

fully prepared for the next session of the Legislature, made by the City Council to the public—upon which the Legislative Council assumed to base its refusal to comply with the wishes of the Lower House and the Temperance Bodies, will be fulfilled.

We recommend that the Committee appointed at the Quarterly Session in January last to take cognizance of the License Law and amendments thereto, be requested to continue its labors; and that members of our Order and friends of Temperance throughout the Province be notified through the columns of *The Abstainer*, to furnish the Committee with any information and suggestions which they may think worthy of consideration in amending and improving the present License Law of the country.

While the Grand Scribe reports the organization of *three* new Divisions—a number greater than that of previous terms, though not equal to the demands of the times—a still greater cause for encouragement is the resuscitation of inactive Divisions, and the infusion of new life and energy into others hitherto barely sustaining existence.

We feel that the organizations which look beyond the Division rooms and undertake work for the social and moral well-being of their Committees, accomplish great good for themselves and the cause. It is most pleasing to know that courses of Lectures have been sustained by a large number of organizations during the past winter: the members of this Grand Division pledge themselves to encourage and aid such undertakings.

Could not the Deputies and members in each county carry out the following resolution:—"That at least *one* new Division shall be organized in our county each quarter?"

The Grand Officers for want of prompt and adequate returns are unable to present full and reliable statements in their reports. While not wishing to interfere between the G. W. P. and his own officers, we beg to suggest, as we have sometimes to listen to the complaints, that at the annual meeting every Deputy's name be reported with a record of his faithfulness. Such a statement would tend to rouse the Deputies and Divisions, and guard the succeeding G. W. P. against appointing any delinquent of a previous year.

Having undertaken with others the responsibility of a new National Division for British America, we cannot but hope that the best results anticipated by the warmest friends of the measure will be fully realized; at the same time we feel that such can only be accomplished by the rousing up of individuals and organizations to greater activity and earnestness.

With sorrow we note in the report of the Grand Scribe, and on the memorial tablet of last quarterly Journal, the removal, by the death of two standard bearers from our ranks—Brethren Robert Noble of Halifax, and Benjamin B. Moses of Yarmouth. It is gratifying at the same time to know that young men are coming forward to assist the cause, and to occupy in a measure at least, the positions so long and so faithfully filled by our brethren in the years gone by.

Respecting the "Agency" we beg to endorse the suggestions and resolution adopted at last quarterly session.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F.

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Report was considered by clauses and, after slight amendment, adopted.

Bro. Hutchings made a verbal report from Committee on Bands of Hope and Cadets of Temperance.