

On motion the Grand Division adjourned without ceremony until 12 o'clock.

The G.D. resumed at 12 o'clock noon.

The Report of Committee on debt of the Grand Division, was, on motion, received and adopted :

#### REPORT.

The Committee to whom the subject of the debt due by the G.D., and the best means of discharging the same, were referred, beg leave to report that the following circular be addressed to each Subordinate Division in the Province.

#### WORTHY BROTHERS—

It is well known to most of you, that the great cause of Temperance, in which we are unitedly engaged is liable to depression from the fact, of a large debt being due and unpaid by this G. D. to the N. D. and to discharge which we have no available funds.

The importance to the order of having such a stigma promptly removed will be at once apparent to all of you, and we feel assured that it will only be necessary to make a frank and explicit statement of the unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances under which such difficulty has occurred, to secure the hearty co-operation and assistance of every Division in the Province having the interests of our organization at heart, and thus by a very slight individual effort at once free ourselves from a dilemma so unpleasant and injurious.

It will be obvious that at the outset it was necessary that the G. D. should incur a considerable liability to prepare for the extension and working of our order, yet had we not unfortunately, as is our painful duty to detail, had our funds misappropriated by one of our officers, the ordinary sources of income would have fully met all demands, and had the precaution which has now been taken, to require bonds, been adopted earlier, such accident could not have occurred.

We consider it due to the founders of the order in this Province to state, that upon the removal of the G. D. to Halifax in 1849, when Mr. Hichborn accepted the office of G. S., but £50 were due the N. D. to meet which we had upwards of £26, in cash and stock, Blue Books, Cards, &c. amounting to about £30. Subsequently this debt was increased to £75, upwards of £100 having been misappropriated during Alex. Hichborn's term of office.

The Per centage paid to the G. D. being only sufficient to discharge its current expenditure, we have concluded after careful deliberation to invite each Subordinate Division in the province to contribute £1 or such further sum as the more able Divisions may feel disposed to contribute, such sums to be forwarded at or before the Annual Meeting in October next.

All of which is submitted in L. P. & Fidelity.

CHARLES TUPPER,  
EDWIN STERNS,  
G. G. GRAY,  
A. W. McLELAN,  
A. W. MARSTERS,

The Account for Printing, which was read at a previous session — not having been handed to the Committee (the G.S. being absent) the further consider-