

of temperance in the death of Rev. Thomas Gales, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. He also spoke of the loss of Bro. John McNish, D. G. W. P., of South Augusta Division, and concluded with expression of his earnest prayer for the continued success and blessing of God on the Order.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

The Grand Scribe, Bro. T. Webster, next submitted his report, which showed that considerable progress in work had been made during the past year, a good deal of which was due to the zeal of the Grand Worthy Patriarch and his deputies. Many dormant Divisions had been re-organized. The following is a synopsis of returns received for the quarters ending June and September last:—

| | June. | Sept. |
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| Number of Divisions making returns..... | 129 | 140 |
| Number of members admitted..... | 940 | 901 |
| Number of members reinstated..... | 27 | 20 |
| Number of members withdrawn..... | 219 | 193 |
| Number of members suspended..... | 174 | 135 |
| Number of members expelled for the violation of pledge..... | 32 | 40 |
| Number of members expelled for other causes... | 90 | 15 |
| Number of members died..... | 5 | 5 |
| Number of members violated the pledge..... | 44 | 54 |
| Number of members in Divisions making returns | 6,087 | 6,184 |

Included in the above is the number of members in the new and resuscitated Divisions, and the statement shows an increase over the number reported at the semi-annual session of over 1,000 members, or a total increase for the twelve months of nearly 1,400 members, and when the returns are all in this will be considerably increased. Thirty-four new Divisions have been re-organized and eight resuscitated. The report went on to refer to the necessity for greater organization by the District Divisions, and regretted the falling off in juvenile temperance work. Of the

MUTUAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

The report said:—A large number of our members have already taken advantage of the facilities offered for life insurance on the mutual relief system. In my opinion it has now become a necessity to our Order. We have in the past endeavoured to offer to those we desired to unite with us, all the advantages that any other temperance society could, and our system of mutual relief now places us in such a position that no Son of Temperance need go into another organization to obtain life insurance. I do not wish to enlarge on this subject, but simply express my belief that our system of mutual relief is calculated to give permanency to the Order, as well as to furnish our members with a cheap and reliable system of life insurance. This Society, I will further say, aims at increasing the number of our divisions by the inducements offered to our agents and organizers for the organization of new divisions on the relief system.

The report referred to the successful nature of the lecture and agency work. Brother Webster further submitted a supplementary report from which it appeared that since the close of the Grand Division's year, 15th November, 1883, moneys to the amount of \$239.20 had come in, and applications for charters for six new Divisions.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, David Millar, presented his report, from which it appears he had cash in hand on the 15th November, 1883, amounting to \$1,280.43, and that the Grand Division stood thus as to assets and liabilities:—

Summary of Assets.

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| Supplies (general)..... | \$309 60 |
| do (office)..... | 100 00 |
| Real estate..... | 3,000 00 |
| Balance due by Divisions..... | 197 24 |
| Cash in hand and in bank..... | 1,287 47 |
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| | \$4,909 25 |

Liabilities.

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| Balance due Subordinate Divisions..... | 12 68 |
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| Assets over liabilities..... | \$4,887 64 |

These reports were then handed to committees.

On Wednesday the Grand Division resumed business at nine

a. m. After routine and the introduction of new members the nomination and

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

was proceeded with, resulting as follows:

- G. W. P., John McMillan, Toronto, (re-elected.)
- G. W. A., Wm. Stewart, Ottawa.
- G. T., Henry Alexander, Ottawa.
- G. Chap., Rev. D. L. Brethour, Halton.
- G. Con., John Elliot, Mount Meldrum.
- G. Sent., George Power, Bowmanville.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

Immediately after the election, Representative Sister Halkett and P. M. W. A. George McLean Rose introduced to the Grand Division Mrs. Tilton, President; Mrs. Bronson, Vice-President; Mrs. Falconer, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Stephens and Miss Johnson, Corresponding Secretaries of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Ottawa, when Mrs. Tilton (President) read an address of welcome. The G. W. P. replied in feeling terms, and thanked the ladies most heartily for their kindness. Rev. E. R. Young, G. W. A., Rev. Wm. Scott, and D. L. Brethour also expressed the Grand Division's acknowledgments.

The Grand Officers elect, on the deputation retiring, were installed into office, the G. W. P. by the Most Worthy Scribe, and the remainder by the G. W. P.

At the afternoon session a resolution of thanks was passed to the W. C. T. U. A resolution of sympathy with P. G. W. P., J. W. Manning, suffering from illness, was also passed.

The Division recorded its high appreciation of the zealous services of the retiring Grand Treasurer, Brother Millar, of Toronto. It was decided that the executive take the necessary action to call a convention of all friends in the churches, temperance societies, and elsewhere, to consider the whole question of temperance effort, and ascertain whether the time has not come to press for total prohibition.

The Grand Division met again at night. The following resolution was adopted:

The Grand Division desires to affirm the opinion that in any vote of the electors provided for under liquor legislation it should not be required that more than a majority of the votes cast should be necessary to prohibit the sale or manufacture of intoxicating beverages. This Grand Division also asserts that we disapprove of any compromise with the liquor traffic by which the sale of liquor on the Sabbath day or any of its hours should be permitted.

RESOLUTIONS.

A complimentary resolution was passed to the District Division of Halton County for the good work done in sustaining the Canada Temperance Act.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the Grand Division learned with the deepest sorrow of the death of Rev. Thomas Gales, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, and recognized the great value of the services rendered, and decided that the resolution be forwarded to the bereaved family, and \$50 towards the fund in aid of the widow.

The annual meeting was fixed for the first week in December at the city of Kingston, and the semi-annual session at Uxbridge the last Tuesday in May.

On Thursday morning, after opening services, the Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the regular standing committees for the year. On motion, the sum of \$150 was voted towards paying the expenses of representatives to the annual session of the National Division at Halifax. All the past officers eligible and the present Grand Worthy Patriarch and Associate were elected as representatives to the National Division. The Hon. G. W. Ross, retiring trustee of the board in charge of the property of the Grand Division, was re-elected for the term of three years. A resolution recommending the organization of district divisions and the holding of the conventions was adopted. A cordial vote of thanks to the Mayor and corporation of the city of Ottawa for the use of the City Hall was unanimously carried, and the Grand Scribe was instructed to transmit a copy to the authorities mentioned. The thanks of the Grand Division were enthusiastically tendered to the brethren in Ottawa for the very hospitable reception given the delegates.—*Globe*.