

sure you will all join heartily in that worthy brother's prayer, that our Heavenly Father would, by His Gracious Spirit, quicken all Christian pastors and people to exert their influence and example, so directly and powerfully against this enemy of man, that the time may speedily come when the whole province shall be in these respects like St. Mary's.

D. G. W. P. Bown, from Cape Breton County, reports as follows:—"I have the pleasure of again reporting to you, that the divisions in this county are working well and harmoniously together in the good cause. The standard of temperance appears to be firmly planted in this county, and the people rallying round it; and I am in hopes of soon unfurling our banner in the neighbouring county of Victoria, which would have been done before this, but owing to the early breaking up of the roads, and the steamer not yet running to Baddeck. Some of our brethren have been disappointed in not being able to open a division there."

It only remains that I present to you a brief statement from the county and city of Halifax: D. G. W. P. Porter reports well of Sackville and June Rose Divisions. There has been no progress during the quarter, but *loss*, at Musquodoboit.

There has been *great activity* among the city divisions. Our division room has been well filled week after week. All the divisions have held public meetings. Some of them held quite a series of social gatherings, where debates, speeches, dialogues, declamations, and music, were kept up with much spirit and excellent effect. These meetings have been anticipated with interest, and remembered with delight, and their attractions have aided in winning and in retaining many promising youths.

The Micmac Division has a "Band of Hope" organised and conducted under its care, amounting to one hundred of both sexes. The children meet in the afternoon, and, to their great delight, are exercised in music and recitation. These meetings are well attended, and the zealous individuals who give their time to the work of instructing and training, are worthy of all honour and entitled to the thanks of the community.

Meanwhile the Temperance Aid Association has been indefatigable in its efforts in different parts of the county; and in Musquodoboit Harbour, and in other localities, has already reaped a rich reward.

#### THE ABSTAINER.

The experience of every political party, every Church organi-