

knowledge of the principles of temperance, and of our beloved Order throughout the community. I have likewise to bring under your notice an alteration which has been made in constitution of subordinates, to this effect, that no Per Capita Tax will in future be due or payable for any member over 12 months in arrear.

At the request of a representative from N. B., I have to bring under your consideration a subject which seems to me to be of importance to the interests of temperance throughout the British Provinces—That is, the holding a general temperance convention for the Provinces at such time and places as may be agreed upon, which I now recommend to your favorable consideration.

For statistics and finances I refer to the report of the G. S.

In conclusion I have great pleasure in rendering my acknowledgments to the G. S. for the zeal and ability with which he has conducted the affairs and watched over the interests of the Order.

The whole submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN S. HALL,

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The Grand Scribe read his Report as follows :

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE.

Montreal, June 23, 1857.

*To the Grand Division of Canada East:—*

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—In submitting to you my Semi-Annual Report, I am extremely sorry that I cannot congratulate you on any increase to the number of our Divisions, or any great measure of success attained by the Order in Canada East since our last meeting; and this is the more to be regretted when we look around us among the neighboring Grand Divisions, and observe the expressions of gratitude finding utterance in the reports of Grand Scribes and Worthy Patriarchs, of the great measure of success that has attended the labors of the Sons in the localities during the past half year, in addition to the number of Divisions and the increased life and activity manifested among Subordinate Divisions, in carrying on the great work in which we are engaged. Surely this apathy which has apparently settled down among us cannot continue, while we are surrounded with such activity as is now reviving the Order elsewhere. True, we have still faithful and zealous Divisions amongst us, but we have also before us the melancholy spectacle of Divisions showing no signs of life, which were once the pride and glory of our Order, and marked as the most active and useful, and whose members were ever ready for every good word and work whereby our cause could be sustained and helped onward. Brothers, it is for you to say if this state of things shall continue, and for you to devise what means we can devise to revive the Order and bring it back to its former activity and usefulness. The same

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