

Frederick A. Fickardt, of Pennsylvania; J. W. Eggleston, of Indiana; M. D. McHenry of Iowa; W. R. Stacey, F. A. Kingsbury, of Massachusetts; S. F. Cary, of Ohio; A. M. Kennedy, Nathaniel Tylee, of South Carolina; G. W. Jermain, of Western New York; Robert Salter, Richard Srely, John Frazer, of New Brunswick; George R. Keymer, Philip B. Stiness, of Rhode Island.

The first business in order was the initiation of new members.

The following gentlemen were duly initiated: Wm. H. Armstrong, Alexander Campbell, John Davis, of Eastern New York; John H. Dawars, of Pennsylvania; J. H. Battey, of Indiana; S. W. Buffum, of New Hampshire; E. Wallingford, of Missouri; Daniel Dodson, George A. Bruce, of Virginia; C. P. Jones, Richard Stirling, of North Carolina; S. W. Hodges, C. L. McCurdy, of Massachusetts; T. D. Walter, of Western New York; James Olive, Samuel Robinson, of New Brunswick; Ira Cowee, Daniel Wilkinson, Robert Allyn, of Rhode Island; Alexander McArthur, James Mosher, of Nova Scotia; George Mathawson, John S. Hall, of Canada East; A. van Bolster, J. B. Thorndike, E. W. Jackson, of Maine.

The M. W. P. read his annual report. This was an able document and showed that officer to be fully conversant with the workings of the Order throughout the country. It was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Stacey, Frazer and Armstrong, with the exception of a portion recommending the erection of a fund for propagating the Order, which was referred to a committee, to be appointed of one from each Grand Division represented; Messrs John B. Fuller, Grand Scribe, of Rhode Island, and E. B. Dearborn, Grand Scribe of Massachusetts, were elected Assistant Most Worthy Scribes, and the former being present, was duly obligated.

Mr Davis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That members of various Divisions in good standing, who may be vouched for by any member of this body, may be admitted to witness our deliberations, except at such times as the National Division shall otherwise determine, provided they be obligated by the past Most Worthy Patriarch in the anteroom.

The National Division then took a recess until seven and a half o'clock this evening, then to meet at Moshassuck Hall.

EVENING SESSION AT MOSHASSUCK HALL

The M. W. P. announced the names of the following gentlemen as committee on that portion of his report relating to the erection of a fund for the propagation of the Order, viz: Messrs. Foust of Pennsylvania, Stirling of North Carolina, Battey of Indiana, Stiness of Rhode Island, Kennedy of South Carolina, Mosher of Nova Scotia, Bolster of Maine, Bruce of Virginia, Hall of Canada East, McKean of Eastern New York, Salter of New Brunswick, Wallingford of Missouri, Hodges of Massachusetts, Cary of Ohio, Buffum of New Hampshire, Walter of Western New York.

The Most Worthy Scribe, F. A. Fickardt, read his annual report. This report, which was voluminous, embraced a general survey of the Order, and although highly interesting, it was not of a nature to admit of its being condensed and put into convenient form for publication in a newspaper report. Its statistics were in part as follows: Whole number

of subordinate divisions, 2,037; number admitted during the year, 26,492; whole number of contributing members, 70,308

The report was referred to the same committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. P., with the exception of parts referring to the death of several members, which were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Kennedy, Jackson, and Stirling.

The Most Worthy Treasurer, Robert M. Foust, read his annual report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

This report showed;

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| Amount received during the year, | \$1,588 25 |
| Balance on hand at close of last year | 4,707 38 |

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| Total, | \$6,295 63 |
| Amount paid out during the year; | 2,552 16 |

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| Balance on hand, | \$3,743 47 |
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On motion of Mr. McKean, the Committee on Ritual was instructed to report to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, it was *Voted*, That the M. W. S. be, and he hereby is instructed to cause to be printed 500 copies of a list of the names and post office address of the members present at this session.

Mr. Stirling presented a request in writing, that the Grand Division of North Carolina be permitted to hold its annual sessions at any time between the first of October and the last of December in each year. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion, it was *Voted*, That the sessions of this National Division commence each day at 8 o'clock.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, June 9.

The M. W. P. called the National Division to order at a few minutes past eight o'clock, the members generally in their places.

The M. W. P. stated that he had noticed that, for the first time, the proceedings of the National Division were being reported in the daily papers (the Post and Journal.) He saw no objections to a report being made, but suggested that some matters might arise, which it would be desirable should not be published, and as these were not public meetings, it was certainly proper that this body should exercise a control over the reports which went out.

On motion it was voted, That Mr. T. E. Brown, of the Grand Division of Rhode Island, be and he hereby is permitted to make reports of the proceedings at this session for the public prints, under the supervision of the M. W. S.

An invitation was received from the New York State Temperance Society, inviting the National Division to attend the annual convention of that body at Albany, on the 16th and 17th inst., which on motion was accepted.

Messrs. Sydney Perbam, of Maine, Philip F. Slack, of New Jersey, Samuel Inslee, of Eastern New York, Lorenzo Sheldon, of Vermont, H. S. Allan, of Eastern New York, R. Tute, and B. W. Burt, of Vermont, and Silas Hemenway, of Rhode Island, were introduced and duly initiated as members of this body.

The M. W. P. presented a communication which he had received from the Grand Worthy Patriarch of Canada West, suggesting important changes in the organic laws which

was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The M. W. P. announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Constitution.—Messrs Jermain, Frazer, Mathison.

On Returns and Finance.—Messrs. Sims, Dodson, Olive.

On Ceremonies and Regalia.—Messrs Gant, Wilson, Wallingford.

On the State of the Order.—Messrs MacKean, Robinson, Stirling

On Appeals, No 1.—Messrs Hall, Kennedy, Eggleston, Dodson, Mosher.

On Appeals, No. 2.—Messrs McArthur, Jackson, Campbell, McCurdy, Buffum.

Mr Sims introduced the following resolution on—

Resolved, That the wives, daughters and sisters of members of the National Division may be present during the deliberations. *Provided*, That before being admitted, they be required to pledge themselves to keep secret the proceedings which they may witness.

This resolution elicited considerable discussion, participated in by Messrs Sims, Hodges, Grant and Walter, the general feeling being in favor of admitting the ladies, although there was considerable difference of opinion as to who should be admitted and on what conditions, when finally, on motion of Mr Campbell, it was voted (19 ayes to 16 nays) to lay the resolution on the table until the next annual session.

Mr Fickardt, for the special committee of ritual, appointed at the last annual session, reported a new ritual.

The report was accepted, and Mr Gant moved that the ritual be considered by sections, which was lost.

The National Division then proceeded to consider the ritual offered, and after considerable discussion it was voted, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and made the special order for the next meeting.

Mr Frazer, for the committee on the officers' reports, made a report, apportioning to the several standing committees various parts of those reports, which was accepted, and the several parts committed accordingly.

Mr Frazer stated in reference to a question previously agitated of erecting a separate National Division for the British Provinces, that the Grand Division of New Brunswick would never consent to a separation from this body, and further, that after due consideration the Grand Divisions of the other Provinces had come to the same conclusion.—(Loud applause.)

The M. W. P. here addressed the National Division, stating that he should be obliged to leave for his home to-morrow, that the calls of duty connected with his business and with the cause of Temperance in his State, rendered his immediate return imperative. He then proceeded to address words of counsel and advice to the members, touching upon matters of interest which were likely to come before them. His remarks were listened to with marks of the greatest interest.

The National Division then adjourned, and took the cars at a quarter past twelve, to take an excursion to Woonsocket, in acceptance of an invitation from the Grand Division of this State.

THE EXCURSION TO WOONSOCKET.—About seventy-five members of the National Division, a part of them accompanied by