

dation less expensive, which we have succeeded in doing (at least for the present) at one-half the cost of the room previously occupied.

We already have the pleasure to report several propositions for membership last evening, with the prospect of a considerable increase.

LUNENBURG.

Rev. I. J. Skinner, P. G. W. P. says:—In presenting my report for the quarter ended the last of March, 1875, I begin with Chester which I am sorry to say is in a very low state. Meetings have been suspended since some time in January. Efforts are being made, however, to re-open its meetings and revive its sinking energies, which I hope will be successful. Although Chester Division is doing but little at present to stay the progress of intemperance, yet I think it is abundantly evident that the results of past labors in that department are still visible. Strenuous endeavors were put forth last autumn to obtain license for liquor-selling, *but to no purpose*, and the vigorous prosecution of those engaged in illicit traffic of strong drink serves in a great measure to keep "the rum business" confined to the "holes and corners," or beneath the surface. This state of things, I believe, may be regarded largely as the result of the energetic endeavors of temperance men in the past, some of whom have gone to their rest and reward.

Phoenix has not been heard from officially, but judging from the account of the celebration of their 21st anniversary which appeared in the "Christian Messenger" of the 14th inst, I am fully warranted in saying that Phoenix Division is a power for good in that community.

Noble Division is likewise making favorable progress. Dep. Drew reports as follows:—"I think that I may safely say that Noble Division has for the last quarter had an influence for good. There has been very little liquor sold around here this winter, and the party who was doing the most in that line, was caught and fined." "May the good cause prosper."

Green Leaf, Broad Cove and New Germany have not been heard from. I am glad to learn that Lunenburg County is to be visited by the agent of the G. D.

PICTOU COUNTY

Deputy G. W. A. McCurdy writes:—Only one subordinate Deputy has given a report, viz: Fraser Division No. 305. Deputy Thomas McLeod says that in looking over their books he finds a great number of the members in arrears and takes that as an indication that their Division is not in as good working order as he could wish. He laments that persons of influence are not leading on the cause with that energy that might be desired.

New Glasgow Division has not done much this winter on account of prayer meetings being open every night of the week nearly all the quarter. A number of the members of the Division thought they could be as well employed at the prayer meetings as the Division. Not having official reports from the Deputies I cannot give a report of other Divisions. If the Deputies would favor us with a report in time they would have the satisfaction of seeing their Divisions mentioned in each quarterly report of the Grand Division.