

all the returns in previous to the meeting of G. D. at its session: the Divisions themselves would be better satisfied, and a very little effort on their part would accomplish this desirable object.

Thirty-six of the quarterly returns have no seal attached; this should not be the case.

The following Divisions are not working:—Smitten Rock, 53; Rock, 63; Prince William, 29; although I have been given to understand that there is every probability of the latter Division shortly resuming work.

Rising Star Division, 94, has surrendered and the Charter is in my possession. There are other Charters of surrendered Divisions in possession of several Deputies, which are requested to be forwarded to this office. Father Matthew Division has been resuscitated since last report, with, I am happy to say, every prospect of increasing. This is encouraging, and leads to the belief that by a little judicious management much of our difficulties may be overcome.

Three new Divisions have been opened under favourable circumstances, viz:—The Wellington, 109; Parrsboro', 110, and Railway, 111; especially the latter, which has swept all before it, even to the converting a Tavern Keeper. May these new sisters be bright and shining stars in our Order.

I regret to have to report that North Division is working illegally, at least I have every reason to believe that such is the fact. When their return for quarter ending 31st December last was handed to me, with *five pence* per centage and 49 contributing members, it led me to make enquiries which resulted in my writing officially to the W. P. of that Division on 11th February, and subsequently to the D. G. W. P., neither of which communications have been replied to. I therefore recommend that immediate action be taken in the matter, for our Order must be preserved in its integrity. The return from Compeer Division shows eleven initiated during the quarter, the receipts being only £4 12s. 6d. with 53 contributing members. These returns appear to me incorrect, and need explanation. Other Divisions are similarly situated; because the N. D. has given Subordinate Divisions the privilege of disposing of their funds in such way as they may deem best, many imagine that they can reduce their fees and dues as they please. This is not the fact, the Constitution is quite clear upon the subject, and fixes the lowest rate of admission and monthly dues—hence the necessity of a good agent. While upon this subject I would merely state that the Committee appointed at the Annual Session for that purpose have engaged with Brother W. C. McKinnon, but he has not yet commenced his labours.

I am anxious that the Order should be placed upon a firm basis, and for this purpose would urge upon the Subordinate Divisions the necessity of a strict supervision over their affairs, for once the system is adopted all things will flow smoothly on.

It affords me much pleasure to find our beloved Order prospering in the neighbouring Provinces, and so far from being jealous it ought to incite us to renewed action, that we might outstrip our brethren in this labour of love. It is evident that the time has