

The *Grand Scribe* submitted his quarterly

REPORT:

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

The *Grand Scribe* begs leave to submit the following report:—

In submitting to the Grand Division, and the Order throughout the Province, an account of the working of the Order during the last quarter, the undersigned begs leave to submit the following suggestions, for the consideration of the brethren of the Order throughout the Province.

In order to facilitate the working of the Order, there are a few things to be heeded. There is much difficulty arising from the neglect of the Deputies in some cases, and the Divisions in others, to send in to the office of the *Grand Scribe* the quarterly returns in proper season. Three months sometimes elapse before the returns are received; a little attention on the part of the Divisions would obviate this difficulty entirely.

The amount of correspondence to which the G. S. is called to reply is a grievous wrong. Brethren are in the habit of writing upon the slightest and most trivial matters; upon subjects of difference which with a little forbearance and judgment, could be adjusted far more satisfactorily by the Divisions themselves. Brethren should remember the maxim "the least legislation is the best legislation," and that any departure from the simplest constitutional usages would involve the Grand Division in a labyrinth of difficulties from which it were impossible to extricate itself.

The *Grand Scribe* is happy in being able to state that the Order throughout the Province is in a flourishing condition, as may be seen by reference to the quarterly return. A little more care on the part of the brethren, in reference to the matters suggested, will place the Order on a footing wherein it might work with prosperity and success.

Respectfully in L., P. and F.

ALEX. HICHBORN,  
*Grand Scribe.*

On motion, voted to adjourn.

G. D. closed in due form.

*Afternoon Session, Jan. 31.*

G. D. opened in due form.

Prayer by *Grand Chaplain*.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

A Communication was received from Chester Division. (*See Appendix D.*)

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Division does hereby express its high sense of the honourable and brotherly conduct of the Chester Divi-