

"The enemy has hardly been seen within the bounds of Wellington Division, Sherbrooke, this summer." The Captain of the packet to that port steadily refuses to carry the accursed thing in his vessel. All hail! to the Captain of the Sherbrooke packet and to Wellington Division. Long may they prove worthy the name they have as invincible soldiers of temperance, and long may they be a flame of fire and a sword of terror in the eyes of their enemies.

"The Divisions at Wallace and Pugwash are in a healthy state. The Pugwash Division, which twelve months ago was in a very feeble condition, is advancing beyond all expectations."

The "June Rose" Division, Hammond's Plains, is in a more healthy state than formerly. The last quarter has been one of great activity and prosperity. They have a Hall in course of erection. The principles of the Order are loved and cherished. Their motto is "onward." May the "June Rose" long bloom and continue to "shed a more cheering fragrance," and may it never, like "the last rose of summer," be "left blooming alone."

Deputy Shean informs me that "in the city of Halifax, taking all things into consideration—the Order is progressing." This officer deserves special thanks for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties during the term.

The above extracts are presented as specimens of the letter and spirit of not a few of the reports that have come into my hands.

It gives me pleasure to state that nearly all the Deputies have made their reports for this quarter.

But though the picture has a *bright*, it has also a *dark* side. Notwithstanding that—with here and there a painful exception—the Subordinate Divisions are in good working order and increasing in numbers. I regret to be compelled to confess that intemperance is not correspondingly diminished, but rather on the increase. The existence of our Order, without doubt, prevents the evil from spreading more rapidly than it otherwise would; but it is melancholy to reflect that, after having expended large sums of money and years of laborious effort, we have been instrumental mainly in hindering the more rapid development of intemperance, when its utter extirpation might have been expected. The amount of good accomplished does not appear commensurate with the amount of labor expended.

Much positive good doubtless has been done; but in a nega-