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The *G. W. P.* made the following

### REPORT:

*Grand Worthy Brothers*,—Assembled in this our Quarterly Session, it becomes my duty to present a Report of our proceedings during the past quarter, and to offer such suggestions as may appear necessary to meet the present wants of our Order in this Province.

But in attempting to do so, I feel my inability to present anything like as satisfactory a statement as I could wish, respecting our progress and prospects, owing to the fact that there has been received but from a small number of the Deputies, the report of the state of the Order severally under their jurisdiction, as required by the terms of their commission. This omission on the part of so many, is to be regretted, and I would take this opportunity of calling attention to this part of their duty. I cannot, however, but hope that this omission is to be regarded rather as an oversight, than as evidence of lack of zeal in our good cause—while the deficiency thereby occasioned may probably be supplied by the action of the Committee on the state of the Order, who will report at the present session.—The Reports that have been received by me, are in general of an encouraging character. Intelligence has indeed reached us of the intention of three Divisions to surrender their charters, viz.—Maitland and Miners, of Yarmouth, and Centenary of Halifax, No. 100. The reasons assigned for the intended surrender of the charter of these Divisions, are, in two cases, the absence of a great portion of the Division at sea for the most part of the time, and the scattered location of so many of the brethren. But it is to be hoped that such brethren of these Divisions as are worthy, will apply for and obtain cards of clearance, and thereby be enabled immediately to join other Divisions. These cases should, however, serve to teach us caution for the future as to the opening of Divisions in such localities, or under such circumstances as might be likely to interfere with their permanent working. And it is worthy of your consideration whether or not it is advisable at present to appoint—agreeably with the 14th Art. of your Bye Laws—a standing Committee on the institution of Divisions, to whom applications for charters may be referred.

The Divisions from which we have heard are, with the foregoing exceptions, represented as being in good working order. The following extracts from the Report of one of the Deputies, will, it is hoped, be applicable to our Divisions generally: "The Order has already done much to elevate the moral tone of the communities in which it has been planted—good feeling among different portions of the people has been greatly promoted. The meetings of the Divisions are well attended—the ceremonies satisfactorily performed, and the business conducted in harmony and in good order."

I have noticed with great pleasure in some places evident signs of increased interest in our glorious cause, and hope that the same