

*Auditing Committee.*—Brethren Wm. Bell, Dan. Cochran, James Burgess.

*Committee on Communications.*—Brethren J. B. Sandford, J. A. Jenkins, S. West.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—Brethren T. S. Harding, Nathan Tupper, W. Fenton.

The G. W. Patriarch read his Report, as follows :

WORTHY BROTHERS,—Being now assembled for the transaction of such business as the circumstances of the present time require us to attend to, there are some subjects for which I would solicit your attention; and have no doubt but that your decision upon them, deliberately given, will be that which sound wisdom would dictate, and be approved of by all who zealously seek to extend our principles, and who have a hearty desire for the welfare of the community generally. Our Order, Brethren, I am happy to say, is progressing as rapidly as can be reasonably expected, and all novelty and excitement attendant on its formation having passed away, we may believe its extension to be the result of reflection and firm decision in the minds of those who join us, and may rejoice in the prospect of permanency in our Institution, of which such deliberate accessions give almost sure evidence. And although our views and aims are such that we should pursue our work with ardour under all circumstances, yet men are ever more ready to increase their exertions, when they see positive indications of a prosperous result.

It is clearly perceptible, from the large attendance on the present occasion, that our members are not deficient in zeal and interest, and that the privilege of aiding our noble cause is prized as it should be by those who have been raised by the suffrages of their Brethren to the honourable position which you occupy.

It appears to me desirable, Brethren, that some rule should be adopted by which the Order in this Province would be governed with reference to appearing in public. It is easy to perceive that the perfect harmony so essential to our prosperity, is liable to interruption from causes wholly unconnected with the cause of Temperance; and those who are chosen to occupy positions of eminence in the Order, need to be protected from dangers, into which, with the best intentions, they may fall, and thereby cause injury to our excellent Institution.

I solicit, Brethren, also some expression from you relative to the ownership of buildings by members of our Order, in which the liquor traffic is carried on;—not that I have any doubts in my own mind as to the duty of Temperance men on this subject, but desire to have your opinion expressed, for the guidance of all subordinate Divisions, that their members may know what is required by the authorities under whose jurisdiction they are, in their every procedure which has relation to the odious traffic we are organized to oppose.