

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES

*Who attended Meeting of the National Division in Montreal, C. E.,
in June 1866.*

Having attended the Annual Session of the National Division, held in the city of Montreal, Canada, on Thursday, June 21st and following days, it has occurred to us that a brief account of the Session will probably be acceptable to the members of the Grand Division.

The attendance was large. All the British Provinces, Newfoundland excepted, were represented, as were also all the New England States, and the States of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, and the District of Columbia. The number of members present was 122.

We were much gratified by the renewal of acquaintance with many brethren, whom some of us have repeatedly met on similar occasions. On the broad platform of Temperance those can associate and act together, in perfect harmony, who are otherwise separated from each other, and engaged in the pursuit of different and even opposite interests.

The Montreal brethren exerted themselves nobly to promote the comfort of the members of the National Division, and to secure a pleasant intermingling of enjoyment and duty. They are numerically feeble but strong in zeal and unflinching in determination.

Although the discussion of various subjects elicited difference of opinion, and warmth of feeling occasionally broke out, there was no disturbance of good fellowship, and the members of the National Division separated, as they assembled, in brotherly affection and unity.

The few changes that were made in the Constitution having been officially reported to you it is needless to refer to them, and we will content ourselves with expressing the hope that in their operation they will be found to subserve the welfare of the order.

We regret that it was deemed necessary to increase the *per capita* tax on members, as we fear that it will prove injurious. Submission to the majority is always the duty of Sons of Temperance; yet it is a fair question for consideration, whether our representatives at the next Annual Session ought not to be instructed to move for the repeal of the additional impost.

There was a lively debate on Female Membership. The vote was taken by Grand Divisions, and the following resolution was carried by 29 to 9, viz :—