

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on the State of the Order have great pleasure in reporting their belief, that a healthy and progressive spirit has continued to characterise the operations of the Subordinate Divisions of this Province.

They regret to learn, that promptness and punctuality do not in all cases, characterise the operations of the Deputy G. W. P. of the Subordinate Divisions ; and that inconvenience, in many instances, results, in consequence of the Quarterly Returns not being punctually forwarded to the G. S. at the close of each succeeding quarter. Though this is a matter which occasions regret, yet the Committee feel, that it is an evil which is comparatively of small magnitude ; and that a mere reference thereto, will be sufficient to arouse those otherwise efficient and valuable officers of the Order to a more punctual attention to duty in the future.

The Committee feel an increasing conviction that the steady progress of the principles of our Order, and the ultimate realization of the triumph of Temperance principles in our Province must mainly depend on the individual efforts of every member of the Order, whether private or official ; and those efforts steadily and perseveringly applied. Faithfulness to duty should be the motto of every Son of Temperance. Every neglect of duty, on the part of a brother, injures the cause to that extent. This fact will be at once self evident to every reflecting individual. Let brethren, then, and especially official brethren, not become weary in well doing. Whatever neglect and symptoms of indifference to the systematic and punctual discharge of duties in connection with the working and progress of the Order, as well as the general spread of Temperance principles have hitherto been manifest, let the past more than suffice, and let the future be characterised by a largely increased amount of zeal in behalf of the general Cause.

Your Committee highly approve of the proposition for the holding of a Convention, chiefly composed of ministers of the Gospel, at Halifax, on the 4th of August next. We feel the strongest conviction that good results must necessarily follow such a meeting. We have long ago learned that ministers of the Gospel constitute the most efficient class of Temperance advocates. From the high and influential position which the