

"Thursday evening, Sept. 6, held a public meeting in Middle River, and at the close of the same GUARDIAN Division, No. 550 was duly organized with 30 Charter applicants.

"Saturday evening, Sept. 8, held a second meeting at N. E. Margaree, and at the close VICTORY Division, No. 257, was brought into line again with 23 old, and 14 new members.

"Saturday evening, Sept. 15, organized STRATHLORNE Division, No. 553, with 32 Charter applicants."

ITEMS CLIPPED FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Mrs. P. A. Peckham, G. W. A. of Illinois, has organized four divisions in Rhode Island during the past month.

Two Divisions were recently organized as the result of one week's work by Edward Carswell, Esq., of Canada, in Connecticut.

In Pennsylvania, since January 1, 1882, the number of divisions has been increased from 74 to over 150, and the membership from 5,168 to over 8,000.

More than one-half of the Grand Divisions will hold their annual sessions during the month of October. The South Carolina session was held July 27, when A. C. Dibble, Esq., of Orangeburgh, was re-elected Grand Worthy Patriarch and Charles M. Douglas, Esq., of Columbia, Grand Scribe.

The Grand Division of Eastern New York, by a unanimous vote, endorsed the recommendation of W. H. Armstrong, then G. W. P., in favor of Prohibition by constitutional amendment as long ago as January, 1857, and the Grand Division of Western New York assumed the same position a little later. The Order has never given an uncertain sound in reference to Prohibition.

The fortieth anniversary of the National Division, which occurs June 17, 1884, will be appropriately celebrated in connection with the next National Division Session, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, next July. Sir Leonard Tilley, Finance Minister of the Dominion of Canada, and a Past Most Worthy Patriarch on the Order, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on that occasion.

A Grand Division for North Carolina was organized at Ashville by Prof. W. F. McCarron, Grand Scribe of Tennessee, June 16, with the following officers: G. W. P., Hon. Robert B. Vanoe, M. C.; G. W. A., J. A. Reagan; G. Scribe, P. A. Cummings; G. T., A. T. Summey; G. Chap., C. B. Mingus; G. Cond., C. M. Pace; G. Sent., S. C. Sheffield; P. G. W. P., Hon. W. W. Stringfield. The next session will be held October 2.

N. M. R. SOCIETY.

The Sons of Temperance Order has created a National Mutual Relief Society, for the protection of its members, which is meeting with great favor, and gives it additional permanence and strength.

To become a member you must be a Son of Temperance in good standing in a Division, and under sixty years of age. The membership fee to one class is \$3.00: to each subsequent class \$2.00. Each applicant pays his own Medical Examiner. You can join class A—\$500, class B—\$1,000—or class C—\$2,000—or any two or all three, so that \$3,500 insurance is given to such as desire it.

The treasury of each class is separate and distinct. As each class has its own members and its own deaths, it has also its own expenses and its own treasury. In keeping the accounts of the classes separate, we have the only equitable plan of giving different amounts of insurance in the same society.

When a death occurs the assessment-card is sent directly to each member from the main office, and all remittances are forwarded to the General Secretary, who returns a receipted card. This is simple and easily understood by all. There is no divided responsibility in the handling of assessments.

The Relief Society is managed by a Board of Government consisting of fifteen of the prominent members of the National Division. Three Past Most Worthy Patriarchs and the Most Worthy Treasurer are now members of the Board. These gentlemen are chosen because of their business qualifications, and their general fitness for the work. Applications for membership are sent to the Grand Scribe, Mr. Thomas Webster, Paris, Ont., through whom they are forwarded to the General Secretary.

Good Templars.

QUEBEC.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec held its annual session at Sherbrooke, in the latter part of September. A full account of its proceedings has been published in the columns of the *Casket*, from which we condense the following report:

The G. W. C. T., Bro. W. H. Lamby presided with his usual dignity and ability. His report embraced a very interesting historical review of the work of the Order, general as well as local, from its first organization. He strongly urged the necessity of establishing and maintaining a temperance propaganda through both press and platform, and offered many valuable suggestions regarding the work of the session

and the duties and responsibilities of the members in their respective home spheres of labor.

The Grand Worthy Secretary's report showed the work that had been accomplished in the way of establishing new lodges and resuscitating old ones, as well as losses sustained. The following is a summary. Lodges reported last session: 51; new Lodges, 2; resuscitated, 8; total, 61, from which take 12 forfeited charters, and 49 remains as the number of Lodges now existing in the Province. Of these 17 are behindhand with their returns, thereby losing their good standing.

Committees were appointed to consider each distinct subject embraced in the reports read, and a vote of thanks passed to the Rev. Mr. Kines for his recent campaign work in the Province.

The special committee appointed for the purpose presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"This Grand Lodge learns with deepfelt sorrow of the dangerous illness by which one of its eminent and zealous workers, the Rev. T. Gales has been laid low. We unite in asking Almighty God to comfort and strengthen our brother in his sore trial, and if so be His divine will, to restore him to health, that he may continue his labors in the cause so dear to his heart, but if otherwise ordered by Him who doeth all things well, we shall bow down with humility and say, 'Thy will be done.' This Lodge would also convey its heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family."

The Committee on the State of the Order presented a report which was adopted and of which the points of principal interest are as follows; Notwithstanding a decrease in membership there are recognized an enthusiasm in the majority of Lodges and a desire for reorganization in quarters where lodges once existed, from which much is anticipated. Acknowledgment is made with gratitude of the good work being done by the Dominion Alliance, the Sons of Temperance and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the decided stand taken by the Christian churches is declared to be a source of strength to the cause. Congratulations are expressed at the legislation of last session of the Dominion Parliament, as advanced, even if deficient in some respects. Lodges are requested to see that restrictive liquor laws are enforced, and the fact is noted that through the action of certain lodges several applications for licenses had been refused. The Grand Lodge puts on record its deep sense of indebtedness to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar for his untiring zeal in the prosecution of his arduous duties, to which the success of the work is in a large measure due.

The Finance Committee in their report recommended among other things that the capitation tax remain at seven cents, but that a special tax of one cent be levied the first two quarters of the year to meet the R. W. G. Lodge tax of a half cent a member and to aid the lecture work of the Grand Lodge. An amendment was moved that the capitation tax be reduced to five cents, and an amendment to the amendment was moved and carried, to the effect that the present tax of seven cents be retained, and two of it be applied to the R. W. G. Lodge tax and the lecture work of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Juvenile Templars presented a report containing a number of recommendations all of which were adopted. After setting forth the supreme importance of having the young trained in the principles of temperance, the difficulties of managing children's societies were acknowledged, and it was suggested that school teachers were the most available class for superintending juvenile temples. It was strongly urged upon lodges throughout the jurisdiction that they enter upon this branch of the work without delay, and lecturers are to make it a chief object in their labors. The Grand Lodge was asked to memorialize the Council of Public Instruction, asking that a temperance text book be prescribed and brought into common use in the schools of the Province.

A special committee on lecture work and other means of usefulness recommended, 1st. That a lecturer be employed at once to take the field permanently if practicable.

2nd. That all money, above current expenses and a reserve of \$25, be devoted to the lecture fund of the Grand Lodge.

3rd. That delegates recommend to their lodges the excellent and cheap literature supplied by the Dominion Alliance.

4th. That certain legal forms for use in opposing the liquor traffic, contained in the G. W. C. T.'s report, be printed and distributed to lodges.

5th. That lodges be asked to do all they can in their respective localities to elect representatives to municipal councils and Parliament who shall pledge themselves to sustain the temperance cause.

The report was adopted.

The following are the officers elected and installed for the current year:

G. W. C. T.—W. H. Lamby, Inverness.

G. W. C.—A. Tattersall, Montreal.

G. W. V. T.—Mrs. Porter, Danville.

G. W. S.—Henry Haycroft, Montreal.

G. W. A. S.—Mrs. Dr. Dowlan, Sherbrooke.

G. W. Tr.—R. W. Williams, Three Rivers.

G. W. Ch.—Rev. C. E. Amaron, Three Rivers.

G. W. M.—Robert Johnson, Danville.

G. W. D. M.—Miss Roy, Three Rivers.