

rapidly in the adoption of right principles, as respects the *great evil* we band to combat.

Encouraged by a knowledge of these facts, I trust that there is not a member of this Grand Body actuated by any other feeling, than a determination to work, while health lasts in the faithful prosecution of the work we have in hand.

I have received reports from the following County and District Deputies, portions of which I will read:—Brothers Hon. S. Creelman, Colchester Co.; R. S. McCurdy, Pictou; Rev. I. J. Skinner, Lunenburg; Avard Longley, Annapolis; Abner Hart, Guysborough, Eastern District; Rev. J. B. McDonald, North Sydney; Grand Worthy Associate Bryden, Queen's Co; Rev. John McMurray, West Hants and J. McLearn. The sum of these reports are of a gratifying character, although there are a few exceptions to this rule.

I have paid official visits to the several Divisions located in Halifax, and am pleased to state, that they are all in good working order. I have also visited Acadia Section of Cadets, which is admirably conducted, and is a valuable, auxiliary to our Order, and also as well the Rosebud Band of Hope, which holds its regular weekly meetings, despite the wind or weather in numbers of a hundred or more. I may say with reference to the Brothers who assist in the management of these junior branches that they are doing a good work and are worthy of all praise.

Our Brother, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch Hutchings, who for the better carrying on of the work, was made Deputy Provincial G. W. P., has had a most successful tour through Hants and a part of Kings County, under direction of the Agency Committee. Brother P. M. W. P., O. D. Wetmore under management of the same has given a series of valuable lectures in Halifax. Three new Divisions have been added to our number during the quarter and one Band of Hope.

It has been brought to my notice that one of the Divisions in Kings County had erased the word "cider" from the pledge, and as the pledge is determined by the National Division, it is a part of the constitution of each Subordinate Division, and can not, of course, be altered in any way by a Subordinate Division. For further information I must refer you to Report of Grand Scribe, who is indefatigable in his work and always ready, as well to the reports of committees.

Desiring that our efforts at this time may tend to the increase of our Brotherhood and the good of our fellow-men, I submit this report in the bonds of our Order.

R. H. WETMORE, G. W. P.

The following report on Charters and new Divisions was read by the Grand Scribe, and referred to the same committee after being adopted:—

HALIFAX, 23RD JAN., 1875.

G. W. P. and Members of G. D.,—

Your committee on Charters and new Divisions beg to report the following Divisions organized since the Annual Session:—

1. BOYLSTON, No. 377, located in Manchester, County of Guysborough, with twenty-two Charter members, organized by District Deputy Abner Hart, on the evening of November 17th, 1874.

2. GOLDEN RULE, No. 378, located at Middle Rawdon, Hants County,