

renewed exertions in the way of petitioning the Legislature and employing public lecturers.

In conclusion, I beg you will excuse me for not bringing forward a more efficient report, as my time does not permit me to give it that attention which I would wish to give it

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.,

ALEX. SMEATON,
G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe then read his Report as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND DIVISION, S. of T., of C. E.

Montreal, June 2, 1858.

To the Officers and Members of the G. D. of C. E.

In presenting you with my Semi-annual Report, I have to congratulate you on the addition to our list of Divisions of two new ones, viz., a charter has been granted for a third Division in Quebec, composed of French Canadians under the name of Montcalm Division, No. 37. The organization of this Division and its progress is looked forward to with considerable interest, as it is hoped, if successful, it will be the introduction of our order among a large class of our population that were thought to be inaccessible to our labors.—If the French Canadian population receive this introduction of our order among them favorably, it will be the means of greatly enlarging our usefulness in Lower Canada, and add considerably to the number of Divisions under our jurisdiction.

The other Division was instituted in Melbourne, under the name of Richmond Division, No. 38.

Information has also been received of the revival of Clarenceville and Lancaster Divisions, both of which were considered virtually dead. We trust that they now start under auspices that will put them in a more flourishing condition than they have yet experienced.

Although I thus congratulate you on these additions, I am sorry that the number of returns received during the last two quarters are fewer than on previous occasions. For the quarter ending December 31, only 11 returns have been received, and for the quarter ending 31st March, 10. Although there has been a falling off in the number of returns, yet I am happy to inform you that several of the statements received show considerable additions to the number of members, and a very marked revival of interest in our order in these localities. We hope this interest will spread through our entire jurisdiction, and stir up our Divisions to renewed exertions, so that the beneficial effects of our order may be felt through all our borders.

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