the Divisions have done well, and others are showing more vigor.

Since last Quarterly Meeting Rosignol Division No. 200, Caledonia, Queens County, has surrendered its Charter.

A Charter has been granted for a new Division to be instituted at Lingan, Cape Breton County.

Pugwash No. 36, Hantsport No. 62, and Rocklin No. 129, have resumed active operations since the January Session, and bid fair to prosper.

I have been informed that General Inglis Division No. 152 is about being resuscitated after a sleep of several quarters.

A number of Divisions that were in a very feeble condition have revived; and several of them will be able to hold their weekly Sessions during the coming Summer season, which they were unable to do in previous years, as they have elected Lady members to office. This is the result of said Divisions admitting women to full membership. Reports from others admit that they have been benefitted by allowing the women to participate in their labors. In my last Report, it was stated that nineteen Divisions had admitted women to membership. Since then, I have been informed that the following named have agreed to do likewise: Micmac No. 8, Pugwash 36, Chedabucto 93, Victoria Mines 108, Amherst 182, Prince Albert 185, Scot's Bay 198, Yeath's Refuge 220, Champion 224, Sailor's Guide 235, Richmond 237, LaHave 275, Montrose 281, Orior 308, Young Branch 313, Sea View 320—16. Thirty-five in all now admit women to membership, twenty-seven of which have been furnished with the Revised Ritual.

In various parts of the jurisdiction the Order requires the visit of an Agent to address public meetings, and visit Subordinate Divisions to instruct and encourage them in their work. The Agency Committee have not yet succeeded in getting a suitable man. It may be worthy of consideration of the Grand Division, in view of the Committee failing to procure a suitable Agent and Lecturer, as to the propriety of adopting the plan resorted to some years since, viz. : to secure the services of several County Deputies, or other suitable person in each County, in visiting Divisions and addressing public meetings, said brethren to be compensated for their work, and to be under direction of Agency Committee. In this way the important question of Temperance can be kept before the people in each County at the same time.