

To the G. W. P. and Bros., of the G. D. of S. of T. for the Pro. of Quebec.

Brethren,

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the G. W. P., and that part of the G. S's. Report not relating to finance, beg leave to report as follows:—

We feel, with the G. W. P. that it is deeply to be regretted, that our various subordinate divisions do not respond more promptly and readily to the requirement respecting semi-annual reports to the G. S. We trust the Representatives now present, will charge themselves with seeing that this duty is more faithfully performed by their respective divisions in future.

We are sorry to learn by the communications received from our sister Grand Divisions in British America, that they are not yet ready to co-operate with this G. D. in taking steps looking to the formation of a N. D. for British North America, though happy to learn that in most cases the subject is viewed very favourably.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the G. W. P. to S. D. s. to procure the appointment, where practicable, of a public prosecutor to enforce the law against the unlawful vending of alcoholic drinks. We are inclined to the opinion that this is the only available means of effectually carrying out the provisions of the law.

We join with the G. W. P. in expressing sympathy with the Brant Division of Ontario, in the loss of their property by fire, and trust the occurrence may not dampen their ardor in the cause.

With regard to the Propagation Tax, we recommend that our Rep's to the N. D., be instructed to endeavour to obtain for this G. D. the permission to expend the proceeds of said tax, within our own jurisdiction; believing, as we do, that such expenditure would be promotive of as much good in this Province, as in any other portion of the Continent.

We cordially approve the recommendation of the G. W. P. that S. D's be requested to subscribe for, and contribute to the Canadian Son of Temperance, published monthly at Oshawa, Ontario, by Messrs. Luke & Larke, under the patronage of the G. D. of Ontario. Having no organ of the Order published in our own jurisdiction, we cannot do better than co-operate in sustaining the Canadian Son of Temperance.

We are sure our brethren cannot but join with our highly esteemed G. W. P. in an expression of gratitude to the All Wise disposer of events, for the peace and harmony at present prevailing within our borders. It is to be hoped that all our members may be encouraged and stimulated by the past success and present peace, to greater diligence in prosecuting our benevolent work, and that still more glorious results may crown our humble efforts.

Our excellent and faithful G. S. again calls attention to the importance of employing an agent or lecturer to visit subordinate divisions and organize new ones throughout our Province. We regret to find that the state of the funds of the G. D. does not warrant us in recommending the employment of such agent at the present time, but trust the subject will be kept in view, and ways and means provided at an early date for carrying that important recommendation into effect. In the mean time we hope that S. D's. will avail themselves of every opportunity for the employment of local talent by holding public temperance meetings in the several localities as frequently as possible.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

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