

and after due consideration this body will pass upon his claim in accordance with the results of said work.

In conclusion, I desire to thank you for your kindness to me during my three terms of office; it has been an evidence of your love for the principles of our beloved Order. Allow me here to say, select good and efficient officers for the time to come,—men upon whom you can depend for the furtherance of our cause in a judicious and economical manner, without a waste of our limited resources.

And may God's blessing attend us in the future.

Faternally submitted,
J. H. FLAGG, G. W. C. T.

The G.W.S. then read his report from which we condense the following information:—

The present number of working Lodges on the books is	....	243
Lodges instituted during the year	.....	33
Lodges resuscitated	.....	23
Total membership in good standing	.....	10,917
Initiated during the year	.....	4,673
Members re-instated	.....	263
" admitted by card	.....	144
" violated obligations	.....	638
" expelled for violation	.....	319
" expelled for non-payment	.....	1,587
" suspended	.....	677
" withdrawn by card	.....	219
" withdrawn from Order	.....	865
Deaths	.....	41

During the past year the lodges in the Province of Manitoba, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, withdrew and were organized into a separate Grand Lodge of their own. In consequence of this we lost about a dozen lodges and nearly a thousand members. After deducting these losses, however, we now have an equal number of lodges with last year, and an addition of over one hundred members.

To give some idea of the *time* when the work is done, I may give the following figures from the quarterly returns:—

During the May quarter there were 1,406 initiations; during August quarter, 961; during November quarter, 753; during February quarter, 1,553.

Last session I stated that a new edition of the constitution would soon be needed. I would suggest the appointment of an efficient Constitution Committee to assist in making such amenduents and changes as may be considered desirable. There is now a demand for a new edition at the earliest practical moment.

No satisfactory arrangements have been made by the Executive with the publisher of the *Casket* about its continuance as our organ, according to the terms of the action last session, an offer was made by the publisher of *Truth*, of this city, to afford such space as was deemed necessary, placing the same under the entire control of the G.W. Secretary, without any expense or guarantee whatever, other than that the paper should be recommended to the patronage of the members. The Executive accepted the offer, and I have had control since, as per the terms of the agreement.

Never before in the history of the temperance work in Canada has their been such interest and activity displayed as now. Public opinion is aroused, and as a leading temperance organization a great duty lies before us. We cannot help the local option campaign more effectually than by strengthening our existing lodges, and planting the largest possible number of efficient new ones. Let us, in view of the gravity of the present crisis, unite as never before to press on our work.

Faternally submitted,
THOMAS W. CASEY, G.W. Sec.

The Treasurer, Bro. J. B. Nixon, presented his report, of which the following is a summary:—

Balance on hand from last year	.....	\$97 05
Receipts for year	.....	2,941 44
		<hr/> \$3,038 49
Expenditure for year	.....	\$2,729 56
Balance on hand	.....	308 93
		<hr/> \$3,038 49

The Auditors, Bros. A. Burritt and W. H. Rodden, certified to the correctness of the accounts.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge reassembled at 2 p.m. The Committee on Distribution reported referring different parts of the reports of the officers to various special and standing committees.

Bro. F. S. Spence asked permission to make a statement in reference to the status of the York County and Toronto District Lodge. After hearing Bro. Spence and Bro. Rodden, the Grand Lodge referred the matter to the Committee on Appeals.

F. S. SPENCE spoke in behalf of the Dominion Alliance, and asked the assistance and co-operation of the Grand Temple in the great Scott Act movement now going on in this Province. The following resolution was then moved by Dr. Oronhyatekha, and seconded by James B. Nixon, "That the incoming Executive be instructed to issue a circular to the subordinate lodges asking them to send such contributions as they see fit to assist the Dominion Alliance in their work, and that a petition be sent to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge to contribute the sum of \$100 for the same purpose." Carried.

The Committee on Printing presented a report recommending that the tender of Messrs. Hunter & Rose for printing the minutes of this session and a new edition of six thousand copies of the constitution be accepted. After a short discussion the report was adopted.

Dr. ORONHYATEKHA, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, presented a report recommending that no change be made in Section 9 of the constitution. After considerable discussion the report was adopted.

W. H. RODDEN, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order, presented an exhaustive report on the state of the Order. On motion, the report was referred to the Executive Committee to be condensed for printing in the minutes.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 p.m.

On motion of Dr. Oronhyatekha, it was resolved, "That the election of officers be the first order of business to-morrow, after appointing the time and place for the next annual meeting.

The G.W.C.T. then introduced Bro. Thos. Nixon, of the Manitoba Grand Lodge, who in a brief and eloquent address gave a history of the movement in that Province. He said that it was with feelings of pleasure that he was permitted to attend this session of the Grand Lodge. The work which is being done by the Canada Temperance Act would help them in the North-West. The Act had been adopted by three-fourths of the Province, but its enforcement had been defeated on some legal fiction. The Manitoba Branch of the Dominion Alliance at a recent meeting decided to submit the Canada Temperance Act in every county in that Province. If it is adopted in the counties now agitating for its adoption in Ontario it will help in the work there. Prohibition did prohibit in the North-West. Over 6,000 men were employed last year on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and during the whole season no quarrel of any importance had occurred, this was clearly owing to the absence of liquor. He thought the Good Templars confined themselves too much to the lodge-room. Every young man should get a vote, and then use that vote for temperance. As a society Good Templars have no right to leave this great work of submitting the Canada Temperance Act to other organizations.

Bro. F. S. Spence, Chairman of the Committee on the Scott Act, presented the following report.— That we heartily endorse the present agitation for the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act, and earnestly urge our members to give it their most enthusiastic support."

Bro. Spence moved the adoption of the report in an address giving a history of the Scott Act, and the agitation for its adoption. An amendment was adopted referring the report back to the Committee for the purpose of having incorporated in it some of the facts presented in the address.

On motion the salary of the Secretary for the coming year was fixed at \$800.

After much discussion it was decided that the capitation tax for the coming year should be seven cents per member.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 9 a.m.

After several votes it was decided that the next session should be held at Hamilton on the fourth Tuesday in June, 1885.