

(g.) From C. R. Brown, D. G. W. P., respecting sustentation of Agency Fund. Referred to committee on State of the Order.

(h.) From the Grand Division of New Brunswick, in answer to a communication from this Grand Division relative to petitioning Parliament for absolute Prohibition. Ordered to lie on the table.

(j.) From Northern Star Division, No. 354, in reference to the decision on appeal given at the last annual session. Referred to a special committee, composed of Wm. Layton, Wm. Sedgwick, D. W. B. Reid, Walter McCurdy, and C. N. Sprott.

The Grand Scribe presented the report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, which is as follows, viz:—

### GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

#### *Officers and Representatives:—*

In submitting my report, I must begin by giving expression to the deep regret I feel in not being present with you in Quarterly Session. In view of Bro. T. M. Lewis' visit to Cape Breton, and the work to be done in the county, I feel called upon to remain at home to receive our brother, put him on the track of his work, and assist him by my presence and counsel. If I am not with you, it is because I believe I can serve the cause we love better, in the circumstances, by denying myself the pleasure of meeting you on this occasion.

The first duty that devolved upon me, after the close of the annual meeting, was to issue commissions to Division Deputies, and also to County and District Deputies. This matter was duly attended to; and a large proportion of the Deputies appointed have acknowledged the receipt of their commissions.

As to the work done during the past quarter throughout the jurisdiction, I am entirely dependent for my information upon the reports of my deputies. Of these only thirteen out of twenty-two have complied with their instructions, and forwarded a quarterly report.

The deputies not heard from, though I have waited until the last moment, are those of Colchester, Hants East, Inverness, Lunenburg, Pictou West, Queens, Shelburne East and West, and Bermuda.

Of the welfare of our cause in these large and important fields, I am allowed to hope the best, while I can in fact say nothing.

The reports in my hands are all of a cheering character.

Bro. C. Jost, of Annapolis East, has only heard from three Divisions, out of nine, in his jurisdiction, but all are "doing a good work."

Bro. W. Mills, of Annapolis West, says: "The past quarter has been one of marked success; all the Divisions are actively engaged in the work, meet regularly, are harmonious, and increasing in membership, especially the newly organized."

Bro. F. S. Cunningham, of Antigonish reports one Division in a not very healthy state, while all the others are doing well. True to his trust, he was about to visit the unhealthy one on an early day.

Bro. P. Monaghan has reports from twenty-one out of thirty-two Divisions in his large jurisdiction. The total membership of our Order in the County and City of Halifax is about 1,500, and the active workers in the cause in all connections, not less than 5,000. Bro. Monaghan complains of the difficulty of gathering information from Division Deputies, but adds "that the Order in the County is active and doing well."

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