

The Grand Chaplain read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer.

The Grand Scribe and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch entered and took their seats.

The Grand Scribe read the minutes of the previous Session, which were approved.

Representative J. M. T. HANNUM presented a Report of the Committee on Credentials, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Scribe intimated that a communication had been received from JOHN WILSON, P.G.W.P., regretting that he could not attend the Grand Division on account of serious indisposition; also a communication from J. BREAKENRIDGE, P.G.W.A., congratulatory, and regretting his inability to be present at this Session.

Brother ALEXANDER MOFFAT was introduced and obligated, pursuant to resolution at the morning Session.

The Committee on Grand Scribe's Report submitted the following Report, which appears as amended:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Oakville, 5th Dec., 1861. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., OF CANADA WEST :

We, your Committee on the Grand Scribe's Report, beg leave to submit that we have felt much pleasure in considering that ably written document. Our cause is a blessed one indeed, and we are sure that the members of this Grand Division will join in hearty and devout ascriptions of praise to Him who is the Father of mercies and the Author of every good and perfect gift for his favoring smiles upon our noble Institution.

It is pleasing to know that our Order is in a healthy condition, though in consequence of absence of Quarterly Returns the real strength of our cause cannot be ascertained. That more perseverance is necessary to preserve our members from falling into the snares laid for them by wily and treacherous foes cannot be questioned; and it is extremely desirable that by every means within our reach, through every instrumentality at our command, and to the utmost extent of the talent possessed by our members, there should be a constant advocacy of our principles, with a view to the steady adherence thereto on the part of our membership.

We have agreed to recommend that the interests of our Order will be best promoted by the employment of local labor, or the appointment of Deputies Grand Worthy Patriarch to organize and resuscitate Subordinate Divisions and receive a certain sum for each Division which such Deputies may organize.

We think the time has not come for action in the matter of organizing a National Division for British North America.