

by our County and Divisional deputies: so few indeed are they, that it will be almost impossible to ground a Report upon those that have come to hand: while absence at the meetings of the N. Division recently held at Montreal—business engagements in the United States and at home, will necessarily cause this my third Report, to be very imperfect and somewhat brief.

As your Grand Worthy Patriarch, I am very happy to state that so far as heard from, our Divisions—with very few exceptions—are doing well. Some are adding a goodly number to their roll of membership—others again are not so fortunate, while there are those—and these may be classified as belonging to the largest number—who are “holding their own” and working on hopefully, although some of them have much to contend with, and a great deal to discourage.

I am gratified to inform you that our jurisdiction stands high on the Roll of the National Division, as regards the number of our Divisions. On the 31st December last Canada West had 201 Divisions, with a membership of 6,412 while we in this jurisdiction had 125 Divisions (being 76 less than Canada West) with a membership of 6,259, being only 153 less than that large jurisdiction.

The Grand Division of Massachusetts may be said to be “The Banner Division,” having the same number of Divisions as Nova Scotia, but with a much larger membership, having no less than 9,350 Brethren in good standing on their Roll—while as regards Lady Visitors—there are only three jurisdictions before us, as far as numbers are concerned: these are Mass., Maine, and Ohio. each with a larger number of inhabitants than our little Province. Mass. 14,910, Maine 6,858, and Ohio had 4,816, and Nova Scotia had her 4,367.

You will be gratified to learn that we were third on the list in our pecuniary support of the National Division, for I find that while Mass. with its very large membership, paid a per-capita tax for 1865 of \$187.00, and Canada West with her large number of Divisions, \$128.24, we of Nova Scotia paid the not very trifling sum of \$125.18 into the Treasury of the National Division.

Brothers, let us be faithful to ourselves, and to the cause we professedly love so well—let us strive in the future, in this our labour of love, to make *this* Grand Division the Banner Division of the whole jurisdiction; and second to none in efficiency and advancement. Let self denial and personal effort be the great levers by which this great desideratum is to be accomplished. Let us, whenever opportunity offers, say a word in favor of our abstinence principles, believing that the seed thus sown at random.