

On Communications : P. G. W. P., John S. Thompson, Wm. Lippincott, G. W. A., James Mosher.

On Appeals : Robert M. Barratt, Michael Herbert, J. W. H. Balcomb.

A communication purporting to be an appeal from Chas. White, of Central Division, No. 2, Yarmouth, was read and referred to Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report, as follows :

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF
NOVA-SCOTIA.

Officers and Representatives.

WORTHY BRETHREN,—Having met again in Annual Session, permit me in submitting my last report to greet you in the name and spirit of our three cardinal principles.

It is with sincere satisfaction I have to state that the divisional year now closing has been one of cheering progress.

When you listen to the carefully prepared statistical tables presented in the Grand Scribe's report, you will ascertain for yourselves the pleasing fact, that since the year 1854 the Order in this Province has not been in a more healthy and prosperous condition. With but few exceptions the Subordinate Divisions are either steadily maintaining their ground or prosecuting the cause with vigor and success, weekly adding to their numbers. It may not seem invidious if honorable mention be made of some of these last.

From Yarmouth—the birthplace of the Order in this Province—Deputy Pinkney reports that the “prospects seem brightening” in some of the Divisions under his charge, while one, Milton No. 4, “is going at locomotive speed.”

From North Sydney—the other extreme of our jurisdiction—Deputy Bown reports that the Divisions under his charge “never were in better working order, or showing more zeal.”

In the same quarter of the moral sky “Star in the East” Division is in the ascendant.

Chester Division “is in a most healthy condition.” “Never since its formation did it present a more flattering appearance.” The Quarterly Session of the Grand Division held in Chester last summer created new life and vigor in their ranks. An Episcopal clergyman has joined this Division during the last quarter, who brings with him considerable influence.