

of violations and expulsions, and scarcely able to form a quorum at their meetings.

Lachute—Victoria Division—The meetings have been few, and suggests the employment of a lecturer to stir up the cause.

Bristol—This Division is in good working order, and gradually increasing in numbers.

Montreal Howard Division—My Worthy Brother and Deputy G. for Montreal has given such an elaborate report that I think it prudent, for the information of the Grand Division, to quote the document entire :—

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH OF MONTREAL DISTRICT.

Montreal, 25th May, 1858.

A. Smeaton Esq., }
Quebec.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Sons of Temperance, Canada East :

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have to apologize for neglecting, in accordance with my instructions as your deputy, to forward you reports before the first days of April and January last, but will endeavor, if alive and well, to attend to this duty more faithfully hereafter.

My jurisdiction, as you known, is unfortunately limited to Howard Division No. 1, of which, however, I am glad to be able to give a very encouraging account. Its growth in numbers, as you are aware, has been very respectable for some eighteen months back, but at no prior time was its progress made satisfactory than during the two quarters terminating on the 1st April, and which success has been even on the increase from that date to the present time, as many as 46 initiations having taken place at the last eight meetings. The number of members in good standing on the 1st April was 160, and is now about 200. The average attendance at present is about 50, and would be much larger with our present membership, at almost any other season of the year.

You will be pleased to learn, that the greatest amount of unanimity and the best possible spirit still prevails amongst the members of this Division, which assists materially in its advancement.

Its meetings are announced every week in two of the leading daily papers, as well as occasionally in the *Witness* and *Temperance Advocate*, which it is thought has a good effect, by keeping the order and its great and noble work before the public.

A short time since the division reduced its rates of initiation fees and dues 50 cents for former, and 50 cents per quarter for latter, and for persons under 18 years of age, to one half these rates. This alteration was deemed to be advisable, as the benefits were done away some time ago, and it would be likely to

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