

The G. W. P. presented the following Report :—
 TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE
 OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Officers and Brothers :

I have again the pleasure of reporting to you the continued increase of our Order. This information I glean more from the reports of the Divisional Deputies to the Grand Scribe than from the County Deputies, only five of whom have made any report to myself. I would take this opportunity, most respectfully, to remind those brothers, that it is very desirable the Grand Division be fully and accurately informed of the state of the Order, at least once a year, and therefore hope to be furnished by each with a full report of the state of their several subordinate Divisions, in time to enable me to inform the Grand Division at its annual meeting in October, of the true state of the Order within its jurisdiction.

Since our last quarterly meeting three new Divisions have been added to our number. I am persuaded if we could obtain the services of an active travelling agent, both the number of divisions and members would be largely increased. Some time ago a Committee was appointed to endeavour to secure an agent, but I regret to say they have not yet succeeded in doing so. We must avail ourselves of every means in our power to direct public attention to the terrible evils of intemperance, and to convince right-thinking men of their duty, both as Christians and good citizens, entirely to discontinue the use of all intoxicating liquors as beverages, and persuade them to unite with us or some other organization, to endeavour to overthrow the monster evil which has taken so fast hold on society. When we consider the nature of the evil, we have every reason to feel encouraged at the success that has attended the efforts of the various organizations in checking the spread of intemperance; its utter extermination might be a gradual work, and requires constant and persevering effort; and it is for us to consider how this can be most effectually done. Our quarterly meetings being held in various parts of the Province, afford a good opportunity of inviting public attention to the great importance of the object of our organization, and all who can should avail themselves of it—give expression to their views on the best means of