

In reporting progress during the last quarter, I have to say, that the materials of which such a report should be composed, which have come into my possession, are very limited. And indeed I am indebted to our worthy Brother the Grand Scribe for what information I have received outside of the county in which I reside. And here allow me to say that my correspondence with him during the quarter has been of a most satisfactory and interesting character. He has also been careful to place in my hands the required bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, the conditions of which, I doubt not will be strictly fulfilled.

As the Grand Scribe's report will contain minute statistical information in reference to the progress of the Order, it will not be necessary for me to particularize, but only to offer a few general remarks.

So far as information has been received I am happy to state that there is substantial evidence of advancement. Notwithstanding the serious embarrassment which some of the Divisions have experienced during the late political contest in consequence of the gratuitous supply of alcoholic beverage, yet it is hoped that most of them have recovered their usual strength and are steadily advancing. And while it is to be deeply regretted that so many once flourishing Divisions are comparatively inactive, and some have entirely ceased operations, it is cheering to note that some old ones have resuscitated, and new ones are here and there springing up. During the quarter now closed three old Divisions have resumed working, eight charters have been granted for new ones, seven of which have been instituted.

One very pleasing feature in reference to one of the new Divisions is that two clergymen and two medical men are among its officers. Also, in one of those revived I had the pleasure of meeting two Clergymen and one Lawyer at the installation of officers, who, though not members of the Order, gave us countenance and support, pledging the employment of their efforts for the promotion of Temperance principles and practices. And moreover, I am informed that among the number who compose the Division where we are now assembled there are two clergymen, two physicians and two students of medicine.

It is to be deeply regretted that in some localities some of the clergy who are men of intelligence and influence, stand aloof from us; and although professedly temperance men, yet by in-