

1st, That it is a matter of encouragement to the members of our Order that quite a large number of new Divisions have been formed during the recess and several languishing Divisions warmed again into life and efficiency, which should prompt us to renewed zeal in the prosecution of the interests of our noble Order. Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing their regret that so many Subordinate Divisions neglect promptly to attend to their duty in forwarding to the office of the Grand Scribe the returns required from them, as it prevents that officer from making a full report, and consequently leaves us in ignorance in regard to the true state of our Order generally. And we would recommend that all Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs give their attention to this very important matter and see that the Subordinate Divisions over which they exercise a supervision, promptly make out and forward to the Grand Scribe their returns in due time, and properly filled up.

2d, That your Committee deeply regret the dissolution of twelve Divisions during the past quarter, and would earnestly recommend to the friends of our Order in these localities to devote themselves anew to the cause, with a view of resuscitating those Divisions and otherwise promoting the objects of our Order.

3d, That your Committee would here record with heartfelt gratitude the fact that the quarter ending March, 1861, in regard to the increase of membership, is in excess of any quarter during the past year, affording a practical refutation of the oft-repeated statement of our enemies that the Order is going down, and should stimulate us to greater devotion to the cause.

4th, That your Committee learn with deep regret that several Divisions have had the misfortune to lose their halls by fire: and we would earnestly recommend all Subordinate Divisions to effect, as soon as possible, the insurance of their buildings against loss by fire.

5th, Your committee would desire to call attention to the suggestion contained in the Grand Scribe's Report in reference to the collection of statistics in regard to the liquor traffic, and would strongly urge upon all the Divisions to procure schedules for this purpose, collect what information they can, and forward to the office of the Grand Scribe, Kingston, as soon as possible. It is the opinion of your committee that if we were able to present correct statistics of the traffic in this province it would become an element of power in our hands in carrying on successfully the warfare against this destructive vice.

6th, Your Committee would desire to reiterate the oft-repeated expressions of our entire confidence in our much respected and deservedly esteemed Grand Scribe, Brother E. STACEY, believing that our Order is very much indebted to the patient spirit and arduous labors of our worthy Brother. May Heaven long spare him to our Order and to the cause of humanity.

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

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J. LAWRENCE,  
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Grand Division Committee Rooms, }  
Hamilton, C.W., June 27, 1861. }

Moved by Representative D. DUFF, and seconded by Representative H. H. JONES—

That the Report of the Committee now read be adopted. Carried.