

be adopted, for the establishment of Sections of Cadets, whenever practicable, as from them we may expect to recruit our ranks by a class of persons who may have received such a valuable training.

The subject of a Temperance League, which is now engrossing the minds of temperance men in Upper Canada, may call for our attention and co-operation.

Since we last met, I have received communications from several subordinate divisions, requesting my advice on various subjects relative to the working of their divisions, where a difference of opinion existed, and which, as far as I am informed, the advice I gave has been favorably received and acted upon. I may mention in this place that our friends in Aylmer have had to pass through a painful conflict, and defend their own character and the order with which they are associated, from an attack by persons in that place, whose office and station might have been expected to have found them employed in more fitting work. This division is justly entitled to our sympathy, and we sincerely hope that they will not only sustain their present ground, but be encouraged to greater exertions.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to present my thanks to some of the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs for their promptitude in sending me their quarterly reports of the state of their divisions; yet it is to be regretted, with regard to others, that their reports have been delayed, so as to prevent the Grand Scribe and myself from finishing our reports in due season. They should be sent as soon as possible after the installation of officers at the end of each quarter.

My earnest wish and prayer is, that our present session may lead us to renewed exertions, from the conviction that we shall reap in due season, if we faint not.

The whole of which is humbly submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

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The Grand Scribe submitted his report, as follows, which was referred to committees on State of the Order and Finance :