

are co-operating with us for the suppression of intemperance and the promotion of the principles we profess? Alas, comparatively few. In doing so they would be but discharging their high and responsible duties and privileges, but we have reason to think that very many do not consider that they are their "brother's keeper."

How different from the cunning and artful Rum Craft. Combination, money, time and labor are theirs, whenever they wish to accomplish their objects, in spreading ruin, and degrading their fellowmen for selfish gains.

Let us then in the name of Christian benevolence use all those virtuous means of extending our beloved Order, and driving from our land the Rum demon.

The winter months are generally considered the most favorable for extending our cause; but from the very unsteady nature of the weather of the past winter and the difficulty of regular division meetings, I fear we have not made the usual progress.

Like my predecessors I have to complain of the want of prompt and full reports from County Deputies, in order that I may report more fully on the State of the Order in the several counties and districts of the Province.

It is true I have had the perusal of several communications from Divisional Deputies to our Worthy Grand Scribe on forwarding the returns, &c.,—but few of the County Deputies have reported directly to me; I am therefore unable to report upon the State of the Order under the jurisdiction of this G. Division. I must, as I intimated in my first report, rely upon the Grand Scribe for much information relative to the State of the Order.

Only one charter has been granted during this Quarter. Several Divisions have been resuscitated, and I have no doubt that if an efficient Lecturer and agent had been placed in the field that many new Divisions would have sprung into existence, old ones would have been revived and the cause of Temperance generally benefitted.

I hope that the Agency Committee, with the funds at their command will soon be able to employ an efficient Lecturer for the spread of our principles through the length and breadth of the land.

Friends of the Order, sustain the action of the Grand Division in raising funds for a Lecturer and Agent to extend our cause, and increase the subscriptions to the *Abstainer*, the adopted organ of our Order and of other temperance organizations, which is now so ably conducted.

The County Deputies whose reports have reached me are Bros. J. H. Black, Amherst; D. Marshall, Picton; D. Johnston, and C. H. Harrington, Sydney; Dr. McRobert, Londonderry; and R. Crowell, Barrington. There is considerable interesting information in these reports, as well as in those forwarded by Divisional Deputies to the G. Scribe, but time will not permit me to go into details. Our Order is holding its ground more firmly in some places than heretofore, while in others it is declining.

Several more Divisions have during the quarter just ended admitted females to full membership. And from all the information I can gather this change will prove beneficial. There are now thirty-five Divisions which admit females to full membership.

The question of the per capita tax is likely to seriously affect the relation of some of the Subordinate Divisions to this branch of our Order.

A large proportion of the Subordinate Divisions have willingly paid the increased rate of tax, and I trust upon due reflection that all will see the necessity of the measure, when the good that will result from its adoption is duly appreciated and understood.

Brother Marshall in his report makes some very timely and judicious remarks relative to the duty of temperance men in the approaching Political contest. "Ere I shall have another opportunity of reporting, our Province will no doubt have passed through that to us a trying time, a general Election.—How painful the memories of this connection? How often are we made to feel