

presentation was large. There were delegates from all the British Provinces with the exception of Newfoundland.

The only changes made were: 1st.—Chap. VII. Sec. 5, of Code of Laws was altered by striking out the words "within one year" thus rendering the period within which clearance cards may be applied for indefinite. And 2nd.—It was resolved that one B.B. and 1 set of Officers cards be considered a set of the ritual, and no G. S. shall furnish another set until the other be either returned or satisfactorily accounted for. Grand Divisions are, however, allowed to publish the installation dedication, and other services, with the exception of the initiation service, for the use of the Deputies. I herewith lay before the Grand Division a copy published by the Grand Division of Ohio.

The questions regarding the admission of females to membership submitted by the M. W. S. to the Subordinate Division through their respective Grand Divisions were answered adversely by a large majority, and consequently no action was taken by the National Division.

A Resolution was introduced into the National Division by Rep. Gant, of Maryland to the effect that Cadets of Temperance who have passed the chair of W. A. be allowed to become visitors of Subordinate Divisions on being obligated, and that those who may be in the same position in their Grand Sections be allowed the same privilege in the Grand Divisions. It was not adopted.

Since our last Session the Temperance Bill introduced into the Legislature by Mr. Dunkin, has become Law. Our responsibility on this matter is now great. It rests with us and the other Temperance Organizations to see that the Law, which has been granted to us by the pressure of our Petitions, is made operative and not remain a dead letter on the Statue Book. Let us be up and doing.

Our Act of Incorporation has been renewed and amended. The thanks of this Grand Division are eminently due to P.G.W.P. G.M. Rose, for his exertions in getting this Act passed through the Legislature, and that at so trifling an expense to this Grand Division. The expenses incurred being only for the requisite notices in the *Canada Gazette* and in local papers, and amount to \$12 only.

The Resolution passed at the last Annual Session, relative to the raising a fund for the support of a Lecturer, was laid, by your Grand Scribe, before the several Subordinate Divisions. Many Divisions have returned no answer; only two of those who have answered are favorable. This seems, to me, to be unfortunate, as, in my opinion, the very long list of defunct Divisions, herewith submitted, shows the absolute necessity of some such measure being adopted.

There is herewith laid before you, a communication from the G.S. of the E.A. Order of G.T., on the subject of the amalgamation of the two orders.

Also from the same, relative to the holding of a Mass meeting sometime in September, in the Eastern Townships.

I was in hopes of being enabled to report an improvement in our Financial affairs. They remain much as before. Our liabilities are to Grand Scribe one year's salary \$100., J. C. Becket, balance of account \$31.53, against which there is due by Divisions about \$60.

All which is respectfully submitted,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

JOHN S. HALL,

Grand Scribe.