

The Grand Division will, doubtless, learn with satisfaction, that no change has been made in the position of lady visitors. That useful branch of our Order will continue to be governed as heretofore.

It might have been expected that the trouble in the United States would have caused a serious diminution of our numbers. I have to state, therefore, with great pleasure, that the falling-off during the year amounts to only *fifty-two* members; and the Grand Division will unquestionably observe, with gratitude, that in the numerical returns, Nova Scotia stands *fourth* on the list; in regard to number of members, and *third* in regard to admissions, during last year.

The condition of affairs in the United States, and the aspects and prospects of the war in that country, were adverted to by the speakers in the public meetings held at Cleveland, as well as during the sittings of the National Division, with great warmth of feeling. Some of our brethren seemed to have forgotten that all present were not republicans, and that the Order of the Sons of Temperance recognizes no political, no religious peculiarities, but embraces North and South, and East and West, without regard to forms of government or denominational distinctions. Nevertheless, we could all heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the concluding paragraph of the report of the committee on the Most Worthy Patriarch's report: "The committee call upon the members of this National Division to congratulate each other, and to give thanks to Almighty God, that the progress of the Order during the past year has been so little affected by the war which still unhappily prevails in a portion of its jurisdiction. They earnestly hope that before the next session of the National Division peace and freedom will flourish in every part of this northern continent."

In conclusion, I beg to thank the Grand Division for giving me the opportunity of enjoying a very agreeable tour. I trust that the Grand Division of Nova Scotia will be always hereafter represented at the annual sessions of the National Division.

Yours, in L., P., and F.

J. M. CRAMP.

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