

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—SECOND SITTING.

Grand Division was called to order for business at 1.45 p. m.  
G. W. P., in the chair.

Roll of officers called :—

Present :—G. W. P. ; G. S.

Vacancies filled as follows :—

G. W. A .....	R. S. Blois.
G. Treas.....	D. B. Newcomb.
G. Chaplain.....	Rev. G. O. Heustis.
G. Cond.....	Major Theakston.
G. Sent .....	Robinson Thompson.
P. G. W. P.....	Avard Longley.

The opening ceremonies were duly performed.

G. W. A., G. Cond. and G. Treas. entered and took their seats.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report which was received with applause and referred by vote to the Committee on the State of the Order.

## GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

*Officers and Representatives,—*

Another year has rolled around, and we meet again in Annual Session. Standing, as we do, between the labours and conflicts of the past, and the enterprises and anxieties of the future, it becomes us devoutly to recognize the Divine Hand in guiding us hitherto, and earnestly and hopefully to consecrate ourselves anew to the high purpose for which we are associated.

This Annual Session has been postponed to the present by the Grand Division Executive, in order to afford to the members of this Grand Body an opportunity of joining the citizens of Halifax in their public reception of the Queen's Representative, the Governor-General of this Dominion, and the Royal Princess, his lady—a motive which, I have no doubt, this Grand Division will approve. The great principles of our Order are extracted from the word of God; and from the same source we draw the inspiration of christian patriotism, and learn to "render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's"; and though our Order knows no nation or forms of civil government, or maxims of civil administration; yet I am persuaded that there is not a member of it on this wide continent who does not sympathize with us in our loyal affection and share our veneration for the illustrious Lady who wears the Crown of England; nor is there a member of our Order in this Dominion who does not welcome to his heart, and to a home in this country, a Princess of His Royal blood.

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