

The Grand Scribe read his report as follows :

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers, and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

It gives your Grand Scribe great pleasure in greeting you, thus time after time in presenting you with his reports, and he now wishes you all personal health and much happiness, and that the Order in our locality may receive great good from your meetings.

In regard to the progress of the cause in Canada East, I have not much to report for the short time since we last met.

In August last, Worthy Brother Lambly, D. G. W. P. for Leeds, instituted a New Division at Inverness, under the name of Havelock Division, No. 39.

I have also had information from Portage du Fort, of the re-organization of the Division there, and from the communications received, they appear to have started with considerable vigor and much promise of success.

The number of returns received during last year have increased over previous ones, and I have to congratulate you therefore, on an improved and decidedly improving state of things in our Order in Canada East; and I am glad to have to record this, as accounts from every quarter indicate a like improvement throughout North America. The Most Worthy Scribe in his last report, just come to hand, states, that in his opinion, "based upon an extended correspondence, the Order of Sons of Temperance has not been in so good heart at any time within the last seven years as at this date." He ascribes this to the earnest, living spirit, which showed its existence in many Grand Divisions, and their jurisdictions, during the term closed, and from the increase reported he chiefly justifies his conclusions, that the Order has again assumed the ascendant over the opposition of its enemies, and the still more to be dreaded *neutrality* of its members and friends.

This awakening interest calls us to a more earnest and ardent devotion of all our powers to increase this interest, and give it such a direction as will result in the greatest practical effort for good. The Committee on the state of the Order, in noticing this revival says, it is a truth, whether our philosophy of human society may account for it or not, that

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune ;"

and the amount of effort required to accomplish any desired result is much less when this "tide" is in our favor, than when it is against us. The present is a propitious time for our labor of love. The horizon which but a few months ago was hung with darkness, is now streaked with the dawn of a Temperance revival which, if we are but faithful to our mission, will cheer many a desolate home, will save from disgrace and ruin many a tempted youth, and will