

Moved by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM, seconded by Representative H. T. MASSON, and

Resolved—That the Grand Chaplain, REV. J. McKILLICAN, and Representatives W. C. GOWAN and JOHN LAMB, be a Committee to report on the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report. Carried.

The Grand Scribe presented his semi-annual Report as follows:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, CANADA WEST:

Brethren—In compliance with the Constitution, I now present for your consideration my semi-annual Report of the state of the Order within this jurisdiction, and the principal transactions during the past term.

You will feel pleased to find that, with few exceptions, harmony and brotherly love continue to prevail throughout your widespread jurisdiction; that the Order of the Sons of Temperance maintains its ground and proud position as the advanced guard in the Temperance army; and that a much larger number of new Divisions than formerly has been instituted during the past term.

In regard to the condition and progress of the Temperance Cause in general, it may be safely affirmed, that never has our great and benevolent reform occupied so large a space in the thoughts and hearts of the people of this Province, East and West, and of the civilized world, as at the present time.

It is cheering to learn that this great movement is rapidly extending and is assuming gigantic proportions in the British Isles, and I believe that I but repeat the sentiment of this Grand Division when we say, from this exalted position, representing the intelligent and devoted friends of total abstinence and prohibition, "God prosper every effort put forth to annihilate the traffic in intoxicating drink."

Shortly after the Annual Session petitions were prepared by the joint committee, and, with circulars of instructions, were forwarded to each Division; and I feel happy to report that the Divisions under this jurisdiction responded cheerfully to your recommendation: they forwarded, in an incredibly short space of time, 298 petitions to the Legislative Assembly, and others were afterwards sent subsequent to the Report of the Parliamentary Committee. It is thus apparent that our Divisions are not only reliable, but are also earnestly and thoroughly in favor of prohibition of the iniquitous liquor traffic.

The Journals of the Proceedings of the Annual Session were completed with expedition and forwarded to the Order; and we would here express our obligation to our esteemed Brother W. H. ORR, P.W.P., who prepared such an excellent synopsis of our proceedings for the press in short hand.

The new form of Quarterly Returns has been issued, a quantity of new Charters has been procured, and other requisites, including blank By-Laws with late amendments to the Constitution, have been supplied as required. The Quarterly Passwords have been printed in circular form and forwarded with usual punctuality.