

free the Grand Division from a debt which, as long as it lasts, weighs heavily upon it and retards it in its useful work.

The following is a copy of the Annual Return sent to the M. W. S., to December 31st, 1854. :—

Total Number of Divisions in operation	....	....	22
Number Admitted	....	....	439
" Suspended	....	....	99
Total Number Expelled	....	....	322
Deaths	....	....	10
Violated Pledge	....	....	159
Reinstated	....	....	50
Violated the Pledge Second Time	....	....	23
Contributing Members	....	....	889
Temperance Meetings held	....	....	192
Number of Tracts Distributed	....	....	4500
" Representatives to Grand Division	....	....	61
Cash Received	....	....	£647 13 5½
Paid for Benefits	....	....	£91 14 9
Cash on hand, including money invested	....	....	£302 8 2
Total Expenses, exclusive of Benefits	....	....	£541 19 7½
Percentage to Grand Division	....	....	£35 12 0
Percentage to National Division	....	....	£1 15 7

The following is a synopsis of the returns for the quarter ending March 31 :—

Members Admitted	....	....	94
" Suspended	....	....	21
Expelled for Violation of Article 2	....	....	15
" Non-payment of Dues	....	....	32
Violated Pledge	....	....	24
Reinstated	....	....	12
Violated Pledge the Second Time	....	....	4
Contributing Members	....	....	851
Temperance Meetings held	....	....	48
Number Admitted by Card	....	....	5
" Withdrawn	....	....	17
" Representatives to Grand Division	....	....	79
Cash Received	....	....	£133 8 7
Paid for Benefits	....	....	18 1 3
Cash on hand, including money invested	....	....	308 15 10
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of benefits	....	....	118 6 10
Per capita tax to Grand Division	....	....	10 12 9