

of duty both morally, socially and commercially, and sound especially in temperance principles. When it is seen,—as I have seen in their reports—that in the centre of each group of such Divisional Deputies we have other Deputies, with wider prerogatives, ripe experience, uncompromising principles and the best business capacity, we are not at a loss to understand why it is that the Sons of Temperance stand very high in public confidence and esteem.

A brief reference to each District Report is all that can be permitted.

From Annapolis East Brother Jost is able to report from only a proportion of his territory. The stormy weather of the few weeks preceding—and this I assume applies in many districts—prevented the Divisions from acquainting him in time for our Quarterly Session of Grand Division. But he reports progress, so far as he knows the ground.

District Deputy Mills gives from Annapolis West a pretty full report of the Divisions. All are working well. There had been some discouragement owing to the dismissal from the Inspectorial Office of two efficient agents who acted for the Dominion Government, under provisions for carrying out the Canada Temperance Act. He regrets that Division Deputies do not all promptly report, whether working or not. Brother Mills has spent a quarter of great activity in his district.

Brother F. S. Cunningham reports from Antigonish that the Order has recovered in a measure from certain internal troubles alluded to in one of the addresses of my predecessor. Bro. C. keeps a vigilant and hopeful eye on his district.

From Colchester the Hon. Samuel Creelman sends a concise and methodical report of about one half the number of Divisions on the official list. He speaks very hopefully of a Division just resuscitated, and thinks the Order gains constantly in his district. The ground he says is well occupied with temperance organizations. Brother Creelman in a postscript adds,—“I am now in the 70th year of my age, and have been an abstainer since Feb., 1830.” There are grains of gold among the sands and dust of humanity. We rejoice and sympathize with our heroic Deputy.

Brother Hills, of Cumberland, is to the front as usual. “Slow but Sure” he insists is the motto of his Divisions; but the number of Divisions increase regularly in his jurisdiction. He reports a suspension of agencies for the suppression of the liquor traffic, owing to the uncertainty of the law at present. There are official hindrances to the cause of temperance in the County against which temperance friends are working with great hopes of success. The County is looking to the ballot-box for redress.

Deputy Burrell sends from Digby Co. the reports of eight Divisions. They appear to be generally in a condition of harmony, though in some instances a little stimulus from some quarter might help to bring up the number of members in that territory.

Deputy Monaghan's report of work in Halifax County is very methodical and comprehensive. It shows progress and earnestness in most of the Divisions. He suggests openings for other Bands of Hope, an arm of our Order which Halifax understands how to work and appreciate.

Dr. McMurray has sent in a report from West Hants from nine Divisions, with an average of 432 members. He says Bro. Lewis' labors have quickened the life of several Divisions; and refers to two or three Divisions reorganized and a new one of great promise recently started. He thinks the outlook hopeful.

East Hants reports through Brother Blois that in seven Divisions heard from 76 initiations have occurred during the quarter. One that he had organized in October last has nearly doubled its strength. He thinks Division Deputies might do more for their Divisions by way of visiting and urging important matters on their attention. The temperance sentiment in the District is very strong.

Inverness County, as reported by Bro. McPhail, keeps moving forward. There