

MEETING OF GRAND DIVISION,
SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The fourteenth annual meeting of this body commenced its session at the city of Ottawa in the lecture room of the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday last.

A very large number of representatives were in attendance—some of them from the extreme west of the Province.

The G. W. P., Rev. Wm. Pirritte, in the chair.

The only other grand officers present were E. Stacey, G. S., and S. W. Sharrard, G. T.

Many of the delegates were late in arriving, and therefore the business in the morning was merely routine work—receiving the credentials of the representatives and initiating them.

Some thirty-two gentlemen were introduced as new members, and about one hundred and fifty were in attendance.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On assembling in the afternoon many new members were initiated, and an address of welcome was extended to the Grand Division, by the Bytown Division and an invitation to attend a public meeting.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Farewell, L. L. B., a committee was appointed to draught a reply to the address, and their invitation was accepted.

As usual, the G. W. P. presented his annual address—an able earnest document, containing a happy allusion to the place of meeting, at the same time pointing out the work of their organization to be purely benevolent and entirely independent, and in fact opposed to political and sectarian purposes. It reported the order in a healthy condition, called the attention of the members to the necessity of depending more for success on moral suasion as essentially necessary to prepare the way for legislation. He recommended the Grand Division to consider the propriety of giving lady visitors more extensive privileges, and the providing of literary and musical exercises, for the purpose of making meetings interesting.

On motion the address was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs Rose, Elwood and Wynn.

The Grand Scribe presented his Report, from which we make the following extract:—

No. of Divisions instituted in the year... 20
No. of Divisions re-organized in the year... 16
No. of Divisions suspended for not reporting 25
From the 169 Divisions which have made

returns, it appears 588 members were initiated during the last quarter. The number of members reported is 6,500, and ladies 3,324. The reports from the Eastern Provinces are encouraging, as is also the progress of the Order in Great Britain, no less than six Divisions having been instituted in Hull, England.

A new Grand Division is also this year established in England.

The Scottish Temperance League is also reported as doing a good work.

The United Kingdom Alliance have established a guarantee fund for the promotion of its object, the amount of which is £50,000 sterling, £40,000 now subscribed.

The report was referred to Bros. Fraser, McGill and Quigg.

Several communications were read: the most interesting were from his Excellency, the Honorable Frederick A. Bruce, British Minister at Washington, and from Mr. S. B. Hance, American Consul, acknowledging the reception of Resolutions of condolence on the death of the late President of the United States, and to Mrs. Lincoln; also, one from Christopher Dunkin, Esq., M. P. P., &c., with reference to the working of the Temperance Act of 1864.

A resolution abolishing the semi-annual session was proposed by Rep. Quigg, seconded by Rep. Wynn, and carried.

A resolution was announced by Rep. Wynn, and seconded by Rep. J. E. Farewell, appointing a committee to confer with the other Temperance organizations, and the Hon. George Brown of Toronto, and other publishers, in regard to the publishing of a Temperance paper in this province, was carried.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Division met at 9 a. m. About 150 members were present.

A resolution was passed fixing the time for meeting in Annual Session. The time in future to be the Fourth Tuesday in October, at 2 p. m., and the next Session to be held in London.

Before proceeding with the election of officers Geo. Martin, G. W. P., and James M. Hall, P. W. P., of the Grand Division of Canada East, were introduced with the honors of the Division.

The following officers were elected:—
G. W. P.—J. G. Elwood, Brockville.
G. W. A.—Hon. M. Cameron, Ottawa.
G. Scribe.—E. Stacy, Kingston.
G. Treasurer.—S. W. Sharrard, Brougham.

G. Chaplain.—Rev. Wm. McGill, Farmersville.

G. C.—J. E. Farewell, L. L. B., Oshawa.
G. S.—Wm. Wheaton, London.

The officers were installed, and thanked the Division for the honors conferred.

The several Committees brought in able and full reports, which, with the business and resolutions adopted, will appear in the proceedings.

The friends of the temperance cause were recommended to enforce the operations of the Dunkin Act, and in cases of difficulty to procure able counsel.

One of the largest temperance meetings held in the city of Ottawa for several years, took place last Wednesday evening, in the basement of the Wesleyan Church, Metcalf Street, according to previous announcement. The meeting was presided over by Hon. Malcolm Cameron.

Addresses were delivered by the following gentlemen: Mr. Pardee, Rev. Wm. Pirritte, Mr. Farewell, Mr. Fraser and Rev. J. S. Youmans.

A vote of thanks was given to the choir for their excellent music and to the trustees for the use of the building.

Rev. Mr. Youmans pronounced the benediction, when the meeting dispersed, it being half-past ten. Thus terminated one of the most influential and promising temperance gatherings ever held in the city of Ottawa.

MINUTES OF BOWMANVILLE DIVISION
ANNIVERSARY, CELEBRATED
NOV. 14, 1865.

The W. Patriarch in the Chair, reported absentees,

Bros. Geo. Porter, Bounsall, Lyall and Yellowlees.

Minutes of last meeting read and well approved, And all renewed again their vows of Fidelity and love.

Mr. William Morris was proposed and installed into his duty,

And Bro. Pearce resigned his seat for he's bound for old Kentucky.

Bro. Porter of Tomatoe fame, so fearless and so bold

Requested the Division Room, a singing class to hold.

So not to take up any time and be to us a bother,

A committee were appointed to confer with the good Brother.