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Submitted in Faith, H. and C.,

LEWIS HALL, AUDITOR.

On motion the Auditor's report was adopted.

The following additional Committees were appointed:

Finance—Bros. W. J. Brown, C. McRae and J. N. Evans.

Memorial—Sis. L. Hall and A. King, and Bro. Halcrow.

By-Laws—Bros. S. Gough, L. Hall, W. J. Brown, and J. N. Evans, and Sis. Cogswell.

A recess was then granted.

On reassembling Bro. R. B. Laidley, of Ashcroft Lodge, was appointed Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Distribution reported:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.G.T.:

Your Committee on Distribution beg to recommend that the reports of the officers be referred to the various Committees as follows:

Grand Chief Templar's Report, Clause 3, to Finance Committee; Clauses 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 to Committee on State of the Order; Clauses 6, 15 and 16 to Committee on Political Action; Clause 8 to Committee on Juvenile Work; Clause 18 to Memorial Committee. Grand Secretary's Report—Sections 1 and 4 to Committee on State of the Order; Section 2 to Memorial Committee; Section 3 to Finance Committee. Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Temple's Report—Section 1 to Committee on Finance, and Section 2 to Committee on Juvenile Work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. LAIDLEY, S. GOUGH.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Grand Vice Chancellor then presented his report.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Grand Chief Templar, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

It is with no small amount of pleasure that I am once more permitted to meet you in the Grand Lodge, and while recognizing the great importance of your various offices, and the good work that you have done throughout the past year it is to be hoped that the incoming year will prove to be a greater success to the temperance cause than any other in the history of Good Templary in the Province.

At last Grand Lodge I was recommended as Vice-Chancellor for this Province. I am sorry to have to report to you that there has been nothing done to educate the minds of our members. Business called me to Alaska at the beginning of this year, and as I was not in a position to attend to my duties in that country, I sent in my resignation to Bro. Brown, G. Secy, and on my return from the north, Bro. S. B. Chase asked me to resume my work in connection with that office. I spent some money last year in getting some circulars out to our members, I have also written letters to different Lodges, but all this has been without any result, and I am at a loss to know what to do next; therefore I appeal to you for your hearty co-operation in this most important work of temperance education, for I am convinced that if we are going to get the liquor traffic out of our land, it will require our mightiest efforts, and our stronghold is the education of our members.

Trusting that you will give this work your earnest consideration,

I am yours in F., H. and C.,

I. J. D. HALCROW, V. CHANCELLOR.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Representatives then gave short verbal reports of the work in their respective Lodges.

Moved by Bro. Gough, seconded by Bro. Evans, that the election of officers be the first order of business at the morning session to-morrow. Carried.