

seem to demand, beg leave to state, in very general terms, the information which has thus been obtained ; and might have liberty to suggest that a committee might, in the interval between this and the next Quarterly Session, make up a more complete synopsis.

To the first question the answer is generally favorable. The Divisions throughout the Province meet regularly at their stated seasons, with rare exceptions, from unavoidable circumstances probably. But to the question, " Do your members attend ? " the answer is not so favorable. Of a few Divisions the members are regular in their attendance ; but, in the great majority of cases, the answer is only, " Pretty well, fair in winter, but slim in summer ; " members are apathetic as to attendance, and the Divisions languish in consequence.

To the third question, no answer need have been returned ; it is a matter of notoriety that the subordinate Divisions of Nova Scotia observe faithfully the Constitution, Rules, and Usages of the Order.

The fourth question is somewhat involved in the third ; and the answers, though not so pointedly, are yet favorable.

To the fifth question, a variety of answers have been returned, for, while a large number of the Divisions are working harmoniously, yet into far too many the spirit of discord has been introduced through a deficiency of that noble principle of forbearance which can, in matters of small importance, " agree to differ." Politics has, in many cases, been stated as the disturbing cause. Why is this ? Simply that politicians of every platform seek to make political capital out of the temperance question ; and candidates are brought out to catch the temperance vote for the promotion of party objects ; when this bait is not readily swallowed bad feeling is aroused, and the prosperity and usefulness of the Division is gone, and oftentimes the Division destroyed.

To the sixth question the answers are various. In many localities the members are imbued with an active spirit for the promotion of the good work—but in some cases it is stated the members who attend regularly are few in number and far between ; and from the general tenor of the answers we fear that a spirit of apathy prevails too generally.

As regards the seventh question, very few Divisions have organizations for the enrollment of youth under their control. In a few localities what are called Bands of Hope have been introduced with very decided success.