

present present. I content myself with bringing it under your notice reminding the Grand Division that should they entertain any decided opinions on the subject they should not fail to bring them before the National Division at its next meeting, when the subject will be up for discussion and possibly for revision.

I conclude with expressing my earnest desire that our present meeting may tend to the furtherance of the cause in behalf of which we here assemble, and that we may be instrumental in promoting the true interests of our fellow beings both for time and eternity.

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

GEORGE CHRISTIE, G.W.P.

SHELburne, Jan'y. 26th 1853.

The G. Scribe submitted his Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on state of the Order :

### REPORT.

#### *Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers :*

In submitting this my first Report to this Grand Division, it is to be regretted and deplored that the affairs of this office have not been handed over to me in a less deranged and better condition; for notwithstanding the efforts made by the late acting Grand Scribe to bring up back work, of a necessity much was left undone, and it has fallen to my lot to commence a system by which the affairs of this office will be in future more easily investigated, and the records placed in a train of being more correctly kept. When the present officers came into office, they found the G. D. in debt to the amount of about Forty Pounds, independent of a portion of the debt due to the N. D. not liquidated, and as a matter of necessity it became them to pursue rigid economy in all the affairs of the G. D., that at the end of their term matters might present a different aspect. I have endeavoured to obtain such information as would enable me to give a full report of the state of the Order, but regret that with one or two honorable exceptions, the Deputies written to, have not even replied to the communications forwarded them, and as a matter of course I cannot do that justice to myself or the G. D. that the cause requires; and unless more particular attention is paid to forwarding the quarterly Returns to this office in time for the general Return, it will not be in the power of any G. Scribe to exhibit such a statement as must be desirable for the prosperity of our organization. No brother should accept an office who does not intend fully to perform the duties and responsibilities required of him, knowing how much Temperance depends upon the machinery of the Order working well. I herewith submit as full and correct a report of the operations of the respective subordinate Divisions, under this Grand Division, as the Returns received will permit, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1852.

#### ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS.

Number of Working Divisions	.	.	.	83
" Initiated	.	.	.	142
" admitted by Card	.	.	.	16