

Number of Divisions last reported.....	285
“ Organized during the quarter.....	8
“ Re-organized.....	3
“ Suspended.....	8
Total number of Divisions at close of December quarter.....	288
Number of members last reported.....	16,643
“ Admitted during the quarter.....	1,686
Total.....	18,329
Withdrawn.....	551
Expelled for violation of the pledge.....	190
Expelled for other causes.....	598
In suspended Divisions.....	314
Deaths.....	23 1,676
Number of members at close of December term.....	16,653
“ Violations of the pledge.....	270
“ members suspended.....	68
“ members reinstated.....	27
Receipts of Subordinate Divisions.....	2,879.61
Cash on hand and invested.....	16, 219.84
Per capita tax to Grand Division.....	857.08
Amount paid for Benefits.....	12.00
Temperance meetings held.....	196
Temperance Tracts distributed.....	8,859
Number of temperance papers taken.....	764

The attention of the Grand Division is called to the number of expulsions for other causes—nearly 600—an item which is unusually large, and brings us again face to face with the unsolved problem of years, “How shall we check the enormous loss our Order suffers from the excision of members for non-payment of dues.” The Grand Scribe would suggest that the Grand Worthy Patriarch be respectfully requested to address a Circular letter to his Deputies, bringing this matter to their notice, and urging the appointment by Divisions of small Committees to collect dues from members in arrears.

Ten Counties show an increase of members, and nine Counties a decrease. Halifax County still holds the largest number of Divisions, 31. Between Kings and Hants the contest is keen for the largest numbers of members, Kings, with its 1566, leading in the race. The largest net increase of members during the term was in Amherst Division, No. 182, which, with its 216 members, is beating to windward of WESTERN STAR, No. 161, which is still the “Banner Division,” with 230.

NEW DIVISIONS.

The following new Divisions, seven in number, have been reported since the annual session in November last, viz:—

1. St. Georges, No. 618, located at St. Georges, Bermuda; organized Oct. 31, by Deputy Rev. Jos. S. Coffin, with 20 charter members.
2. Watchful, No. 619, located at Liscombe, Guysboro’ Co.; organized Nov. 12, by Deputy Thos. Hutchings, with 28 charter members.
3. Radiant Star, No. 620, located at Young’s Cove, Annapolis; organized Nov. 17, by Deputy T. M. Lewis, with 34 charter members.
4. Armstrong, No. 621, located at Victoria Beach, Annapolis; organized Nov. 21, by Deputy T. M. Lewis, with 30 charter members.

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