

G. W., A. Russell, Representative Moore, J. B. Lay, G. W. P. and G. S.

REPORT OF THE G. S.

A great many matters are here alluded to which have been already referred to in the G. W. P.'s Report.

The thanks of the Grand Division are due to the P. G. W. P. H. Rose and Grand Scribe Hall for their trouble in visiting the Eastern Townships, as we think the visits of the Grand Division officers to Subordinate Divisions are very beneficial and productive of great good to our Order. Adopted.

We have examined the Bye-laws and Installation Service adopted by the Connecticut Grand Division for Lady visitors, and think they would be very well adapted for this jurisdiction and recommend them to the different Subordinate Divisions for adoption. Adopted, and the G. S. directed to get the same printed, and that one copy be sent to each Subordinate Division in the jurisdiction.

We would recommend that the National Division be urged to extend the privilege of voting and holding office in Subordinate Divisions to youths between 15 and 18 years of age, with the exception of those of W. P., W. A., Chap. and Treasurer. Adopted.

In conclusion we rejoice in being able to congratulate the Grand Division on the general prosperity of our Order in Canada East. The influence we are exerting upon public sentiment is becoming every year more deeply marked. An appropriate odium, dark and deep is gradually settling down upon the infamous traffic in alcoholic drinks. In a few more years, no amount of wealth, nor conventional license, nor hypocrisy, will be sufficient to save the promoters of intemperance from the withering condemnation which sooner or later overtakes every great evil that afflicts humanity. Let us be faithful brothers—our "circle of honour" is a fortress of safety, and if true to our principles alcohol with its fell degradation, misery and bloodshed will be swept from the face of the earth. Adopted.

(Signed,)

G. MARTIN,
J. M. HALL,
A. DUFF.

On motion Report as amended was adopted.

Moved by Representative McIndoe and seconded. *Resolved*,—That this Grand Division do appoint a Committee of three to draft and forward to His Excellency the Governor General with the request that the same may be laid before Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, an address expressive of condolence and sympathy for Her Majesty in her present deep grief and bereavement in the death of the Prince Consort, and to assure Her Majesty of the continued loyalty of this Grand Division. Carried.

Committee on petition to Parliament for a Prohibitory Law reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report, that having duly considered the subject of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, that an humble petition be prepared and copies thereof forwarded to all the Subordinate Divisions within the jurisdiction of this Grand Division for the purpose of having signatures affixed thereto, and that the same be presented to the Legislature of this Province at its next Session. We farther recommend the annexed Petition as the form to be used by such Subordinate Divisions. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) J. HUNGEFORD, Chairman.