

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Communications submitted a Special Report, as follows:—

A Special Report of the Committee on Communications beg leave to report that they have examined the communications that have passed between Brother Vidito, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and the Grand Scribe, and would recommend as follows—that a commission having been granted to Brother Starratt for North and Paradise Division, but as we have reason to think, from information obtained from the G. Scribe, that his commission has not yet reached him, and his Credentials having not yet come to hand, we would recommend, that it be revoked and that a commission be granted to Brother Vidito with jurisdiction over North, Nelson, and Paradise Divisions as formerly, or any other that may now or hereafter exist in that district, and, that the Grand Scribe be requested to define the duties of Deputies, Brother Vidito having evidently misunderstood the nature of the resolution passed at the July session in Liverpool to which he refers, and why too many should not be appointed in any one district. Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

ROBERT HOGG.  
A. McNAUGHTON.  
WILLIAM BURRILL,  
THOS. JOHNSTON.

SHELBURNE,  
27th January, 1853.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the state of the Order submitted the following Report:—

The Committee appointed to report on the state of the Order, feel considerable difficulty in furnishing the information required, owing to the absence of returns, from not less than sixteen of the Subordinate Divisions, for the Quarter ending Decr. 1852 This neglect is much to be regretted, inasmuch as the Grand Division cannot work efficiently unless their rules are adhered to, by the Deputies, and officers of Subordinate Divisions.

The Committee desire to express their convictions, that notwithstanding the many discouragements incident to a good cause, still the Order is in a position to attempt further progress. And they have strong hope, that under the judicious management of the Officers now acting, before their term expires, a great improvement will be both seen and felt in the Order generally. It is matter of regret that subordinate Divisions do not more fully appreciate the benefits arising from the meetings of the Grand Division and show their interest by sending Delegates to those meetings. The fact of the present session being held at Shelburne, affords some excuse for the absence of Representatives—when the bad state of the roads and the situation of the Town are considered; but if the proper feeling were exhibited by members generally, the meetings of the Grand Division would be productive of more good than has hitherto been felt.

The Committee regret to observe that defections from the ranks