

Brother Bell handed in the following report :

The Committee on Bye-Laws beg to report that they have examined the Bye-Laws of Wolfville Division, No. 112, submitted to them, and find that they do not conflict with the Constitution.

W. L. BELL,  
P. MONAGHAN, } Committee.  
J. HEENAN,

Adopted.

The ceremony of the new Ritual was gone through for the purpose of affording the Brethren an opportunity of becoming acquainted with its working.

Brother Cameron reported from the Committee on the State of the Order as follows :

The Committee on the State of the Order having carefully examined the reports of the G.W.P. and the G. S. with the several accompanying documents, beg leave in reporting thereon to remark that these reports contain so full and concise an account of the state of the Order as to render it unnecessary for them to make any lengthened comments, especially as they agree with the remarks made and concur in the recommendations suggested.

The only subject which seems to claim immediate attention, and upon which they anticipate a difference of opinion, is in reference to the quarterly payments by Subordinate Divisions to the Grand Division. They entirely concur in the opinion advanced by the G.W.P. on this subject, viz.: that those whose names remain on the F. Scribe's book as members of the Division whether they have paid their dues during the quarter or not, are bound to pay three pence each to the G. Division. In this opinion they find he is supported by the P.G.W.P. Rev. George Christie, and also by the G.W.P. of the Province of New Brunswick. They would remark that the difference between the amount formerly demanded and that now required seems to be so trifling, they sincerely trust that the Subordinate Divisions will upon further reflection see the necessity of complying with the alteration for the good of the cause.

The Committee regret to observe that as many as twelve of the Subordinate Divisions have not sent in their returns to the G. S. in time to be inserted in his quarterly report, which in consequence of this neglect does not give a correct state of the Order. This is to be lamented in as much as it is calculated to make a wrong impression of the real state of the Order throughout the Province.

In conclusion, the Committee hope that the G.S. will not have occasion to renew the complaint, as sufficient time is allowed to make out and forward returns.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

JNO. CAMERON,  
GEORGE J. CREED, } Committee.  
JOHN GAMMELL,

Upper Stewiacke, January 24th, 1854.

Adopted.