

Fourth clause of Report passed.

Representative Joseph Petty, of No. 195, being announced in waiting, he was, on motion, obligated in the ante-room by the P.G.W.P., signed the roll, and took his seat as a member.

Fifth clause of Report of Committee on State of the Order was adopted.

Sixth and seventh clauses were adopted.

The Report, as a whole, was adopted as follows :—

Your Committee do not think it necessary to go over the same ground at every Session, and will therefore content themselves on this occasion with a general reference to the statements contained in the interesting Reports of the G. W. P. and the G. S., which documents they trust will be carefully read and examined in the Subordinate Divisions.

One portion of the Grand Scribe's statistics cannot but awaken regret. It appears that the progress of the Order in this Province during the year 1867 was not so satisfactory as in the former year, the additions being fewer and the removals more numerous. Such alterations are continually occurring in the history of benevolent organizations, and are ascribable to various causes. If, in any instance, they can be prevented or modified, it is the duty of those concerned to make the attempt; and in this case, the Committee beg to suggest, that as the diminution of our numbers seem to be largely owing to expulsion for non-payment of dues, it is desirable that endeavours should be constantly put forth to prevent the accumulation of arrears, the discharge of which, when the sum is considerable, sometimes proves inconvenient.

It is gratifying to learn that the affair of Howard Division has at length reached a satisfactory termination. The persistent firmness of P. G. W. P. King, in maintaining the honour and upholding the authority of the Grand Division, deserves warm commendation.

Your Committee are of opinion that direct efforts to reclaim the intemperate should be more characteristic of our Order. Such efforts used to be regarded as the main object of the Institution. If they have fallen into any degree of neglect, it is probably owing, either to an unfounded impression of the completeness of our success, or to despair of the rescue of confirmed inebriates. Neither conviction is sustained by facts. There is much work yet to be done in this respect, and Christian kindness has abundant scope for operation.

The Committee are pleased to hear of the success of Juvenile Temperance Organizations in various parts of the Province. They trust that zeal in this direction will burn more brightly and with a steadier flame.

The diffusion of wholesome Temperance literature is greatly to be desired. Tracts and books, advocating our principles, and illustrating them by apt arguments and judicious selections of facts, are now published in great abundance and variety. It is obviously our duty to promote their extensive circulation.

Finally, your Committee advert to the Agency enterprise of the Grand Division with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain. They