

The Grand Scribe read his Report, as follows :

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Officers and Brethren;*—

Having assembled in quarterly session of Grand Division, permit me, in the language of our G. W. P. to “greet you in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.”

It is with much regret that I have to report to you the inability of our chief to be in attendance at the present session; his recent return from the meeting of the National Division, at Providence, R. I., and “a press of duties,” prevent his being with us; the same causes, combined with the absence of reports from a number of his deputies, have prevented his making a report to the Grand Division. This is to be regretted, as no doubt you anticipated from him an account of the proceedings of the National Division at its recent session, in addition to the usual items of interest contained in his reports. As our Grand Worthy Associate was also present at the recent session of the National Division it is probable he will make up the deficiency caused by the absence of the G. W. P.

By command of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, I will proceed to give you an account of the state of the Order, as gathered from letters and reports received from the deputies.

Brother John Shean, deputy for the city of Halifax, writes: “I have much pleasure in stating that the Order in Halifax is in a healthy state.” In addition to this I would state for the information of the Grand Division, that while intemperance prevails to a great extent in the metropolis, the Cause is advancing. This state of things is chiefly owing, no doubt, to the exertion and example of the Rev. Messrs. Freeman and Bently, of the Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Higginbotham, of the Roman Catholic denominations, and the activity of the societies recently organised by them.

The society under the presidency of the last named gentleman now numbers near three thousand members; he is indeed proving himself to be a Father Mathew to the people among whom he has been called to labour. Let us bid him God-speed in his mission of love.

The city Divisions are in good working order and are ably presided over by the very active deputy of the district, whose exertions, and diligence in the discharge of his duties, cannot be too highly eulogised.