

to the Finance Committee.

l by H. A. Craine,

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Total Abstinence pledge, and
to increase the circulation of
Canada Temperance Advocate.

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THE G. W. C. T.

MONTREAL, 1st April, 1862.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

benevolent enterprises, our Order is still flourishing. We have instituted during the past six months, 29 new Temples, and in many that showed symptoms of decline, the smouldering spark has been fanned into a flame, and they have resumed their labors with renewed life and vigor.

Our financial position, as you will find by the report of the G. W. S., is very encouraging. When we take into consideration the state of the finances at the time he entered upon the duties of his office, and I feel assured you will find that the business of the Grand Temple has been conducted with all possible economy.

At the last session of this Grand Temple, the Executive were instructed to prepare and forward to Parliament, a petition for a Prohibitory Liquor law. A form has been prepared, and will be forwarded immediately. We also thought it advisable, as you are aware, to circulate a petition for general signature throughout the Province. They are in charge of the County Deputies, and I doubt not, will be presented in due time.

The Special Finance Committee, appointed at last session, reported to the Executive in November last the result of their labors. You were made acquainted with it in the last minutes.

At the same meeting of the Executive, business of a painful nature came before us, which received our very careful attention, viz: a charge against the late G. W. S., for violation of obligations by not properly accounting for the funds of the Grand Temple that came into his hands. You will, no doubt, easily perceive that it must be trying to any Executive to deal with a charge of so grave a nature, and that against an old and prominent member of the Grand Temple; but under a deep sense of our duty to the Order, and feeling that the well-being of the I. O. of G. T. in Canada required that their fair name should not be tarnished by so foul a blot as the palliating or cloaking of such conduct, your Executive Committee, as you are aware by the minutes, expelled the late G. W. S. from the Order.

There were also several charges against Champion Temple, No. 174, for violations of the Constitution. These charges were of such a nature, and the action of the Temple in the premises such, that your Executive could do nothing short of declaring the charter forfeited, which was accordingly done.

There has been placed in the hands of the G. W. S. an appeal from Brother Griffith against the action of the Morrill Temple, which appeal will be handed to the proper Committee.

There have been many matters of dispute referred to me for decision, but I have avoided as much as possible giving new decisions, as I have long believed that we have already too many, and as I consider that decisions should, as far as possible, be explanations of existing laws,