

The G. D. was declared open for transaction of business.

Minutes of the two previous sessions read and approved.

Brother Monaghan moved and Brother G. Chaplain seconded the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the report of Committee on Communications as refers to Bro. Babington be received and adopted.

Passed.

REPORT.

The Committee on Communications beg leave to submit the following report :

Your Committee have had under consideration a communication from A. J. Babington, of Sydney, which they have read with much care not unmixed with interest.

Brother Babington complains that a report has been put in circulation to the effect that he was superseded in the commission of D. G. W. P. in consequence of alleged overcharges in his official capacity. Your Committee, after a careful examination of the facts, cannot find the slightest grounds for such a report—on the contrary the change in the appointment was made at the express desire of Brother Babington, and they feel it due to him to state that so far as they have the means of correct information, his services in the good cause have been highly appreciated, and are gratefully remembered by this Grand Division.

All which is submitted in L., P. and F.

CHARLES BLANCHARD.

S. SELDON,

E. B. CUTTEN.

Bro. Grand Chaplain moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother Bowes :

Resolved, That this G. D. is not at present prepared to proceed to the appointment of a Lecturer and Travelling Agent ; that a Committee be appointed to make further enquiry on that subject with power to enter into provisional arrangements as soon as practicable, and report at the Annual Meeting of this Division their proceedings.

Passed.

Brothers Richard McLearn, John S. Thompson and W. L. Bell, were appointed a Committee in accordance with the above resolution.

Brother Thompson moved and Brother Blanchard seconded the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. D. be given to the Ladies, the Sons of Temperance, and the Cadets of New Glasgow, for courtesies experienced during a visit of the G. D. to New Glasgow, on the occasion of holding a Pic-Nic there on Friday, July 29th.

Pass.