

reports, that I should not have cause of complaint in this respect again, but having waited until the eve of my leaving the city for this session, have now to regret my inability to do justice either to myself or to the Order, because some few Divisions are always determined to be late in forwarding their returns. The fault lays with some one, and if there was not ample time to have *all* the returns in to my office some days previous to each session of G. D., there might be some excuse, but as it is there is none, and some steps should be taken to ensure punctuality in future.

Much good has already resulted from the labors of Brother Johnson, who has been occupied since 1st December last, as Agent and Lecturer, for this G. D., having been engaged by the Committee appointed for that purpose. He has visited the various districts of three counties, viz.: Cumberland, Colchester and Pictou, from all of which places satisfactory assurances have been received of the benefit derived from his visits. The Committee were fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman every way so well qualified for the duties assigned him. Efforts should be made to sustain the Committee appointed at the Annual Session in reference to holding a Provincial Convention, as great and important results may be expected from so large a gathering of true and faithful Temperance men, filled with a zeal for the good of their fellow-beings.

Sixty-two Divisions only have sent in their returns in time for this report, from which it appears:

The initiations during the quarter were	-	-	138
Admitted by dispensation	-	-	12
Suspended for non-payment of dues	-	-	117
Expelled for do.	-	-	127
Expelled for violation of Art. 2	-	-	49
Deaths	-	-	7
Violated the Pledge	-	-	57
Reinstated	-	-	24
Violated Pledge 2nd time	-	-	8
Signed over	-	-	17
Rejected	-	-	5
Withdrawn	-	-	36
Contributing Members	-	-	2504

It is evident from the above that we have not increased during the past quarter, yet those who were suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues, were in most cases mere nominal members, and the new mode of paying 3d. per head instead of per centage to the Grand Division, causes Subordinate Divisions to ascertain who are members; and hence we have a right to suppose that only the rotten branches are being lopped off, and that by the operation the Order will become more healthy.

Returns for the quarter ending 30th September have been received since last report from Wilberforce 28, Pugwash 36, Port George 87, and Mainmast Division 57.