

Cash on hand	497.64
Per capita tax to Grand Division	79.65
Temperance Meetings	31

At the semi-annual meeting held at Quebec I placed before the Grand Division Communications from the M. W. P. and from the Grand Scribe of New Jersey inviting the Representatives of the several Grand Divisions to meet the Grand Divisions of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and also to hold an advisory meeting of the National Division. No deputation however was named by this Grand Division. Subsequently a communication was received by me from the M. W. P., (herewith laid before the meeting) urging in very strong terms a Representation from this jurisdiction. This communication I immediately laid before the G. W. P., who agreed with me in considering that it would be only paying a proper respect to the request of the M. W. P., that at least one Representative should attend the meeting from this locality, at the same time stating that he could not from his other engagements go to the meeting but requesting I should myself go, or if I could not, I should endeavour to get some one of our Representatives to attend the convention. I consulted the Representatives residing in Montreal but found that none of them could spare the necessary time myself excepted I consented at their solicitation to be the Representative of the Grand Division. I therefore attended the meeting, which was attended by Representatives from nine Grand Divisions, which though seemingly a small representation was in reality a large one, those nine Grand Divisions comprising more than one half of the whole Order. Various matters were brought up by the M. W. P., for advice. Those more directly interesting to this locality were:—

1st. The time when, and place where, the next Session of the National Division should be held. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that no Session of the National Division should be held until June, 1862, and that under existing circumstances it should be held in one of the British Provinces, and after some discussion Montreal was selected as the fittest place for holding such Session. The M. W. P., however intimated that before finally deciding on the place of meeting he would take the opinion of all the Grand Divisions as to what place would be most suitable. He has accordingly done so by special circulars to Grand Divisions herewith laid before you, and it now behoves us as a Grand Division to extend a cordial invitation to the National Division to hold its next Session in the City of Montreal, I may here state that responses have already been made by several Grand Divisions. Those of the British Provinces which have responded, Prince Edward's Island and New Brunswick have recommended Halifax, Nova Scotia, whilst Nova Scotia itself has gone in favor of Montreal, stating that although they were anxious to have the meeting of the National Division held at Halifax, yet they considered that in the present circumstances of the Order it necessary that the meeting should be held in a place easy of access, they therefore recommended Montreal as the most suitable place for next meeting, hoping at some future day to have the pleasure of receiving the National Division at Halifax, and giving them a Nova Scotia welcome. 2d. Whether it would be proper to recommend the further extension of the privileges of Lady visitors. The meeting were all but unanimous in recommending the further extension of those privileges—some of the members advocating full membership, whilst a few, although in favor of granting more privileges to the Ladies, were not prepared to go the whole length of full membership. This is a subject of great importance, and requires your most serious consideration, as I am of opinion the future success of our Order, at least in this jurisdiction, depends mainly on the course adopted by the National Division at its next Session in relation to this matter. If we are to expect greater success in our endeavours to extend our Order, we must give the Ladies a greater interest therein, for in all movements for the moral reformation of the human race, they can, and do work more effectively than the so called Lords of Creation. Let us then pass a strong resolution in favor of the extension of their privileges in the Order. Another matter was incidentally brought up at the meeting, but was not fully discussed, although several of the members expressed themselves favourably, that is, that the Constitution be so altered as to allow to youths under 18 years of age, the privilege of voting and holding subordinate offices. This alteration I consider would