

ferred to the matter of appeal of Bro. P. W. P. White, against the decision of said Division :—

“ Moved by Brother Cole, seconded by Brother Healey, and

*Resolved*—That inasmuch as there is no mention in the Minutes of this Division purporting to offer any slight to the decision of the D. G. W. P., that in reply to the communication from the Grand Scribe, the R. S. be authorized to communicate the same.”

Your Committee are of opinion that the communication from Gough Division be respectfully referred back to that Division, with the explanation, that there is evidently some mistake, either on the part of D.G.W.P. Mathison, or on the part of Gough Division, inasmuch as the Deputy states that he gave an official opinion on a certain point, and the Division states that the Deputy gave no such opinion ; this Grand Division would be satisfied with Gough Division admitting the fact, or explaining to the Grand Division the apparent incongruity above referred to.

They regret to see that the Returns of Subordinate Divisions are not as punctually made as the proper and efficient working of our organization appears to call for. They would impress upon Subordinate Divisions the necessity for strict punctuality in so important a matter.

Your Committee have had under consideration the report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and although the document does not cover a large space, it nevertheless embraces all matters of importance coming within the province of that officer.

They agree with the G. W. P. in his statement, that the success of the past offers inducements to hope for the future, and calls for a recognition of the hand of Providence on behalf of our Order.

They regret the inability of the Chief Officer of this section of the Province to visit Subordinate Divisions under his jurisdiction. This duty is a most important one, and they would recommend that in future it be, if possible, attended to. In reference to the neglect of D. G. W. P.'s to report to the G. W. P., they would recommend that such instruction be given to such officers as will ensure at least a quarterly report of the progress of Divisions in those localities over which, in their official capacity, they preside.

In looking over the progress of the Order in Lower Canada, where so many obstacles stand in the way of its progress, they believe that we have great cause for thankfulness and renewed exertions for the further spread of our glorious principles. They trust that the future will justify the hope at present held out, and that before another year shall have rolled round,