The vacancies were filled respectively by Brothers Bowes, G. W. A., Seldon, G. Trea., and Thompson, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G. D. was declared open for the transaction of business.

The G. Con. retired and introduced Representatives Richard Craig and J. D. McDonald, who where duly initiated, and took their seats.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported as follows:

The Committee on the State of the Order beg to report as follows: They have read with much satisfaction the able reports furnished by the G. W. P. and G. S., and congratulate the members of the G. D. on its improved state and prospects, as compared with some preceding years. It is peculiarly gratifying to learn that the debt is now reduced to about £15, and that the claims of the National Division have been fully discharged, thereby placing this G. D. in

a highly encouraging and honourable position.

The Committee concur in the opinions expressed by the G. W. P. and the G. S. respecting the general prosperity of the Order. They rejoice to hear that on the whole it may be regarded as in a healthy condition, since the accessions outnumber the losses. Still, they are fully convinced that much more might be done in this Province, and that much more would be done if the Subordinate Divisions evinced that enterprising, persevering spirit which is essential to the success of every good cause. The charm of novelty, it is true, has ceased to operate; but intemperance continues its destructive work, and it is a paramount duty to labour for the extention of our principles throughout the length and breadth of the land. Nor will our mission be fulfilled till the evil with which we are contending is utterly swept away. Till then, we must toil on, assiduously and patiently, cheered by the assurance that ultimately success will be achieved.

Granting, however, that generally the State of the Order may be contemplated with satisfaction, the Committee are aware that in some localities there are manifestations of sloth and declining energy. They sympathise with those brethren whose efforts are obstructed by want of co-operation or actual desertion from the ranks. But they would urge on the consideration of those brethren the advice of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and earnestly entreat them not to consent to the surrender of Charters. There are seasons of advancement and declension in the history of every good enterprise; but the Son of Temperance should not allow himself to be so affected by occasional declension as to become accessory to failure. A few warm hearted men, sustaining each other, determined to carry on the object at all risks, will always succeed to a happy extent, and by determined perseverance may eventually resuscitate decaying institutions.

The revival and enlargement which we desire will be powerfully