

Halifax. No less than eleven localities have been pointed out as suitable for the establishment of Divisions, in all of which such associations should render good service.

To the tenth question the answers are not so favorable as could be desired ; in some Divisions the *Abstainer* is not taken at all ; to such your Committee would recommend its introduction as a duty they owe to the Order and the Cause.

To the eleventh question the answers are various, but in very many instances the desirableness of Public Lectures and the free circulation of Tracts are insisted on. Why do not all such circulate the *Abstainer*?

To the question regarding Intemperance, with a few *happy* exceptions, the answers are painfully unfavorable and strongly remind us of the duty of increased vigilance and greater activity.

Your Committee are delighted to learn that clergymen are taking a more active part in the work, although in some localities, their influence is still adverse to the cause.

Among the most remarkable facts brought out in these Returns, is the small number of physicians who are practical Total Abstainers. Have they an eye to their business? As one Deputy says, "Have no doctor—not much required in a sober community."

Your Committee are happy to learn that in many localities the teachers of youth have identified themselves with this cause.—May others of them learn to do likewise.

The information regarding other Temperance Organizations besides the Order is vague and unsatisfactory, and your Committee are led to believe that the effort in that direction bears no proportion to the flood of Intemperance which so largely flows around us.

In conclusion, your Committee regret the limited amount of information placed before them, including not much over one-fourth of the whole jurisdiction, and your Committee trust that the Grand Division will feel it their duty to call the attention of Deputies to their obligation in the matter of furnishing the information so requisite for the proper knowledge of the state of the Temperance cause.

All which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

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