

Joseph Burnaby, Danson Kinsman, W. A. S. Blewitt, Stewart Freeman, Malachi Freeman, Hiram Freeman, Thomas Munroe, W. V. Andrews, James A. Smith, Joseph A. Randall, Benjamin Gardner, J E VanBuskirk, W S Jacobs.

Report of G. Scribe was read and adopted.

G. W. P. appointed brothers VanBuskirk, Blewitt, and Freeman, Committee on G. Scribe's report. Also on Bye-laws and Appeals, brothers McMurray, Redding and Tooker.

Grand Division adjourned till next day at 10 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, Feb 1, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form.

G. W. P. in the chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Credentials reported the credentials of Charles Lordley, W. P., of Chester Division; W F Douglass, W. P., of Medway Division; George Armstrong, P. W. P., of Medway Division as correct.

The G. C. reported the following brothers in attendance, who were introduced and initiated:—Charles Lordley, W. F. Douglass, George Armstrong.

Brotlier Andrews presented a Petition from Bridgewater division, asking for a D. G. W. P.

Read, and referred to a committee, consisting of brothers Gidney, Young and Lordley.

Brother Gidney offered the following resolution:

Resolved,—That a Circular be addressed to all the D. G. W. P's. in the Province, requesting their attendance at each quarterly and annual session of the Grand Division; and also to report to them the inconvenience th's G. D. labors under in consequence of the Returns of the subordinate Divisions under their jurisdiction not being forwarded in time to be added to the G. S's. Report.

Resolution adopted.

The Committee on G. S's. Report, presented the following.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the G. S., respectfully report that they have examined the same, and exceedingly regret that only forty-two Returns have been received out of sixty Divisions.

On examination we find that there are 767 admitted members; two have been suspended; six expelled; 13 violated the pledge; 6 reinstated; 1895 contributing members;—Cash received, £678, 13s. 3d.; Cash on hand, including monies invested, £553 8s. 2d.; per centage to G. Division, £33 8s. 2d.

In consequence of the imperfection of the Report, it must necessarily fall far short of the real number of members admitted, and the amount of the sums received and paid.

L. E. VANBUSKIRK.

W. A. S. BLEWITT.

W. S. FREEMAN.

On motion the Report was adopted.

The Committee on G. S's. acct., reported as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the G. S.; respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find a balance in his hands of £31 2s. 3 1-4d.

L. E. VANBUSKIRK.

W. A. S. BLEWITT.

W. S. FREEMAN.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Bridgewater Petition reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Bridgewater division, No 55, asking that a member of that Division should be appointed to the highly responsible position of D. G. W. P. in one section of the County of Lunenburg, beg leave to report:

That they have taken the petition into consideration, and are of opinion that in selecting Deputies, care should be taken that no local, sectional, or sectarian feeling or prejudice should be aroused, and that they are strongly impressed with the conviction that one efficient Deputy for that County is quite sufficient. That the petition has emanated from only one Division, and that but recently formed, and we hope our brethren belonging thereto will see the propriety of