

The minutes of morning session were read and approved. P. G. W. P. Thompson, as chairman, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee on the State of the Order briefly report as follows :

The Committee had submitted for their consideration, a letter of apology and excuse from the G. W. P., and a report from the Grand Scribe. In reference to the first, they hereby express their regret that the G. W. P. was prevented by professional avocations from attending this meeting of the Grand Division. The brethren entertained hopes that they would have the benefit of the Grand Worthy Patriarch's information, and of his abilities as a presiding officer and speaker on this occasion. The announcement of his intended absence cast some gloom over the meeting, which, however, has been relieved by the heartiness with which the G. W. A. entered on the duties of the chair, and the urbanity and zeal with which they were conducted.

The Committee have also to express regret at the absence of the G. W. P.'s report, particularly as, just subsequent to the meeting of the National Division, that document might be expected to be of more than the usual interest.

The Grand Scribe's report gives the gratifying intelligence that the Order, in the city of Halifax, is in a sound state, and that improvement is visible concerning several of the districts of the Province,—in brief, and in the words of the Grand Scribe, "that the Order under this jurisdiction is in a very healthy condition." For this experience, imparted by a careful and accurate officer, we have reason to be thankful to that superintending Providence who has blessed the temperance effort hitherto, and will continue this blessing, if the effort be sustained in the right spirit, and in reference to the right principles and motives.

The more pleasing experience, however, is accompanied by evidence that intemperance is fearfully prevalent. This calls loudly on all those who have the good of their fellow-beings as an object, and particularly on those who are organized for the advance of temperance, to cast off apathy, to rouse themselves like men, and be strong in repelling the enemy, by all lawful means consistent with the christian charity which forms part of the motto of their organization.

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