

would now be at work had an Agent been in the field since the Annual Meeting of this body, whereas the ground is now occupied by other organizations.

The Incorporation Papers of Great Eastern Division, No. 285, were filed in the Provincial Secretary's Office on Jan. 22nd inst.

From encouragement received, the continuance of *The Abstinence* has been decided upon. The Divisions and friends in Halifax have done well in reference to the support granted. With few exceptions the friends and Divisions in the Country have not done so much as they should. It is to be hoped, however, that greater exertions to increase the circulation of the paper will be made before the April meeting of this body.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of D. G. W. P. Walter Ricketson, Esq., of Olive Branch Division, which event occurred on the 14th instant. Bro. Ricketson was connected with the Order for many years, and discharged the duties of his office as Deputy with faithfulness and satisfaction. In his decease Olive Branch Division has lost a useful member—the Order a faithful Son of Temperance—the community in which he lived an honest man. At the time of his death Bro. R. was in the 60th year of his age. He was initiated a member of this Grand Division on 26th October, 1853.

I have also to announce the death of P. W. P. James Gleason, of Archangel Division, after a long illness, in the 37th year of his age, and which occurred on the 14th inst. Our deceased brother was a useful member of Archangel Division, and much respected by his brethren. He became a member of the Order in 1860, and was initiated a member of this body on 25th July, 1866.

STATISTICS.

The receipts at this office to 20th inst. amounted to \$347.11, \$11.77½ of which amount was towards Agency Fund.

The following statistics are gleaned from the returns received from Divisions for quarter ending December 31, 1869:—

Members admitted.....	384
“ withdrawn.....	101
“ expelled.....	362
“ died.....	6
“ on Financial Scribe's books.....	3358
Lady visitors admitted.....	216
“ withdrawn, died, etc.....	111
“ Whole No.....	4439
Violated Pledge 1st time.....	132
Retained.....	90
Violated Pledge 2nd time.....	40
Public Temperance Meetings held.....	26

FINANCIAL.

Receipts for quarter.....	\$1283.82
Expenses, exclusive of Benefits.....	1274.26½
Paid for Benefits.....	121.33½
Cash on hand and invested.....	12254.40½
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division.....	231.01

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Gore, Hants Co., Jany. 25th, 1870.

Grand Scribe.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order, except so much of it as referred to decease of P. W. P's. Ricketson and Gleason, which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of P. G. W. P's. Longley and Taylor, and G. W. A. Gray.