

Minutes of the first Sitting read and approved.

Communication read from Representative F. Longstaff, appealing from the action of G. D., at the January Session (page 6 of Journals), respecting the appeal of F. Longstaff *vs* Union Division. Grand Scribe was instructed to forward to M. W. Scribe the necessary papers and documents.

The G. W. P. presented the annexed Report, and read extracts from the Reports of County and District Deputies. These were received with applause and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

#### REPORT OF GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH KING.

*Grand Worthy Brothers,—*

In extending to you a most cordial and fraternal greeting, at this quarterly session of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, and in taking a brief retrospect of the past quarter, I desire to acknowledge our obligations to the Great Patriarch above, under whose fostering care any success attending our efforts has been attained. In some parts of our jurisdiction considerable activity prevails, whilst in other sections, scarcely an effort is put forth. The utmost vigilance is demanded if the giant evil against which we war is to be lessened, or even confined to its present positions. The victories of the past have been many and great. As we think of what our Province was twenty-seven years ago, and what it is to-day in respect to the drinking habits of the people, we are led to exclaim, "what has God wrought!" We recognize in the Order of the Sons of Temperance, the means in His hands of securing great and manifold blessings for the people, not forgetting that success in this connexion has been achieved only through constant effort, earnest solicitude, and firm and unwavering belief that our Cause is secured in the principles of eternal justice, and shall ultimately triumph, and remembering that like success in the future can only be secured by like solicitude, otherwise inglorious defeat will meet us at every point. In vain are organizations—and they are many; in vain legislative enactments—and in this Province they are only short of Prohibition—unless our reasonable expectation that every temperance man will do his duty, is realized.

Reports from the County Deputies where our agent Bro. Hutchings has been faithfully labouring, lead me to the conclusion that no more valuable means can be employed in the building up of the order, and infusing new life in the members, as well as in the promotion of the cause generally, than in the earnest active Lecturer. Bro. Hutchings has been doing good work during the past quarter, and I trust he may be continued. The Brother is present and will report personally, and through the Agency Committee.

In reporting particularly upon the state of the Order, I am glad to acknowledge my indebtedness to the County and District Deputies; nearly all have furnished me with information, and from what has come to hand, I may safely say that the feeling in favor of our principles is becoming stronger every day. Interesting reports have been received from the following named, and are submitted herewith: