

Division increasing very fast. While on this part of my Report, I cannot but express my regret that so many D. G. W. P's. have sent no returns for these two quarters. This ought not so to be. The law on this subject is, "any Division neglecting to make quarterly returns and payment of dues, shall be disqualified from voting in Grand Division; nor shall they be entitled to receive passwords until said returns and payments are made." My voice is always for law—the imperial majesty of law—why should it here be so flagrantlly disregarded, and that with impunity, by our own Officers. Brethren see to it; and apply a remedy.

Since our Annual meeting I have not been able to visit, personally, so many subordinate Divisions as I could have wished and indeed intended.—More than once, plans were arranged for visits which were reluctantly, yet unavoidably set aside. The Richmond Division I had pleasure in visiting, it was low, but has much increased since, in numbers and strength. There I also met members of the Kingsey and St. Francis Divisions who reported "Holding their ground but not progressing." The Mechanics' Division was visited—it was somewhat depressed but trust it will revive. The "Eastern Star," also, I found met in very small numbers.—The Howard Division I was glad to meet in their old division room, in a lively state and in hopes of much increased strength and numbers.

A few appeals I have answered, whether my decisions have been carried out or not, I have not been informed. From two Divisions, interested in these appeals, no quarterly Returns have been received; one of these refused to accept of the Deputy appointed by the Grand Division; the other transgressed law in a case of discipline. But I am altogether in the dark for want of Returns.

The Grand Treasurer will lay before you an account of the finances of the Grand Division.

I have had no intimation of the formation of any New Divisions. The Grand Scribe will, in all likelihood, be prepared to report on this point.

I have reported only one Division as returning an affirmative answer to the query No. 7, "Have your Divisions any organization of youth, under your care?" I am happy to be able to report that there is another Section of Cadets besides the one under the auspices of the Howard Division. I have no Division in my neighbourhood but I have been able to organize and superintend a Section, viz., "Sherbrooke, No. 3." (No. 1, is, I believe, defunct) which is progressing nicely. I would strongly urge upon the members of this Grand Division, to take hold of the *Boys* of our country, the hope of her future. A few more Sections and we may soon have a Grand Section for Lower Canada.

I am convinced my Brethren, that we must do something further in the direction of arousing the Church to still more aggressive policy in relation to Temperance. I was happy to support, as your G.W.P., a memorial from the Grand Division of C.W. to the Congregational Union of Canada which met in Montreal, in June last, and to which I have the honor to belong,—assuring that body that it was purely an oversight that a similar memorial had not emanated from our Grand Division. That memorial was well received; not a Minister of that body, I believe, but is a total abstainer. Among the resolutions on Temperance, it was resolved 3rd. that the Ministers are again requested this year, to preach on Temperance on the Sabbath next preceding the 25th December. Other ecclesiastical bodies have also given forth strong remonstrances on the subject. Might not something be done by our City Divisions, towards having Sermons preached, either every Sabbath evening, as has been done in Glasgow now for several years—or once a month—by various Ministers from town and country. Why should not the City of Montreal be thus made a centre of pulpit influence on behalf of our cause. I would repeat a suggestion thrown out by the Editor of the *Montreal Witness*.