

No new Divisions have been organized since our last meeting.

In regard to the present condition of our order in Canada East, I have to inform you that three of our oldest, and once best working Divisions, have sent in no Returns for at least three quarters previous to the one now ended; and six others, considered in good standing, have made no returns yet for the quarter ending June 30, but I trust this may have arisen from the neglect of the proper officers entrusted with this matter, and that they will be sent in with the Returns for quarter ending September 30.

Since our last meeting, copies of the proceedings of the National Division have come to hand, and been distributed among our Subordinate Divisions.

The only alterations or amendments to the Constitution that have been made, and to which I would direct your attention, are the following, viz:—

1. Youths can now be admitted into Divisions at the age of 14, instead of 16, as heretofore.

2. The amount of initiation fees, and weekly dues, can now be regulated by each Division.

3. Female visitors can be admitted at over 14 years, instead of 16, as heretofore, and have the privilege of voting on the admission of females, and of being present during the working of the Degrees, upon being properly obligated.

The National Division have adopted the *Crusader*, edited by Bro. Carey, and published in Cincinnati, as their organ during the present year. Your Grand Scribe has been appointed Agent for Canada East, and who shall be happy to forward any orders for the paper that may be sent to him.

The next meeting of the National Division is to be held in Providence, commencing on the 2nd Monday of June, 1857, to be continued at least six days.

The following is a Synopsis of the returns for the quarter ending June 30, but owing to its incompleteness as already mentioned, does not present such a correct statement as might be wished:—