

Trusting whoever you may elect to fill the Chair, that I am about to vacate, will be more successful in promoting the interests of our noble and honorable Order.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

A. McEACHERN, G.W.P.

Grand Scribe read his Report as follows :

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

MONTREAL, *October 18, 1854.*

Officers and Brothers,

The return of the period for holding our Annual Meeting, again calls upon me for a Report, and in doing so, I feel happy in being enabled to state, that harmony prevails in the Order, within our bounds no question having occurred, so far as I am aware, to disturb its peace.

Since our last meeting, one new Division has been opened at Bristol, on the Ottawa, and which bids fair to be eminently successful in disseminating the glorious principles of our Institution.

The Returns for the past Quarter, are as yet incomplete, the whole not having yet come to hand ; but referring to the Returns for the Quarter ending 30th June, I find a small increase in our numbers over those reported at last Annual Meeting. The apparent smallness of this increase, must be attributed, I conceive, in a considerable degree, to the change in the mode of raising the revenues of the Grand Division, substituting a per capita tax in place of the per centage, paid on the amount of monies received, which has caused Subordinate Divisions to strike from their Roll, all members who contributed nothing pecuniarily to the benefit of the Order. So that, in fact, there has been a considerable increase of efficient members, and a decrease in the drones of the hive.

The journals of the last Session of the National Division have