

Eighteen of these Divisions were chartered by the National Division—the first chartered by the Grand Division being, I believe, *Hebron, No. 19*, of Hebron, in Yarmouth County.

The Grand Division was incorporated by the Provincial Legislature in the year 1851, and 76 Subordinates have been incorporated in connection with this body under the Act. Of the 76, 13 are dead, and 5 not working.

Of the 98 members who have filled offices in this Grand body since its organization, 57 are still members; 16 are dead, who retained their connection till death.*

Twenty-five members have been initiated into the National Division. Of this number there are 18 retaining their connection as members of this body.†

In reference to the progress of the Order in the Province, since the organization of the Grand Division, the following figures from the Annual Returns to the National Division, will give a statistical exhibit:—

Year.	Members admitted.	Loss by withdrawal death and expulsion.	Whole No. of members	Lady visitors admitted.	Whole No. Lady visitors.	No. of Divisions in operation.
1849	2,103	39	3,585	.....	.....	70
1850	1,248	227	4,314	.....	.....	100
† 1851						
|| 1851	1,219	662	4,132	.....	.....	102
§ 1852	1,474	594	4,108	.....	.....	85
1853	915	802	3,157	.....	.....	75
1854	1,775	672	3,159	.....	.....	84
1855	1,273	650	3,063	.....	.....	82
1856	1,081	740	2,442	.....	.....	72
1857	1,698	698	2,452	.....	.....	58
¶ 1858	1,984	654	3,491	.....	854	81
1859	1,930	867	3,966	.....	1,373	84
1860	1,734	846	3,944	.....	1,707	93
1861	1,666	714	4,129	.....	1,841	104
1862	1,478	808	3,969	.....	2,223	100
1863	2,105	891	4,361	866	2,694	100
1864	2,890	1,301	5,542	1,105	3,130	112
1865	3,282	1,186	6,259	1,650	4,367	125
1866	4,579	1,583	8,201	2,492	6,331	157
1867	3,110	2,254	7,456	2,007	6,939	172
1868	2,307	1,636	7,463	1,372	6,972	172

The foregoing statistics show that since the organization of the Grand Division, we had in the

Year 1857, the smallest No. of Divisions.....	58
" 1867-68, the largest No. of Divisions.....	172
" 1853, the smallest No. of Members admitted.....	915
" 1866, the largest No. of Members admitted.....	4,579
" 1849, the smallest No. of deaths and expulsions.....	39
" 1867, the largest No. of deaths and expulsions.....	2,254
" 1856, the smallest No. of Members.....	2,442
" 1866, the largest No. of Members.....	8,201
" 1868, the largest No. of Lady visitors.....	6,972

* † Since this Report was presented one of the members, J. D. B. Fraser, has died.—G. S.

† No returns from N. S. for twelve months ending March 31, 1851. Up to this date yearly returns were made up to 31st March.

|| These returns are for nine months ending 31st December.

§ Commencing with 1852, annual returns were made up for year commencing on January 1st, and ending December 31st.

¶ First year in which returns were made of number of Lady visitors.