

Following is a copy of the Returns from the Grand Division to the National Division of North America, for the year ending December 31, 1873, and which should have been appended to my last quarterly report :

No. Divisions in operation.....	120
Members admitted.....	1431
Reinstated.....	212
Withdrawn.....	352
Suspended.....	956
Expelled for violation of Pledge.....	297
" other causes.....	1316
Deaths.....	23
Violated Pledge.....	472
No. of Members.....	4312
Lady Visitors admitted.....	180
No. of Lady Visitors.....	732
Representatives in Grand Division.....	1300
" in National Division.....	26
Public Temperance Meetings held.....	130
Receipts.....	\$5613 93
Paid for Benefits.....	162 00
Cash in hand and invested.....	12104 02
Per capita tax to Grand Division.....	1283 36
" National Division.....	215 60

In accordance with instructions of the Grand Division, a Memorial to the National Division of North America, asking for a Charter for a National Division for the British Provinces was duly prepared, signed by your G. W. P. and G. S. and forwarded to the Most Worthy Scribe.

I received documents from Oriental Division, No. 16, and New Glasgow Division, No. 17, with the request that they be forwarded to the National Division. The Divisions requested the National Division to delay action on the question of a National Division for the Provinces. These documents were handed in to the National Division, although, in my opinion, they should have first been before this Grand Division to take action on them. I had not time to take a copy of the documents previous to handing them to the M. W. Scribe. In my place in the National Division, I moved a resolution to the effect that the M. W. Scribe furnish this G. D. with a copy of all papers sent from this jurisdiction bearing on the question of a National Division for the Provinces; but the resolution was laid on the table. I expect, however, to receive copies of some of the papers from the M. W. Scribe in time for our annual session. From the Circular letter of the M. W. Scribe, of which I give a copy, you will learn that the subject of a National Division for the Provinces has been laid over for another year.

The resolution passed at the last quarterly session, directing the G. S. to send out Circulars to the Subordinate Divisions to ascertain their opinion on the question of a National Division for the Provinces, was not complied with. The reasons will be stated at this Session if required.

As the supply of Bye-Laws for Subordinate Divisions has been exhausted, it will be necessary for the G. D. to decide, at this Session, if more should be printed. Several Divisions are now waiting for a supply.

I herewith present copy of a Parliamentary document, containing Reports of Committees of the Dominion House of Commons and Senate on the subject of a prohibitory enactment, and other useful information. The Legislature of the Dominion has made an important step in adopting the reports of Committees and publishing them with the other information referred to.

In reference to the Local Parliament of Nova Scotia, Temperance men have less confidence in the members than they had a year ago. Many of the members were not so hearty in their action on the license question in 1873 as