

The above reports were ordered to be referred to the Committee on distribution.

Bro. George M. White, High Auditor, submitted the Auditors' report as follows:—

#### REPORT OF HIGH AUDITORS.

To the H. C. R., officers and members of the High Court.

We the undersigned Auditors beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the books and accounts of the High Secretary; and that we find he has received from the various Subordinate Courts within this Province, for Supplies and Capitation Tax, representing the revenue of the said High Court for the Forestry year just closed, the sum of \$263.11, as follows:—

From Capitation Tax	\$178 00
" Supplies	12 16
" A. Davison	72 95
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We find that he has correctly kept his books and has made payment of above amounts for legitimate purposes and to the proper officer.

We have also examined the book of the High Treasurer, and find that he had balance on hand, June 30th, 1887, amounting to \$110.72; and that he holds vouchers for all disbursements made.

G. H. WHITE, } Auditors.  
July 11, 1887. BERNARD WADE, }

On motion the above report was adopted.

Moved that the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year be now proceeded with. Carried.

There being no second nomination and election of officers, no ballot was demanded and therefore the following officers were declared elected:—

H. C. R., Henry Lovitt, Kentville.  
H. V. C. R., Thomas Clarke, Truro.  
H. S., Allan V. Wade, Digby.  
H. T., H. S. Dodge, Kentville.  
H. Phy., J. S. Calder, M. N., Bridgewater.  
H. Coun., F. McClure, Truro.

#### AUDITORS.

George M. White, Digby.  
W. D. Reid, Kentville.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following subordinate officers:—

H. Chap., Rev. J. Ferry, Bridgewater.  
H. J. S., Thomas S. Howe, Amherst.  
H. S. W., John Suckling, Truro.  
H. J. W., W. E. Canfield, Oxford.  
H. S. B., J. S. McKeil, Halifax.  
H. J. B., Edward Hogan, Weymouth.  
H. Marsh., J. R. Pipes, Amherst.  
H. Con. W. M. Mills, Truro.  
H. Mess., Frank Powers, Lunenburg.

The City of Halifax, was on motion, chosen for the next place of meeting of the High Court, and at such time to be convened as the High Standing Committee shall determine.

The following were nominated and duly elected as representatives to the Supreme Court:—

Bros. Lovitt, Clarke, Dodge, Masters and Wade, Bros. Reid and White were elected alternatives.

The bonds of the High Secretary and High Treasurer, as on file for the past year, were submitted and approved.

The Standing Committee reported orally

That section of the High Secretary's report relating to the matter which had come to his notice during the past year of a growing desire on the part of certain Subordinate Courts to sever from our jurisdiction and become members at large under the Supreme Court, created considerable discussion. It was finally resolved that the publication of the said section be left to the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was resolved that the High Treasurer be allowed the sum of ten dollars for the current year; and it was also ordered that the Secretary's salary remain the same.

On motion it was resolved that the High Secretary be authorized to procure a set of jewels for the officers of High Court.

Bro. R. S. Masters, P. H. C. R., moved the appointment of a Provincial Deputy, and that in the event of his services being required by any existing Subordinate Courts to work it up and increase its membership, the court making application for the assistance of said Deputy to allow him the sum of \$3 for each member secured by him, the money to be appropriated from the initiation fee paid in by the new member. Motion carried.

It was ordered that a copy of above resolution be sent to all Subordinate Courts in Nova Scotia.

The H. C. R. then appointed Bro. Thomas Clarke, D.S.C.R. to be the Provincial Deputy.

A letter from H. C. Creed, H. C. R. of the High Court or New Brunswick, conveying fraternal greetings from that body to the High Court Nova Scotia in session at Kentville, was read by Bro. Masters. The communication was received with many warm expressions, demonstrating the brotherly solicitude and concord existing among the various parts of the Supreme whole.

At one o'clock Thursday morning the High Court ended its labors in Liberty Benevolence and Concord to meet again in annual convocation at Halifax.

A. V. WADE,  
High Secretary.

NOTE BY S. C. R.—The High Secretary of Nova Scotia has been misinformed as to the course of the Executive Council regarding members at large. The Supreme Secretary has invariably refused to accept any one as a member at large, until there was not enough left to hold the Charter, and not then without trying to induce the remaining members to work up the Court.

#### What Do You Think of Them.

The new certificates issued by the Supreme Court are meeting with great favor wherever received in the Courts. The Executive are to be congratulated in furnishing such a gem to the members.

C. W. JONES,  
D. S. C. R.

The new Certificates are a great improvement upon the old.

E. BOTTERELL.

I have seen the new certificate and liked it immensely. Please send on my copy.

J. W. STOCKS,  
D. S. C. R.

P. S.—The new certificates are splendid, I expect you will have a run on them.

WILLIAM CAIRNS, O. D. H. C. R.  
Court Ottawa, No. 41.

I think the new Certificates are beautiful. A gentleman said to me they are the finest he had ever seen.

CAPT. POLLOCK.

That was a Grand Sermon preached by the Rev. W. S. Walker, read it, it is worth its weight in diamonds. It is full of gems of truth.

#### Church Service.

The following sermon was preached before the Independent Order of Foresters, by the Rev. W. S. Walker, in the Baptist Church, Galt on the second Sabbath of June, 1887, and requested for publication in the FORESTER.

The text is taken from the Epistle to the Philippians, chapter iv., verses 8. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any praise, if there be any virtue, think upon these things."

Six cardinal virtues are here enumerated and commended to the careful consideration of the Philippian Church, and, of course, intended for every successive community of individuals, religious, national, commercial or social. Now, I am glad to find that the noble Order of Foresters I address to-day possess in their Constitution, regulations and rules, these six important qualifications. It is true, it is honorable, it is just, it is pure, it is lovely, and it has a good report. True in the performance of its promises, honorable in its acts of mercy and kindness, just in its faithful fulfilment of contracts, pure in its constitution and laws, all profanity and improprieties being strictly prohibited. It is lovely—can anything be more lovely, in even the religion of Jesus Christ, than to help the sick, the disabled, the aged, the widow and the fatherless? It is a matter for great thankfulness that in our 19th century we have such noble institutions for the alleviation of suffering and affliction. I well remember the time when very few such societies were in existence. Once, I remember of a young lady being received into my father's family, both of whose parents had died. She was homeless and unprovided for by any society. I cannot forget her tears, her hysterical sobbing, as she felt her lonely situation. Without father, mother, sister or brother; all lying in the churchyard, how acceptable in her case would the existence and help of such an Order as this, in some welcome insurance portion or death claim have been. During my life I have seen not a few fearful specimens of decrepitude, distortion of limbs, men totally disabled for life. One man I will not forget, whose body was nearly doubled in two by curvature of the spine. Oh, how he longed to die. Another had not moved out of one position for seven years. In view of this constant scene of suffering mankind, God—our God—the kind, the merciful, the patient, the long-suffering and forgiving God, has manifested His Divine sympathy with our sinful race in just such societies as this Order, for the uplifting of crushed hearts and afflicted homes. It is wise, it is politic for men to band together for the purpose of assisting each other, and our hearts owe to a merciful Providence a soul full of gratitude that we live in such times of benevolent schemes and beneficiary societies. It is a humbling fact that the church of the living and exalted Redeemer was originally intended to occupy the very position these institutions hold to-day. On Pentecost, when the first church was organized, her duty and privilege was, and should be now, the greatest benevolent and beneficiary order of all ages. What a grand sight, then, to see Barnabas and others sell their real estate and bring the proceeds to the feet of the Apostles, that a liberal distribution might be made to every needy individual; but alas,