

By-Laws, that members joining by card be not asked to pay any initiation fee.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned at half-past 10, until next day at 10 o'clock, A.M.

May 12, 1853—10 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Division met according to adjournment, and was opened in usual form.

Officers present, same as at last night's session.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Appeals presented their report.

On motion, the documents in this case were ordered to be read before the Grand Division, and accordingly done.

The report, as follows, was adopted unanimously :

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have carefully examined the several papers and documents referred to in Appeal case of Brother James Shewbridge, whereby it appears that brother Shewbridge was a Member in good standing in Gough Division, No. 3, Sons of Temperance, Quebec, and bearing a good moral character, which is admitted by the Gough Division. That this Brother, some time after his initiation, fell sick, which sickness resulted in the very worst of human afflictions, Insanity—that he was placed, and where he is now, in the Beaufort Lunatic Asylum, where, it appears the best of care is taken of him. It appears that Gough Division, by one of its By-Laws, binds its body to pay ten shillings per week for a sick or disabled brother, unless such sickness or disability arises from misconduct: such in this instance has not been the case, for it appears that the affliction to this brother has not been occasioned by any misconduct on his part, but apparently attributable to the institution of the Almighty. It appears Gough Division has paid him said benefits to the amount of £7 10s. 0d., and has not since paid him any further benefits, for reason that if the benefits are paid by the Division, they must go to the Provincial Government, inasmuch as he is under their care, and the family of the brother would in consequence be no better off than at present, and therefore the Division, by resolution, refused payment of any further benefits; to which decision five members of Gough Division have appealed, on the ground that, by the hereinbefore recited By-Law the division is bound to pay the weekly stipend to his wife for her support, and that of her four children.