

although we feel with the Grand Worthy Patriarch some disappointment at the loss of the Hon. M. Cameron's bill, yet there is cause for more gratitude and hope than despondency, when we consider it was lost by a so small a majority, and feel with him that it only requires renewed exertions, coupled with fidelity, in members, and zeal in the officers of this and subordinate divisions, to secure the wide spread of our glorious principles, and the ultimate passage of those laws by which the curse of our country shall cease to receive the sanction of law.

Your Committee would urge upon the D.G. W.P.s. the importance and necessity of transmitting their reports to the G.W.P., giving full and sufficient accounts of the state of those divisions under their care, at their earliest convenience, after the expiration of each quarterly term, so as to enable him to make up his report as full as possible.

Your Committee would also impress upon every member the suggestion of the G.W.P., that the utmost vigilance should characterise our watchful care of each other, and, at the same time, that large and benevolent views should be always a distinguishing feature of our organization, and thus shall we shine as lights in dark places.

Your Committee has had under consideration the resolution proposing an alteration in the Constitution, and they deem it advisable to recommend that it lay over for the present, as it involves matters deeply affecting the interests of the Order.

Your Committee have had under consideration the communication from Clarenceville, and recommend to the various divisions the adoption of the suggestion which it embodies, viz., that 7½d be paid by each member, as a contribution towards defraying the expenses of a public lecturer. We recommend that a committee of this Grand Division be appointed to engage a lecturer, and superintend the field of his labors.

Your Committee would recommend to every subordinate division the propriety of getting up a mass meeting in every locality, for the purpose of showing the propriety and necessity of the Maine Law; at the same time of renewing their exertions to obtain signatures to petitions which shall be presented to both branches of the Legislature, praying that such a law may be passed at its next session.

Believing that it requires renewed and increased exertion to spread our principles through the length and breadth of the land, we recommend that all suitable efforts be put forth during the ensuing summer, for the accomplishment of so desirable an end.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

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A. S. ROBERTSON.
T. W. CONSTABLE.

On motion of Rep. Scholefield, the Grand Scribe was instructed to communicate with subordinate divisions in the matter of raising subscriptions to employ a lecturer.

Moved by G. Con. Cole, and adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with any public lecturer that they may deem suitable, and that the Grand