

therefore conclude that we have no power to grant the privilege asked for.

J. J. HIGGINS.
G. E. McINDOE.
J. W. MANNING.

Report Adopted.

Thereupon Rep. Smeaton protested and appealed to National Division.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

All the officers present.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Lay, and seconded:—That the Grand Scribe's salary be the same as last year.—Carried.

Good and Welfare Committee presented their Report on the Grand Scribe's Report.

Montreal, January 26th, 1865.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch Officers and Representatives of the Grand Division of C. E.

Brothers,

Your Committee on the Good and Welfare of this Grand Division, to whom has been referred the Report of the Grand Scribe, beg most respectfully to submit their Report thereon.

We would most cordially endorse the preliminary remarks of our good Brother the Grand Scribe, and earnestly hope that one and all will go forth to do battle in the great cause in which we are engaged with renewed energies, never halting, never wearying, not despondent when obstacles beset our way, not disheartened when one by one our allies desert us, or array themselves against us, nor ever surrendering, even though suffering temporary defeat.

We may congratulate ourselves that in point of numbers our Order is still on the increase, and that there is, as yet, no retrogression in this respect. And while we may regret that the advance is not more marked, yet, when we consider the great outside pressure, and even prejudices that exist against us on the one hand, and that too, among temperance men, and men who should be our brothers and coadjutors; and on the other hand the unscrupulous, united and determined opposition of our common enemy, the dealers, and traffickers in spirituous liquors, we may consider that our present status, as an Order is very satisfactory.

We are pleased to learn that the circulars addressed by the Grand Scribe to the non-reporting Subordinate Divisions have had good effect, and been the means of re-organizing at least two Divisions, with a fair prospect of resuscitating several more. We would recommend that the offer be made once more to the tardy ones, in the hope that they may be yet induced to return to their allegiance, and once more buckle on their armour for active service, since it is now, more than at any other time, that we need accessions to our ranks, and wisdom in our councils.

It is, in our opinion, a matter of serious regret that the circulars addressed to the Subordinate Divisions with reference to the matter of a paid agent, have elicited so little in response. We, your Committee, would earnestly and seriously reiterate our remarks on this subject, in our report at the last semi-annual Session; and inasmuch as one Division at least, and perhaps more, have deferred action in the matter, till after this Annual Session of the Grand Division, we deem it of the utmost importance that we