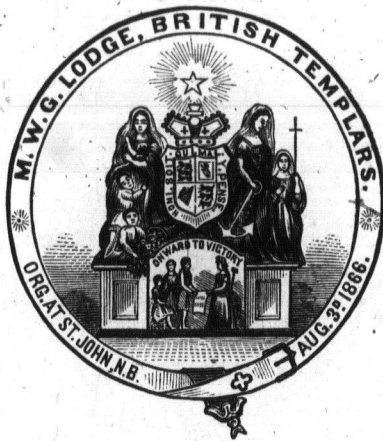


JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Most Worthy Grand Lodge,
BRITISH TEMPLARS.
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Held in the Basement of the Baptist Meeting House, on Saturday, the 10th, and by adjournments on Monday, 12th, Tuesday, 13th, Wednesday, 14th, Thursday, 15th, and Friday, 16th of August, 1867.



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BASEMENT OF THE BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE,
 Liverpool, N. S., Saturday, 10th August, 1867.

Pursuant to notice duly given, the Most Worthy Grand
 Lodge of British Templars met at 10 o'clock, A. M. M.
 W. Grand Officers present:—

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| M. W. G. Chief, | | H. B. Mitchell | | Chester, N. S. | |
| " | Vice, | | J. J. Williams | | Toronto, Ontario. |
| " | Secretary, | | Rev. James Scott | | Waterdown, " |
| " | Treasurer, | ..... | P. H. Stewart | ..... | Toronto, " |
| " | Dep. Marshal, | ..... | Mrs. C. E. Mitchell | ..... | Chester, N. S. |
| " | Outer Guard, | | S. McCready | | Penobscuis, N. B. |

The M. W. Grand Chief appointed the following to fill
 the vacant chairs:—

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| M. W. G. Lecturer, | | W. H. Rogers | | G. Lecturer, N. S. | |
| " | Counsellor, | | J. N. Freeman | | G. Past Chief, N. S. |
| " | Chaplain, | .... | W. B. Heustis | .... | Co. Chief, Cumberland, N. S. |
| " | Financier, | .... | A. M. Phillips | .... | G. Financier, Ontario. |
| " | Recorder, | .... | R. McNeill, M. D. | .... | G. Secretary, P. E. I. |
| " | Marshal, | .... | John P. Bell | .... | P. Dep. No. 2, N. B. |
| " | Inner Guard, | .... | D. Fraser | .... | Co. Rep., Cumberland, N. S. |
| " | Past Chief, | .... | E. N. Sharp, M. A. | .... | G. Rep., N. B. |

After this, all present were examined, and the appropri-
 ate ceremonies having been performed, the M. W. G. Lec-
 turer declared the M. W. G. Lodge open for the transaction
 of business. The M. W. G. Chief then appointed the fol-
 lowing Committee on Credentials:—

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| Brother J. W. Falconer, | G. Chief, of P. E. Island. |
| " | T. W. Musgrove, G. Vice, of New Brunswick. |
| " | F. A. Laurence, G. Secretary, of Nova Scotia. |

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A letter from Bro. W. P. Flewelling, M. P. P., M. W. Counsellor, was read, stating that he was unavoidably detained in New Brunswick, and regretting his consequent absence, and expressing his wish that every success may attend the deliberations of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge; as also another from Bro. George P. Tanton, M. W. Recorder, similar in tone to the former.

The Committee on Credentials then reported the following present:—

1.—OFFICERS.

No.	Name.	Position.	Address.	Province.
1	H. Bethune Mitchell,	M. W. G. Chief,	Chester,	N. S.
2	J. J. Williams,	" Vice,	Toronto,	"
3	Rev. James Scott,	" Secretary,	Waterdown,	Ontario.
4	F. H. Stewart,	" Treasurer,	Toronto,	"
5	Mrs. C. E. Mitchell,	" Dep. Marshal,	Chester,	N. S.
6	Samuel McCready,	" O. Guard,	Penobquis,	N. B.

2.—MEMBERS.

No.	Name.	Position.	Address.	Province.
7	J. Newton Freeman,	W. G. Past Chief,	Liverpool,	N. S.
8	Wm. H. Rogers,	" Lecturer,	Amherst,	"
9	A. M. Phillips,	" Financier,	Smithfield,	Ontario.
10	R. McNeill, M. D.	" Secretary,	Stanley Bridge,	P. E. I.
11	Duncan Fraser,	Co. Rep. Cumberland,	"	"
12	W. B. Heustis,	" Chief,	Wallace,	N. S.
13	John P. Bell,	P. D. No. 2,	St. John,	N. B.
14	Edwin N. Sharp, M. A.	W. G. Rep.,	Apoahqui,	"
15	J. W. Falconer,	" Chief,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
16	John C. Gidley,	" Treasurer,	do.	"
17	John Boyer,	Co. Rep. Queen's,	"	"
18	Thos. W. Musgrove,	W. G. Vice,	Apoahqui,	N. B.
19	Howard B. Teakles,	" Rep.,	Portage,	"
20	J. S. Wetmore, J. C. P.,	"	Clifton,	"
21	Agnes E. Sharp,	Co. Rep. King's,	Apoahqui,	"
22	Charles E. Knapp,	" Westmorland,	Dorchester,	"
23	Thos. B. Smith,	W. G. Financier,	St. John,	"
24	Fred. A. Laurance,	" Secretary,	Truro,	N. S.
25	Sara McKeen,	" Dep. Marshal,	Plaisier Cove, C. B.,	"
26	John DeMolter,	" Rep.,	Mill Village,	"
27	W. A. Porter,	"	Lockhartville,	"
28	Frank H. White,	"	Barrington,	"
29	William L. Crowell,	P. D. No. 52,	do.	"
30	Jacob R. Griffin,	"	Locke's Island,	"
31	James S. McDonald,	Co. Chief, King's,	Wolfville,	"
32	Isabella Flemming,	W. G. Rep.,	Truro,	"
33	W. Murdock McLeod,	"	Antigonishe,	"
34	Samuel M. Snow,	Co. Rep. Shelburne,	Port La Tour,	"
35	Esther Ford,	W. G. Rep.,	Milton,	"
36	John Fitzgerald,	"	Mill Village,	"
37	James H. R. Fayle,	P. Deputy,	Vogler's Cove,	"
38	David Shirreffs,	"	Caledonia,	"
39	Henry A. Eyceman,	W. G. Rep.,	Pleasant River,	"
40	Thomas Trenaman,	"	Halifax,	"
41	J. F. L. Parsons,	"	Wolfville,	"
42	L. S. Ford,	"	Milton,	"
43	Mary Gowan,	Co. Chief, Queen's,	Chester,	"
44	Curtis Manthorn,	" Rep., Lunenburg,	Port Medway,	"
		P. D.		

and entitled to seats in this M. W. G. Lodge.
On motion of Bro. Knapp, seconded by Bro. Scott—
1. Resolved, That the Report just read be adopted.

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On motion of Bro. Scott, seconded by Bro. W. A. Porter—

2. *Resolved*, That members of our Order having all the Degrees be admitted as Visitors, by signing their names to the Obligation.

Bro. Scott's motion for adjournment to half-past two o'clock having been lost, it was, on motion of Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. McNeill—

3. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to take the Obligation.

Whereupon the members and visitors in attendance were duly obligated.

It was then, on motion—

4. *Resolved*, That the Lodge stand adjourned, to meet at half-past two o'clock.

The M. W. G. Lodge adjourned accordingly.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 10th, 1867.

At the appointed time, the Lodge was called to order by the M. W. G. Chief; and the Lodge having been declared open, it was, on motion of Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. McNeill—

5. *Resolved*, That the hours of session of this M. W. G. Lodge be from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1½ to 5½ P. M.; and that there be evening sessions, as from time to time agreed upon.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials subsequently reported the following Officer, Members and Visitors, who were, on presenting themselves, duly obligated, and admitted to the M. W. G. Lodge:—

1.—OFFICER.

No.	Name.	Position.	Address.	Province.
45	James Elder,	M. W. G. Lecturer.	Wolfville,	N. S.

2.—MEMBERS.

No.	Name.	Position.	Address.	Province.
46	Mrs. C. W. Cobb,	W. G. Rep.,	Liverpool,	
47	George W. Freeman,	P. D.,	Milton,	N. S.
48	William Inlah,	W. G. Rep.,	Halifax,	"
49	Thos. T. Keefer,	P. D.,	Bridgewater,	"
50	W. R. Wentzel,	W. G. Recorder,	do.	"
51	C. E. Church,	P. D.,	do.	"
52	James S. Calder,	Co. Rep., Lunenburg,	New Germany,	"
53	J. Levi Oxner,	W. G. Rep.,	Bridgewater,	"
54	J. Newton Mack,	" Counsellor,	do.	"
55	Rev. W. L. Savage,	" Lecturer,	Mill Village, Q. C.	"
56	Rev. A. L. Peterson,	P. D.,	Elgin,	Ontario.
57	Rev. Simeon Sykes,	P. D.,	Tamworth,	"
58	John E. Whitford,	Co. Rep.,	Pleasant River,	N. S.
59	Alexandra A. Gowan,	W. G. Rep.,	Chester,	"
60	Rev. Thomas Smith,		do.	"
			Barrington,	"

3.—VISITORS.

No.	Name.	Lodge.	No.	Address.	Province.
1	Carrie A. Moreland,	Christmas,	16	Milton, Q. C.,	N. S.
2	Sophia A. Cook,	"	16	"	"
3	Joseph H. Cook,	"	16	"	"
4	Lucy Freeman,	"	16	"	"
5	Experience Freeman,	"	16	"	"
6	Mary J. Nickerson,	"	16	"	"
7	Mrs. J. T. Freeman,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
8	Nettie Freeman,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
9	Celia Freeman,	"	16	"	"
10	Sarah Amis,	"	16	"	"
11	Amy E. Freeman,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
12	Effie Freeman,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
13	Ada Brown,	"	16	"	"
14	Hannah Smith,	"	16	"	"
15	Elizabeth A. Freeman,	"	16	"	"
16	Cyrus McLeod,	"	16	"	"
17	Mary Freeman,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
18	George McLeod,	Livingstone,	116	Kempt,	"
19	Augustus F. McLeod,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
20	Jane Gardner,	"	79	"	"
21	Elvina Gardner,	"	79	"	"
22	Rev. F. H. W. Pickles,	"	79	"	"
23	Josephine Gomes,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
24	Theresa G. Freeman,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
25	Elen McLeod,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
26	Mary E. Freeman,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
27	Margie A. Ellis,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
28	Isilda Ellis,	"	16	"	"
29	Leticia Freeman,	"	16	"	"
30	Ann A. Phillips,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
31	Martha Fraser,	"	15	"	"
32	Sarah Smith,	"	15	"	"
33	Mary E. Hewitt,	"	15	"	"
34	Lydia Cole,	"	15	"	"
35	Harriet Coombs,	"	15	"	"
36	Adelaide Nickerson,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
37	Mary E. Morine,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
38	Amorene Morine,	Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"
39	Sarah Eaton,	"	17	"	"
40	Susan Richardson,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
41	Matilda Faulkner,	"	15	"	"
42	Mary E. Crowell,	Gowan,	15	Turo,	"
43	Leticia Hewitt,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
44	Bella B. Dodge,	"	15	"	"
45	Sarah McLeod,	Paradise,	85	Paradise,	"
46	Perie Tupper,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
47	Emma Andrews,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
48	Lucy A. Freeman,	Rose of Sharon,	14	Bridgewater,	"
49	Triphene Tupper,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
50	Abigail Foster,	"	16	"	"
		Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"

VISITORS—CONTINUED.

Province.	No.	Name.	Lodge.	No.	Address.	Province.
N. S.	51	Thomas Fraser,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	N. S.
"	52	Zobeth Freeman,	"	16	"	"
"	53	Abner Tracey,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	54	Rev. A. H. Munro,	"	15	"	"
"	55	John B. Bennett,	Howard,	289	Halfax,	"
"	56	John P. Smith,	Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"
"	57	William S. Hillman,	Mechanics,	95	Caledonia,	"
"	58	Robie J. Gardner,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	59	A. M. Henson,	"	15	"	"
Ontario.	60	J. W. Cobb,	"	15	"	"
N. S.	61	Jabey Freeman,	"	15	"	"
"	62	Amelia Foster,	Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"
"	63	Lavinia Bent,	Rose of Sharon,	14	Bridgewater,	"
"	64	S. L. Freeman,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	65	Curtis Kempton,	Central,	174	Middlefield,	"
"	66	Allen Morton,	"	174	"	"
"	67	Simeon Waterman,	"	174	"	"
"	68	John E. Condon,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
"	69	Edward H. Freeman,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	70	Nelson T. N. Lee,	"	16	"	"
"	71	A. J. Ford,	"	16	"	"
"	72	A. J. McLeod,	"	16	"	"
"	73	Jennie Clancy,	Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"
"	74	Gilbert Kempton,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	75	Joseph P. Freeman,	"	19	"	"
"	76	Theodore Ford,	Brooklyn,	79	"	"
"	77	Rev. W. H. Beckwith,	Hebron,	89	Yarmouth,	"
"	78	Anson M. Harummett,	Livingstone,	116	Kempt, Q. C.	"
"	79	Nathan T. Waterman,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	80	Freeman T. Whitman,	"	16	"	"
"	81	Everard Ethrington,	"	16	"	"
"	82	William Gomes,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
"	83	John Amis,	"	79	"	"
"	84	Mary E. Gardner,	"	79	"	"
"	85	Thomas Amis,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	86	Simeon F. Brown,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	87	Robert L. Gardner,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
"	88	James W. Wentzel,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	89	William Anderson,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	90	Rev. Charles Duff,	Brooklyn,	79	Brooklyn,	"
"	91	Eliza DeWolf,	"	79	"	"
"	92	Sophia E. Payle,	Hand of Friendship,	304	Vogler's Cove,	"
"	93	Alma A. Morton,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	94	Herbert H. Read, M. D.	Prince of Wales,	8	Windsor,	"
"	95	Mary E. Lloyd,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	96	William E. Harrington,	Peaceful Home,	86	Sable River,	"
"	97	William H. Dunlap,	"	86	"	"
"	98	William K. Calder,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
"	99	T. B. Simonson,	Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"
"	100	Wm. McPherson,	"	17	"	"
"	101	Charles W. Winney,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	102	Elijah Minard,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
"	103	Essie A. Freeman,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	104	Margaret R. DeMolitor,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
"	105	Louis DeMolitor,	"	18	"	"
"	106	Spencer Cohoon,	Royal Standard,	17	Port Medway,	"
"	107	Edward W. Kempton,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	108	Ellie V. Parker,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	109	Enos Kempton,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	110	S. B. Chisholm,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	111	Wellington Grimes,	Central,	174	Middlefield,	"
"	112	Cecelia Allen,	Peaceful Home,	86	Sable River,	"
"	113	Cynthia Jaynes,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	114	Emma Armstrong,	Hand of Friendship,	204	Vogler's Cove,	"
"	115	Colin Ellis,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"
"	116	William Hayes,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
"	117	Daniel McWilliams,	"	18	"	"
"	118	Rev. Robert Wasson,	N. S. Standard,	110	Port Mouton,	"
"	119	Mary Fride,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
"	120	Sarah V. Smith,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"

VISITORS—CONTINUED.

No.	Name.	Lodge.	No.	Address.	Province.
121	George Mack,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	N. B.
122	Mary J. DeMottor,	"	18	"	"
123	Lydia Ullman,	Mechanics,	95	Caledonia,	"
124	Ellen J. Ryan,	Olive Branch,	15	Liverpool,	"
125	R. W. Flaherty,	Philanthropy,	18	Mill Village,	"
126	Alfred Mitchell,	"	18	"	"
127	C. W. Ford,	Christmas,	16	Milton,	"

On motion of Bro. E. N. Sharp, seconded by Bro. H. B. Teakles—

6. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Vice be commissioned to obligate in the ante-room the members of the Order otherwise duly entitled to admission to this M. W. G. Lodge.

On motion of Bro. J. N. Freeman, seconded by Bro McNeill—

7. *Resolved*, That the Committees be nominated by the M. W. G. Chief, subject to the approval of the M. W. G. Lodge.

It was moved by Bro. J. N. Freeman, seconded by Bro. McNeill—

That hereafter the M. W. G. Chief wear his hat whilst presiding.

It was moved in amendment by Bro. Sharp, seconded by Bro. Stewart, and

8. *Resolved*, That the further consideration of this subject be deferred till the afternoon of Monday next.

The following Committees were appointed, either at this time in the proceedings, or subsequently, as hereinafter provided for:—

ON JUVENILE LODGES.

Sister A. R. Sharp, N. B.,

" I. Flemming, N. S.,

" C. W. Cobb, N. S.,

Brother J. Scott, Ontario,

" J. F. L. Parsons, N. S.

ON MEMORIALS.

Brother W. A. Porter, N. S.,

" J. W. Falconer, P. E. I.,

" J. S. Wetmore, N. B.

ON MAKING LODGES MORE ENTERTAINING, &c.

Sister S. McKeen, C. B.,

" I. Flemming, N. S.,

Brother J. F. L. Parsons, N. S.,

" P. H. Stewart, Ontario,

" T. W. Musgrove, N. B.

Province.
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ON CORRESPONDENCE.

- Brother J. H. R. Fayle, N. S.,
- " J. C. Giddy, P. E. I.,
- " C. E. Knapp, N. B.

ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

- Brother J. S. McDonald, N. S.,
- " J. Bowyer, P. E. I.,
- " G. W. Freeman, N. S.,
- " E. N. Sharp, N. B.,
- " R. McNeill, P. E. I.

ON APPEALS.

- Brother E. N. Sharp, N. B.,
- " J. J. Williams, Ontario,
- " J. W. Falconer, P. E. I.

ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

- Brother A. M. Phillips, Ontario,
- " W. H. Rogers, N. S.,
- " T. W. Muegrove, N. B.,
- " R. McNeill, P. E. I.,
- " J. N. Freeman, N. S.,
- " John P. Bell, N. B.,
- " J. Fitzgerald, N. S.

ON REGALLA.

- Brother P. H. Stewart, Ontario,
- " R. McNeill, P. E. I.,
- " W. R. Wentzel, N. S.,
- Sister C. E. Mitchell, N. S.,
- " I. Flemming, N. S.

ON PRIMARY RITUALS.

- Brother L. S. Ford, N. S.,
- " J. H. R. Fayle, N. S.,
- " S. McCready, N. B.,
- " A. M. Phillips, Ontario,
- " J. Scott, Ontario.

ON DEGREE AND HIGHER RITUALS.

- Brother W. Imlah, N. S.,
- " P. H. Stewart, Ontario,
- " D. Fraser, N. S.,
- " C. E. Church, N. S.,
- " F. A. Lawrence, N. S.

STANDING COMMITTEE TO ALLOT PRIZES.

- Brother W. Savage, Ontario,
- " J. Scott, "
- " H. B. Mitchell, N. S.,
- " E. N. Sharp, N. B.,
- " J. Elder, N. S.

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

- Brother W. Savage, Ontario,
- " J. Elder, N. S.,
- " J. J. Williams, Ontario,
- " S. McCready, N. B.,
- " C. E. Knapp, N. B.

ON INCORPORATION.

Brother C. E. Knapp, N. B.,
 " F. A. Lawrence, N. S.,
 " A. L. Peterson, Ontario,
 " J. W. Falconer, P. E. I.,
 " W. Savage, Ontario.

ON PASSWORDS, &c.

Brother E. N. Sharp, N. B.,
 " W. H. Rogers, N. S.,
 " P. H. Stewart, Ontario.

On motion of Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. Knapp—

9. *Resolved*, That two Committees be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Lodge—one on the revision of the Primary Lodge Ritual, and another on the Degree Ritual and the making of Rituals for the higher bodies.

On motion—

10. *Resolved*, That the first subject in the order of business for Monday next, be the consideration, in Committee of the whole, of the Unwritten Work of the Order.

The Most Worthy Grand Chief here presented the following

REPORT:

LIVERPOOL, N. S., August 10th, 1867.

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the Order of British Templars:—

MOST WORTHY SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—It is with pleasure I hail to-day the assembled wisdom of the now united body of British Templars. This is an auspicious occasion. After the sieges and battles we have had in our beloved Templarism, has come a period of calm and quietness, which I trust will long continue unbroken and unalloyed. We meet again as friends and brethren, representing the great family of British Templarism, come together to cement more strongly the Christian bond of union, and to practice and inculcate our cardinal principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. We must expect that in our deliberations differences may arise, and opinions sometimes conflict, but in such cases let charity govern, and moderation and a spirit of forbearance guide us, so that our business may be transacted in such a manner as shall prove to the best interests of our Order and the cause we advocate, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. Let no bickering or jealousy be allowed to creep in, to again sever and divide us, but let brotherly love prevail, remembering "how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and that in the Degree under which this Lodge works—that of Royal Virtue—love is the chief duty inculcated—love to God, who rules and governs all things, to whom we owe life, health, strength, and every blessing we enjoy, who demands our constant service, and who has told us, "Love is the fulfilling of the law," and that "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." If we act on this royal and ennobling principle of love, everything will work right, and all be benefited. (Possibly some of our younger brothers and sisters will be applying this instruction somewhat differently, and that other harmonious and happy unions may be thought of, to be hereafter more fully consummated, as have already resulted from previous Templar gatherings.)

I will in this Report first refer to

OUR PAST PROGRESS.

The growth of British Templarism, especially in the Lower Provinces, has been very remarkable, and almost without a parallel in history. Established, as the British American Order of Good Templars, in Canada West, in the year 1858, with but a small beginning, we find in 1864 that 357 Primary Lodges were enrolled, with a membership of some 8,000. During that year, the Order was introduced into Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

In the first of these Provinces it prospered well, until the unfortunate schism rent and destroyed much of its vitality, heightened further by financial difficulties, arising through some unfaithful Grand Lodge Officers, seriously crippling the Order there, and reducing it to a low ebb, from which it is but commencing to recover, under more judicious guardians of its finances, and has again to work its way upward to its former position.

In New Brunswick, during the year 1864, some 16 Primary Lodges and a Provincial Grand Lodge were organized. They increased during 1865 to 63 Primary Lodges; and at their last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in 1866, 84 Lodges, with a membership of some 3,500, were reported, which, their Provincial Grand Secretary has recently informed me, have been increased to 129 Lodges, and probably upwards of 5000 members—a gain of over 60 per cent. in a little more than half a year. This speaks well for New Brunswick, where our Order has from the beginning pursued the even tenor of its way without faltering, and where, I trust, still higher triumphs shall mark its onward course.

To Nova Scotia, next in order, I have to allude with both pain and pleasure. The first Lodge was here organized November 14th, 1864, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was instituted December 12th, the same year, with twelve Primary Lodges in operation. Up to March, 1865, this number had increased to 32, and in October the same year, to 81 Primary Lodges. At this time the differences of opinion as to Supreme Lodge jurisdiction culminated, and the Order separated into two Grand Lodges—the British, with 15, and the British American, with 66 Primary Lodges to sustain them. In July, 1866, the former reported 56 Lodges and 3,575 members, and in October of the same year the latter counted 140 Lodges and nearly 9,000 members. Much bitterness of feeling, envy and jealousy existed between the two bodies, yet each prospered exceedingly, while much desire that the existing differences should be settled was becoming apparent. After the "Basis of Union" was agreed upon at St. John, and Union Passwords adopted, a better era dawned; each Grand Lodge worked on in its own course, but the war ceased to rage—Lodges and members harmonized and commingled together, and the efforts now put forth were to subdue the foe Intemperance, and strengthen the bond of sympathy and co-operation between the two bodies. All appeared to feel that the terms of Union agreed upon were perfectly honorable to all parties, and would place our common Templarism on a footing never before attained, and one ardently to be desired. Many of you are aware of the rejoicing on all sides when, in Wolfville, at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 4th day of July, 1867, the two Grand Lodges came together as *one*, elected their Officers, and united their forces, comprising the large total of some 250 Primary Lodges, with a membership of 16,000. Of this Nova Scotia may well be proud, and we trust the zenith is not yet reached, but that still greater success, larger triumphs, and higher rewards may be in store for and crown the labors of Nova Scotian Templars.

Our Order has also extended itself to the Island of Newfoundland, where three Primary Lodges have been formed, in answer to the efforts of Brothers Dr. McNeill and Rev. James Howell; and this Most Worthy Grand Lodge will be asked to adopt a Resolution passed at the last session of the Supreme Grand Lodge, providing, to meet the peculiar circumstances of Newfoundland, in having no division by Counties, and but a thin, scattered population, that a Pro-

vincial Grand Lodge be there formed as soon as five Primary Lodges are in operation. The Lodges now working pay their capitation taxes direct to the Most Worthy Secretary, as provided by Constitution, until their Provincial Grand Lodge is duly organized.

Also to the Isle of Bermuda has our beneficent Order found its way, and through the zeal of Brother the Rev. William Ryan, late of Prince Edward Island, Primary Lodges are there now in vigorous operation. The taxes of those Lodges are now being paid to the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge; and it rests with this Most Worthy Lodge to decide whether provision shall be made to form a Grand Lodge there, suited to the peculiar circumstances, or allow the Island Lodges to remain, as at present, in connection with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, under whose jurisdiction they were formed.

You will be pleased to learn that a Rescript has been recently issued over the seal of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, to Brother George N. Cunnebell, Esq., appointing him as a Most Worthy Grand Special Deputy of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge, to introduce our Order into Australia, Van Diemen's Land, New Zealand, and other parts of the British possessions of Australasia, with full power to act therein for the benefit of our Order in those lands. Brother Cunnebell has been a resident of New Zealand for sixteen years, comes highly recommended, and has previously had a similar authority from the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America; but he found that organization would not become popular on account of its not being a British institution, and he now turns his attention to our Order, as something that will meet the wants of those distant lands. To New Brunswick* belongs the honor of effecting this arrangement; and the signing of this Diploma was delayed for several months at my office, awaiting the reception of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge Seal, and the more full ratification of the provisions of the Union Basis, in order that it might be issued from the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, instead of the W. S. G. L. May we not confidently expect a course of success for our Order in Australasia, commensurate with its true merits and British jurisdiction?

Brother the Rev. James Howell, having held a Commission as M. W. Grand Special Deputy for Newfoundland, and having returned the same to my office, your Executive Officers have issued a Rescript to Brother James Murray, appointing him to the same position.

We have also sent a similar document to Brother the Rev. William Ryan, appointing him a M. W. G. Special Deputy for the Island of Bermuda.

Canada East (now Quebec) has not yet been alluded to, from the fact that the Order there has always heretofore taken strange positions, and never arrived at much growth; yet it is to be hoped that it will consult its own interests, by coming in under the terms offered, as part of this M. W. G. Lodge, and increase its labors and membership commensurate with the work to be accomplished.

OUR PRESENT POSITION.

From what has been detailed, you will see that our present position is a highly honorable one, as well as one of great responsibility. We have met here to legislate for many thousands of men and women enrolled as British Templars. May we all feel the responsibility of our position, and endeavor to legislate wisely and cautiously, giving our best attention to the work before us, avoiding as much as possible frivolity and aught that would distract our minds, as it is imperative upon us to perfect our Order in many respects. An important consideration also to bear in mind is this—that great as has been the success of our Order hitherto, appearances would indicate that British Templarism has but just entered on its course of usefulness; and I predict that with prudence, faithful watching and guidance, its future career must be upward and onward, until a renown is achieved for British Templarism undreamed of by its founders; and may our present M. W. Secretary—probably the parent of our Order—live to see all, and more than all I can predict, verified.

* St. John Lodge, No. 2, in particular.—M. W. G. S.

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Another thought that should add, if possible, more wisdom to our counsels, is this, that we shall be enacting laws and revising formularies to affect many thousands of British residents, and may thereby render our Order a blessing to multitudes who will flock into it; or it may prove a cause of future dissension and trouble, and of great hindrance to the cause of Temperance. May the all-wise God watch over us here, and add His blessing, that our labors may redound to His praise and the well-being of our fellow-men. I have said that our present position is an honorable one, and that our course appears to be but beginning. Our Order has hitherto been marked by great progress and advancement, despite all its ups and downs, its chequered career. This Most Worthy Grand Lodge now comprises four Provincial Grand Lodges, viz., those of Canada West (Ontario), Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, including probably over 25,000 members. The B. A. Grand Lodges of Canada West and Canada East (or Ontario and Quebec) alone remain aloof and independent. The former, though with a very large number of Lodges on the list, has, I am made to believe, lost much of its former vitality, and the number of Lodges in active and successful operation is very much below the number claimed. This declension is largely due to not having a higher body to look up to, to direct and govern its movements, and the necessity of which is generally acknowledged. Indeed all the antecedents of human nature point to this only successful mode of governing Orders as well as nations. Union gives strength; and wherever we see societies, of whatever nature, remaining apart and alone, without consolidation, without union and co-operation for advice and regulation, such are sure to fade away and die. They may flourish for a short season, but such appears to be their certain fate. The very small attendance at the last two B. A. Grand Lodge sessions of Canada West, shows clearly that apathy and indifference too largely prevail; while at the last session, where but 16 Primary Lodges sent Representatives, many of the leading spirits of the Order then present left to unite under this Most Worthy Grand Lodge (some of whom we have present with us to-day), having left behind them a protest against the action of those remaining aloof, and thus crippling and injuring their Order.

I would urge upon this Most Worthy Grand Lodge the necessity of devising some way of appealing to the Grand Lodge in question, suggesting that a deputation from this body be chosen from members of the late B. A. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to attend their next G. L. Session, and press home the matter upon their attention. Likewise that some steps be taken in reference to inducing the Grand Lodge of Canada East (Quebec) also, to unite with us, that our union may be complete and full.

I would also suggest the advisability of appointing a Committee to make enquiry and ascertain whether arrangements cannot be made to bring into our organization the Independent Order of Good Templars of the British Provinces. We are one in aim and object, and the difference between the two Orders is but slight. Their pledges are binding for life—ours (except the one of secrecy) only during membership. They have no Juvenile or County Lodges, while in our Order these have proved of great efficiency.

British Templarism, to my mind, appears much the best suited to our Provincial wants and British character; and if for no other reasons, how much better for British subjects to be working together in an institution wholly their own, which trouble with other nations cannot break in upon; and where sentiments of patriotism and loyalty to our Queen and Country can be freely indulged in, without fear of giving offence to any.

I feel much respect and admiration for the Independent Order of Good Templars, which is doing a most noble work in the neighboring Republic, and I heartily wish them God-speed in their labors of love, whilst I trust ere long we shall be sending at every annual session each to the other delegations of friendliness and consultation; yet as in the United States *they* would not be

willing to accept British Temperance Institutions, believing their own more adapted to their peculiar wants, &c., so I believe it to be perfectly right, whilst cherishing the utmost regard for, confidence in, and the best of good feeling towards American Temperance organizations, to uphold and give preference to those of a British character, and whose funds are more nearly allied to our national feelings and instincts, and whose funds are more nearly allied to our wholly by ourselves; therefore I think, without intending the slightest offence to the Independent Good Templars of the United States, if a union can be effected with the Templars of that Order situate in British America, by granting to their Lodges the Charter, Stock, &c., required from our Order, *gratis*, and by admitting them to all our privileges on equal terms—if this can be accomplished, it would, without doubt, prove vastly advantageous to the cause of Temperance, and also tend much to the consolidation of British interests and British connection. In Prince Edward Island, where the subject has already been mooted to members of the Independent Order, a willingness to unite was expressed, provided the other Grand Lodges of the Provinces do the same—the only stipulation asked for being that our pledge should be made a life one.

Brethren, I regard these Union subjects as of large importance. Please let them have your earnest and serious consideration.

OUR FUTURE.

Of our future prospects what shall I say? During the past nine years our Order has spread most wonderfully through both the Canadas, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, and also been introduced into the Islands of Newfoundland and Bermuda. But what a range yet remains for it to occupy! With its present adaptability to all British countries, what may we not expect from its future? We love the name "BRITISH TEMPLAR." There is something in the word "*British*" that causes our blood to tingle, and a feeling of patriotism and enthusiasm to pervade every loyal breast, and a sense of duty to emanate from that nation; and we are stirred with the desire of following in their footsteps and earning a similar fame. An insult to the British flag is felt the world over; and what cry would call more men into the field of battle, than that an attempt was being made to hurl from her throne Britain's true-hearted Briton and British subject would rush to take up arms in defence of their country and their Queen, and thousands perform deeds of daring and bravery undreamed of even by themselves!

The loyal, patriotic, moral, benevolent, and religious character of our Order—its nice adjustment of Juvenile, Primary, County, Provincial, and Most Worthy Grand Lodges—its system of Degrees, offering advancement to the membership the female element—its signs, grips, and means of knowing each other wherever Templars may meet—and its fraternal bonds of "Faith, Hope, and Charity"—combining and linking each to the other—all cause it to rise into high estimation wherever introduced, and to take a deep hold on the affections of its members. Whenever we view the British Coat of Arms emblazoned as our escutcheon and emblem of our Order, and see it surmounted with our name, "*British Templar*," every loyal British subject must feel a degree of pride and pleasure at being connected with such an Institution, fostering as it does his loyalty to the mother country, and making all feel that, as Britons, we are supporting an Institution having the full control of all its funds, ceremonies, &c., among ourselves, and is what we have a just right to be proud of. I trust and pray that our noble Order may ever remain under its present name, in active operation and efficiency, going forth "*conquering and to conquer*," until its ramifications shall o'erspread every part of the British posses-

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With the wedge of Templarism entered at Bermuda, what is to hinder its extending throughout the West Indian Islands? With a special Deputy of our Order in New Zealand, why shall it not soon overspread all those vast continental Islands comprising Australasia—why shall it not be extended to British Columbia and Vancouver Island—and why not to England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales? The answer rests with ourselves. The Order itself possesses everything to fit and render it attractive to the virtuous and the philanthropic of all these countries. *British Templars of America, it rests with you to will, and it shall be accomplished.* Let our motto be, Work—Work—WORK—a ceaseless opposition to our enemy, King Alcohol, and a constant perseverance in pressing forward and extending the limits of our Order.

This Lodge is the great head to direct the movements and allot out the work to be performed; the various other branches of our Order will be quite ready, to the extent of their ability, to assist in carrying them out. It is true the sum now paid in for the support of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge is but small, and it would not be wise probably to increase it; yet as our Order keeps extending, so will our funds keep increasing, and thus the power of extended usefulness will be given. Brothers and Sisters, would it not be a noble thing for this Most Worthy Grand Lodge to send home to Old England one of its members, with full powers there to establish British Templarism?

It is true it appears at present to be for us quite an expensive mission, but cannot you view in prospective the results? Think of them. A Deputy going home to Britain fully equipped with an ample supply of all the necessary Charters and other Stock pertaining to our Order—with all the testimonials and letters of introduction our Order could furnish to him—could scarcely fail to be successful.

You are aware that America has been in advance of the old country in the temperance work; but that now the public mind of the latter is becoming alive to the subject, and through the "United Kingdom Alliance," and other Societies, a great work is being accomplished. The Sons of Temperance are also established there, and doing something; but it strikes me very forcibly that it may have been left for our own beneficent Order of Templarism to instil temperance principles generally throughout the British Isles, and there to perfect the Temperance reformation. There is much in the British character that clings to home and their own institutions. They love to cherish principles and societies emanating from themselves, or embodying British sentiments and British connection, and I believe our Order would take a strong hold on the affections of the British people. Its small expense would recommend it to the working classes, who have little to spare above the daily expenses of their families; the introduction of much of the Masonic element will recommend it to many others; while the noble, patriotic and philanthropic sentiments contained in our Constitution, ceremonies, and private workings, must commend themselves to multitudes of the active, benevolent spirits who love to work for the benefit of their fellow-men. Sisters and brothers, shall we make the effort to plant our standard in Old England before this Most Worthy Grand Lodge meets again? I leave the subject with you, hoping that some of the Committees will report thereon, and devise the ways and means by which it can be accomplished. If we can take the necessary steps to extend our Order, I believe but few years will elapse before we may count its membership by hundreds of thousands, and British Templarism be the leading Temperance Institution of the world, as Britain has been and is the leading nation of the earth, in civilization, progression and science.

Am I too sanguine? Perhaps so; but I had much rather be thus, than to be

always looking at the dark side of the picture; and though in the future, I see no just grounds why all those brilliant anticipations may not be realized. At any rate, let us use our best endeavors for the advancement of our cause, by laboring earnestly and faithfully together, adding thereto fervent prayer and trust in Omnipotence, and more than all we can ask or pray for may be granted us.

JUVENILE LODGES.

This is a branch of our Order that has been very much neglected, and is one of a very important character. We are told, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it;" also, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined," teaching that it is proper to store the youthful mind with such knowledge as is desired to guide him best through the journey of life. Most of the causes that have operated hitherto against the increase of Juvenile Lodges, are now removed; and in connection with every Primary Lodge of our Order should be formed, as speedily as possible, an active and efficient Lodge of Juveniles. A new Ritual, with very beautiful ceremonies, has been adopted, and the way is clear for this branch of our Order to advance rapidly, and be productive of important results. The land is full of children ready to receive instruction in the principles of total abstinence; and as an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so it is far easier to instil temperance sentiments in the youthful breast, than to reform the fast young man, after the fatal appetite for intoxicating liquors has once been formed. In some of the Juvenile Lodges visited, I have been astonished at the orderly and interesting manner in which their business was disposed of, and have seen a large public assemblage pay an admittance fee, and be exceedingly well pleased with an evening's entertainment given and conducted solely by the members and adult officers of a Juvenile Lodge. Some suppose no necessity exists for indoctrinating young girls in total abstinence, as in this country we feel not the effects of female intemperance. But this granted, are we not aware that very many young men are led to falsify their temperance pledges through the scoffs and ridicule of young ladies, who think not of the consequences; and as our Order has very justly acknowledged woman's influence, and accorded to her full privileges, so it is very important that not only the boys, but also the girls, should early form a sound temperance sentiment, which afterwards it will be very hard to shake or lessen? Therefore, by all means educate the youth of both sexes, in Juvenile Lodges, that, growing up, they may pass in due course into the Primary Lodges, fully acquainted with the rules, and enabled at once to take their proper position, and aid in working and improving the same. The expenses in connection are very small, and I would suggest to our Most Worthy Grand Financier to recommend to this Most Worthy Grand Lodge that the capitation tax—if any be exacted of them—be very light, and be paid into their respective Grand Lodges (as they send representatives to those bodies, but not to this), while the charges for Charter and other Stock go as usual into the M. W. Grand Lodge funds. The chief difficulty in keeping up Juvenile Lodges consists in finding suitable persons to act as Guardian, take charge of them, and persevere in sustaining their interest. Persons with patience and discretion, who possess a tact of dealing with children, and who tire not in the good work, are required, and with such brothers and sisters in charge, their success is certain.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

Every enterprise of the present day that seeks to prosper, calls into active exercise the use of the Press, and we find in temperance matters this is equally necessary. We must sustain able temperance newspapers, to aid us in communicating with each other, and in forwarding the cause we have in hand. The *British Templar* is published by our esteemed M. W. G. Secretary, and founder of our Order, the Rev. James Scott, monthly, at a very low price. Let

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this be adopted as the official organ of this Lodge, and give it such a subscription list as shall enable the proprietor to issue it at least semi-monthly, and also raise its excellence to the standard our Order deserves. Each P. Grand Lodge might also have its own local paper, and it well supported; but at present I know of none other in our Order than the *Temperance Watchman*, published weekly by Bro. Wm. McNab, at Halifax, N. S. This promises to be a highly useful paper to our Order; and in the absence of others of their own, the G. L. jurisdictions of the other Provinces might well grant it their support, when doubtless arrangements could easily be effected to have inserted any required official communications. The price is \$1.00 a year, with large deduction to clubs. Brethren, support the Temperance Press. We cannot do without it, neither can we expect those who take no interest in the cause to maintain it, therefore the matter rests with us. If our cause is worth advocating, and worthy of our attention, we must contribute of our means to sustain it; and surely in every family containing British Templars, some periodical will be taken that advocates its interests, and I trust all will see it their duty to do so.

Temperance Literature also is needed. Our country is flooded with books, but how few of them are on the subject of Temperance, and how many thousands of them are daily perused whose influence tends contrariwise! This is all wrong, and it rests with the friends of temperance to right it. Not long since I asked a Temperance Lecturer of this Province why he did not carry Temperance works for sale, and his answer was, "They are not obtainable in the Province." In the United States and in England this is better attended to, and hundreds of valuable works are produced and disposed of, much to the advantage of the cause. A Temperance Publication House has been established in the city of New York, where large numbers of Temperance works are printed and sold. Any person paying in the sum of \$20, becomes a Life Member, and \$100 a Life Director, and then has the privilege of purchasing any of the works of the Society at cost of publication, and if a Director, a voice in the management of the Society. I would suggest whether this M. W. G. Lodge had not better constitute one of its Officers a member or Director, and then procure a supply of suitable works, and have them for sale by the M. W. Secretary; and P. Grand Lodges could also obtain supplies thereof for their several jurisdictions, and thus the good work be forwarded.

A number of lectures by the celebrated Gough, bound in one volume, are now being disposed of throughout our jurisdiction, and doubtless will be read with avidity and good effect.

OPPOSITION PAMPHLET.

I have recently had brought to my notice a pamphlet issued by the G. W. Secretary of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Nova Scotia, purporting to review some statements published in the *Temperance Watchman*, relative to the first formation of our Order—then the B. A. O. of G. Templars. I much regretted the style in which this review is written—vilification and abuse abounding throughout its scanty pages, for lack of argument—and its chief effect must be to cast obloquy and reproach upon the party in Halifax who has thus seen fit to come before the public and attempt to injure an Order which is doing so great and beneficial a work as is British Templarism. It is but fair to state that one-half of said Review is copied from some pamphlet formerly published in Canada, and partaking of a somewhat similar style and tone.

CIRCULAR.

As soon as our recent union was fully effected and ratified, I issued a Circular to the whole Order, on various subjects connected therewith, which doubtless the most of you have seen, and to which, I think, no exception will be taken. From the time of my election to this office of M. W. C. T., I had this

in contemplation, and was prevented only by the union not being effected as soon as was expected.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

At this session it is understood that our Constitution is to be revised, and this has of course become absolutely necessary. I trust that the changes recommended by the Committee who have this in hand will not be too sweeping, but where alterations and improvements have been generally thought necessary, there such be made, while its present completeness as a whole be not interfered with, as, thus considered, it is generally liked throughout the whole Order.

CEREMONIES AND SERVICES.

I have always thought it would be well to have Opening and Closing Ceremonies for our Degree Lodges; and on perusing those which have been adopted by the hitherto British American body, I think them very appropriate, and would recommend them to the Committee on Ceremonies, as worthy of adoption for the Order. It may also be thought necessary to adopt separate services for the County, Provincial, and this Most Worthy Grand Lodge.

The Funeral and Dedication Services also of our Order should be bound up together in one suitable book; and in this form would meet with a very general demand, as they are at present much enquired for. Our Rituals too should all be bound with suitable covers, and the style of binding and getting up of all our Formularies, &c., much improved, as befitting the respectability of our Order.

TAXES.

There have been some complaints made in our Order as to the amount of capitation taxes paid by the Primary Lodges, and a desire expressed to have them reduced; but while the whole tax paid to County, Provincial, and Most Worthy Lodges, is but five cents per member quarterly, as at present, I think such a movement unwise and injudicious. Unless the higher Lodges have some funds to work with, it were useless for them to meet; their labors would pass for naught.

By this Most Worthy Lodge, a sufficient supply of stock for the whole Order must be kept up—expenses connected with the spread of the Order met—salary of Secretary, and travelling expenses of its Officers—with many other items necessary in keeping the machinery of this branch of our Order in motion—all to be paid out of one cent quarterly on our membership, a tax which is small, and too small, but perhaps not well to be added to. Then the P. Grand Lodges of our Order incur heavy expenses in keeping Lecturers in the field, in payment of Secretaries, travelling expenses of Officers and frequently Representatives, printing journals, furnishing *gratis* to the Lodges their Quarterly Return Sheets, postage, stationery, &c.—and they should always, if possible, have on hand a reserve fund—so that three cents quarterly on their membership is found none too large. The one cent quarterly tax to the County Lodge is doubtless small, as the County membership is not generally very great; yet the expenses connected therewith are also light, and when the employment of a County Lecturer, or a like object, is contemplated, a special fund to meet the expense thereof must be made up by the Lodges.

DECISIONS GIVEN.

During the past official year of my office, I have frequently been appealed to for decisions on various constitutional and other points and questions relating to our Order, all of which I have endeavored to give in accordance with the laws and usages hitherto governing us, and as strict and impartial justice would dictate. The most of those have been on points apparently so plain, that it will be unnecessary to state them here, and I will merely mention a few

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of the more important ones, to allow this M. W. G. Lodge to express its opinion thereon, and approve (or otherwise) of my ruling in the cases here submitted.

1. I was applied to for a Dispensation to retain in office a brother who had violated his pledge.

My ruling was, that it could not be done.

2. Whether a member, having resigned his connection with the Order, still retained all the Degrees he was formerly possessed of?

Answer.—Decidedly not. He must begin as a new member.

3. Asking whether special County Lodge meetings could be held; and if so, by what authority should they be convened?

Answer.—Yes; to be called by the County Lodge Executive, if they think it necessary, or are requested to do so by five Primary Lodges or Provincial Deputies. I would now add, or a majority of the Lodges or Deputies in the County.

4. Wishing a decision on the Cider question.

Answer.—Cider must not be used; its use involves violation of pledge.

5. Can a member who has violated his pledge, and been yet retained by his Lodge, also be reinstated in the Degrees?

Answer.—No; they must be re-earned.

6. Can Degrees be conferred upon persons under 18 years of age?

Answer.—Certainly not.

7. Does a Degree Templar act in same capacity as a Provincial Deputy, in the absence of the latter?

Answer.—Yes, wherever Degree Templars are recognized. (I also gave former ruling on this subject.)

8. Are clergymen entitled to the Degrees free of charge?

Answer.—Usage appears to have so established it, in continuation of a former rule to that effect.

9. The question has also been asked me, "Can the Degrees be conferred upon members of other Primary Lodges, without the consent of the Degree Lodge in connection therewith, or of the P. D. or D. T. thereof?"

Answer.—No; as this would cause confusion, and some be admitted to Degree membership who were not thought worthy by the Degree Lodge of their own Primary Lodge.

APOLOGY AND CONCLUSION.

This Report has extended itself to far greater length than I expected when I commenced it, and I fear I have wearied out all your patience; but so many subjects presented themselves, on which it appeared necessary to dwell, and which I did not wish to pass over, that you must try and pardon my prolixity.

In conclusion, I indulge the fervent hope that all our meetings will be characterized by the utmost feeling of harmony and good-will; that the glorious principles of Faith, Hope and Charity may be brought into full and lively exercise, and that we may part, all feeling benefitted—that it has been good for us to be here—and that we have done our duty, and placed our Order in a position to advance more rapidly than it has ever yet done.

Some little trouble has been anticipated by many in reference to the differences of opinion existing as to the term of office of the present M. W. G. Lodge Officers, and a promise I had made at Wolfville to resign my office of M. W. G. C. T. at this time (which I am fully prepared to fulfil); but I think I am in a position to state, from conversation had with the leading members present, that no trouble of the kind need be entertained, but that after the Constitution has been revised and adopted by this M. W. G. Lodge, all parties will be prepared to comply with the provisions thereof.

Respectfully submitted, in F., H. and C.

H. BETHUNE MITCHELL, M. W. G. C. T.

On motion—

11. *Resolved*, That the Report be handed over to the Committee on Officers' Reports.
The M. W. G. Lodge then adjourned, to meet again on Monday next, at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, August 12th, 1867.

The M. W. Lodge met at 9 o'clock, the M. W. G. Chief in the chair. The vacant chairs were filled as at the previous meeting. The Minutes of the preceding session were then read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Parsons, seconded by Bro. Bell—

12. *Resolved*, That we do now go into Committee of the whole on the Unwritten Work of the Order.
Bro. Rogers in the Chair of the Committee.

M. W. G. Chief resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the subject referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein, and he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted and leave granted.
The M. W. G. Lodge adjourned to meet at half-past one.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, August 12th, 1867.

The M. W. G. Chief took the Chair at the appointed time, and declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were then read and approved.

The Outer Guard having requested to be relieved for a short period, his place was filled by Bro. Teakles.

On motion—

13. *Resolved*, That the Hat question be taken up this afternoon, after the admission of the Representatives and Visitors in waiting.

It was moved by Bro. Freeman and seconded by Bro. Musgrove, as an amendment to the above—

That the Hat question be referred to the Committee on Regalia. Lost.

On motion—

14. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Chief do not wear his hat whilst presiding in this M. W. G. Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Rev. W. Savage, seconded by Bro. Rev. James Scott—

15. *Resolved*, That the next session of the M. W. G. Lodge be held in Toronto, Ontario.

An amendment in favor of Amherst, N. S., having been lost.

It was then moved by Bro. W. H. Rogers and seconded by Bro. W. A. Porter—

That this M. W. G. Lodge do now proceed to the election of Officers.

On motion of Bro. Savage, seconded by Bro. Knapp, in amendment to the preceding—

16. *Resolved*, That this question (election of Officers) lie over until the Committee on Constitution shall have reported.

On motion of Bro. Laurence, seconded by Bro. Savage—

17. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the subject of Incorporation of the "British Templars." (See List of Committees above.)

On motion of Bro. Laurence, seconded by Bro. Imlah—

18. *Resolved*, That a special Committee be appointed to prepare a new design for Charters, and form for Quarterly and Annual Return Sheets from the Juvenile, Primary, County, and Grand Lodges in the Order.

Ordered, That Bros. Rev. Wm. Savage, E. N. Sharp and Wm. Imlah do compose said Committee.

The Lodge then adjourned, to meet at the appointed hour to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, August 13th, 1867.

The M. W. G. Lodge was duly opened—Bro. H. B. Mitchell presiding. The following vacancies were thus filled, *pro tem.*:—Past Chief, Bro. Rev. W. Savage; Chaplain, Bro. E. N. Sharp; Inner Guard, Bro. D. Fraser.

After reading and confirmation of the Minutes, Brother Sharp presented the following:—

The Committee on Appeals to this M. W. G. Lodge beg to Report—That there was laid before the Committee the following Appeal of Bro. H. H. Read, against the action of the United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in reference to the appointment of the G. W. Past Chief of the United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:—

"I observe that in the list of Grand Lodge Officers, Bro. Freeman's name is inserted as Past Chief, and I am informed that this is done in accordance with a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge, at a session when I was not present.

"Now, as I do not believe any Grand Lodge has the power to pass a resolution like that, and moreover as our Grand Lodge was the Senior body, as it comprised more than twice as many members as that of the 'British Order,' and as our G. L. Officers were elected last, I believe that I should be the Past Chief of the United Grand Lodge.

"I now, therefore, beg leave to appeal to the M. W. G. Lodge against the said action of the Provincial Grand Lodge, as both unconstitutional and unjust; and I request you to lay this Appeal before the M. W. G. Lodge, at its ensuing session."

"Yours fraternally,

H. H. READ."

Having summoned witnesses and examined them, we find that the appointment of Bro. J. N. Freeman to the office of G. W. Past Chief of the United Grand Lodge was made (like that to all other G. L. offices) by election, and that the vote was by acclamation after nomination.

Now we take it that neither Bro. H. H. Read nor Bro. J. N. Freeman was ever G. W. Chief of the United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and hence neither of them could possibly become Past G. W. Chief of the same, except by special appointment or election; wherefore we conclude that the action of the United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in proceeding to elect a Past G. W. Chief, was not unconstitutional or unjust.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

EDWIN N. SHARP,

JOSHUA J. WILLIAMS,

J. W. FALCONER,

} Committee.

Committee Rooms of M. W. G. Lodge,
Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 18, 1867.

On motion of Bro. McNeill, seconded by Bro. McCreedy—

19. *Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

The M. W. G. Lodge having again resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Unwritten Work of the Order, the Chairman reported that they had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

On motion of Bro. Sharp—

20. *Resolved*, That Picture-taking be not allowed to interfere with the hours of meeting of this M. W. G. Lodge.

The Lodge then adjourned to meet again at half-past one o'clock.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, August 13th, 1867.

Bro. Mitchell took the Chair, and appointed, *pro tem.*, Bro. J. H. R. Fayle, M. W. G. Recorder, and Bro. T. B. Smith M. W. G. Marshal.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The Committee on Memorials presented the following Report :—

Your Committee on Memorials beg leave to state that no Papers being placed before us, our Report must consequently be short, and our duties as a Committee light.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

W. A. PORTER,

J. W. FALCONER,

JUSTUS S. WETMORE, } Committee.

Committee Room M. W. G. Lodge,
Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 13, 1867.

On motion—

21. *Resolved*, That the Report just read be adopted.

On motion of Bro. Sharp—

22. *Resolved*, That this M. W. G. Lodge hold a session this evening, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Moved by Bro. J. J. Williams, and seconded by Sister Mitchell—

That the M. W. G. Lecturer be paid the sum of ——— dollars per annum as a salary, to enable him to spend his time in the cause.

Moved in amendment—That this subject be laid over until to-morrow morning. Lost.

The question was then taken on the original motion, and decided in the negative also.

The following was then presented :—

COMMITTEE ROOM, Liverpool, N. S., August 13, 1867.

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge :—

Your Committee on Rituals for the higher grades of our Order beg leave to submit the following :

Your Committee are of opinion that the Order, in its present stage, requires a more perfect Ritual than any heretofore in use, and that the time during this session at the disposal of your Committee is insufficient to frame a Ritual, and would therefore recommend—

1st. That the M. W. G. Lodge appoint a special Committee, for the purpose of preparing, or causing to be prepared, suitable Degree Rituals for the use of the Order of British Templars, having forms for Opening, Closing, and Installation of Officers, adapted to the use of County and Provincial Grand Lodges, and also for the M. W. G. Lodge.

2d. That this Committee have power granted to it by the M. W. G. Lodge to offer a prize, or prizes, of such amount or value as the M. W. G. Lodge may think advisable, for the best Rituals—to be competed for by members of the Order.

3d. That this Committee report to the M. W. G. Lodge at its next annual session, recommending the Rituals most suitable for adoption, of which the said Committee are to be the judges, subject to the approval of the M. W. G. Lodge.

[4th. That after the adoption of said Ritual, the Degrees be conferred only in County Lodges, and that the Committee receive only such as may be so framed as is necessary to carry out this recommendation.

5th. Your Committee find with regret that different prices are charged for the Degrees, and in some instances they are conferred free of price, or at reduced rates. With a view to secure some uniformity of charges, and to affirm prices graduated according to the Degrees to be taken, your Committee recommend that for the first Degree the fee be not less than 25 cents; for the second Degree, 30 cents; and for the third Degree, 50 cents.

6th. For and during the present year, and until the new Rituals, provided for as above, come into use, those Degree Rituals at present on hand be supplied by Prov. G. Lodges to the Primary Lodges, free of cost.]*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. LAURENCE,
WM. IMLAH,
P. H. STEWART,
C. E. CHURCH,
D. C. FRASER,

} Committee.

* The parts in brackets were not adopted—*vide infra*.

On motion of Bro. G. W. Freeman, seconded by Bro. McNeill—

23. Resolved, That the recommendations in the Report on Degree Rituals be taken up clause by clause. Clauses 1, 2 and 3 were, on motion, adopted. No. 4 was, on motion, rejected.

It was moved by Bro. G. W. Freeman, and seconded by Bro. Falconer—That the fee be 25 cents.

It was moved as an amendment that clause 5th be laid on until Committee on Constitution report.

It was then moved in amendment to the amendment, by Bro. Henstis, and seconded by Bro. McNeill—That the 1st Degree be 25 cents, 2d Degree 50 cents, and 3d Degree 75 cents.

The amendment to the amendment being lost, the amendment was carried.

In amendment to Bro. Freeman's motion to adopt, it was on motion of Bro. Oxner, decided, that the 6th clause be rejected.

The Committee on Constitutional changes then reported as far as they had worked; and, with certain amendments,

it was adopted to the end of Art. 5th, M. W. G. Lodge Constitution.

It was on motion—

24. *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the Report be deferred until taken up by motion.

It was moved and seconded—That the Election of Officers take place at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

Moved in amendment—That the Election take place at 3 P. M. to-morrow. Lost.

Whereupon it was—

25. *Resolved*, That the Election of Officers take place at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

Bro. Sharp gave notice of motion to be made at evening session, respecting appointment of Special Lecturer.

The time of adjournment having arrived, the Lodge closed, to meet at 7 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, August 13th, 1867.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed—M. W. G. C. T. in the chair, and Bro. Fayle acting as M. W. G. Recorder.

The Minutes of the Afternoon Session were read and declared approved.

On motion of Bro. Sharp, seconded by Bro. Imlah—

26. *Resolved*, That the Executive Council be recommended to appoint a Special Lecturer as soon as circumstances will admit of the same; such Officer to be under the immediate control of the Executive.

Report presented by Committee on Incorporation:—

To the M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars:—

Your Committee, appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the necessity for an Act of Incorporation for this Order, beg leave to submit, that after due deliberation they recommend that this M. W. Grand Lodge take such steps, at such times as may be deemed necessary, to carry into effect this recommendation.

Your Committee would respectfully refer the whole subject to the M. W. G. Lodge, in order that it may, by Resolution, adopt such measures as may be deemed advisable to carry into effect the object contemplated, at such time and in such manner as may be deemed expedient.

CHAS. E. KNAPP,
FRED. A. LAURENCE,
A. L. PETERSON,
WILLIAM SAVAGE,

} Committee.

The amendment by Brother Parsons to the motion "to adopt," providing that the further consideration of the Report and the subject be deferred until next year, having been lost, it was—

27. *Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

On motion of Bro. Imlah, seconded by Bro. Parsons—

28. *Resolved*, That no further action be had on the subject of Incorporation during this Session.

Bro. Parsons presented the following:—

Most Worthy Grand Chief:—

Your Committee appointed on Juvenile Lodges beg leave to Report—That it is with regret we are compelled to confess our lack of progress in this interesting and highly important department of our work of Temperance reform. Various causes can be assigned for dereliction in relation to the matter on the part of many of our leading members.

The want of appropriate Rituals and stock for Juvenile Lodges has been the general complaint; but we now feel pleased to announce to all officials and members that this has been entirely obviated by the preparation and supply of a Juvenile Ritual which claims our highest praise, and for which our warmest thanks are due to those who have so ably assisted the cause of Templarism, by placing this important part of the service in a position to take a noble stand beside the other divisions of British Templars.

The existence of Juvenile Associations in many localities in connection with older Temperance organizations, has prevented us from taking the advanced position which this department demands. Another cause for regret is that in some places brethren and sisters have not sufficient interest in the young to devote a small portion of time to their culture in Temperance principles. This is to be deplored. A reason frequently given for the neglect of this duty, and some- times with truth, is that the members do not possess that fitness for it, without which it cannot be successfully performed. As a reason for our failure heretofore, we cannot include the want of interest in the children. Without a single exception, Juvenile Lodges have been successes wherever adult officers have been diligent, and external circumstances favorable.

We suggest that Primary Lodges take deeper interest in this work committed to their especial care, and by prudent choice select such brethren and sisters as are adapted to the work; and furthermore, that all be enjoined to aid their fellow-laborers, so that the few may feel their hands supported by the many, who are as deeply interested as themselves. Teachers have many advantages as leaders of Juvenile Lodges, by being acquainted with the habits and ability of their charges; and we earnestly recommend Teachers who are Templars to enter faithfully upon this labor, with the assurance that Heaven smiles upon their efforts, and posterity will rise up to call them blessed.

We further recommend to Provincial and County Lodges that they advise their agents and Lecturers to give especial attention to this important work. The great desire has hitherto been the formation of Adult Lodges. Throughout some jurisdictions, the greater part of that work has been accomplished, and our attention must now be directed to internal advancement and early education. The formation of hundreds of Juvenile Lodges can and should be the fruit of the year's labors upon which we have already entered; and our sincere desire is that the Committee appointed a year hence upon Juvenile Lodges, will have the pleasing duty of reporting thousands of the young

assembled under the banner of Templarism, and nourished and sustained in their social capacity by continued interest on the part of Primary Lodges.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

AGNES R. SHARP,
ISABELLA FLEMMING,
CAMILLA W. COBB,
J. F. L. PARSONS,
J. SCOTT, } Committee.

M. W. G. Lodge Committee Room,
Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 13, 1867.

On motion of Bro. Sharp, seconded by Bro. Freeman—
29. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

On motion—

30. *Resolved*, That this M. W. G. Lodge further consider in Committee of the whole, the Unwritten Work of the Order.

M. W. G. Chief resumed the Chair.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

The Chairman submitted the Report of the Committee on the Unwritten Work; whereupon a motion to receive and adopt the Report was lost.

It was then, on motion—

31. *Resolved*, That the Lodge adjourn.

The M. W. G. Lodge closed accordingly, at 20 minutes to 1 o'clock, A. M.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 14th, 1867.

The M. W. G. Lodge was called to order at the appointed hour, and opened in due form—the Chair having appointed, *pro tem.*, Bro. Falconer, M. W. Sec., Bro. Knapp, M. W. Chaplain, and Bro. White, M. W. Marshal.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as corrected.

On motion of Bro. Imlah, seconded by Bro. Knapp—

32. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee of the whole on the Unwritten Work of the Order, be now read.

On motion of Bro. Parsons, seconded by Bro. Knapp—

33. *Resolved*, That the consideration of the Report be referred to a Committee, consisting of Bros. Lawrence, Imlah, Sharp, McCready, Falconer, McNeill, Stewart and Savage.

On motion of Bro. DeMolitor, seconded by Bro. Parsons:
 34. *Resolved unanimously*, That the drinking of Cider be considered a violation of the Pledge.

On motion—

35. *Resolved*, That we do now proceed to the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on Constitution.

The Report was then proceeded with, and, excepting Articles 2 and 3, agreed to and adopted, with certain amendments, as far as the end of the M. W. G. Lodge Constitution. Art. 2 was held in suspense, and Art. 8 referred back to the Committee.

On motion of Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. Church—
 36. *Resolved*, That the election of Officers be deferred till 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the Lodge was declared adjourned accordingly.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 14th, 1867.

M. W. G. Lodge in session, the Chair called Bro. Fayle to the Chair of the Recorder, and the roll of officers being called, the Minutes of the last preceding meeting were read, and, with a slight alteration, declared approved.

Bro. Parsons then presented the following report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM OF M. W. G. LODGE, "B. T." }
 Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 14, 1867. }

M. W. G. Chief and Members:—

Your Committee appointed to report upon the best means of making Lodges more *entertaining, profitable and stable*, believes that the subject is one calling for serious attention, and while an attempt will be made to give a united opinion, the members of the Committee still think that the theme should be debated, and numerous additions and changes adopted in the various Primary Lodges, for the simple reason that local influences and diversities of character will give a peculiar aspect to it in the eyes of members throughout the jurisdiction of this M. W. G. Lodge.

The Committee has felt the necessity of making the suggestions offered comprehend as great variety as possible, hoping that the brethren and sisters of our widely extended Order will be able to receive benefit therefrom, and adapt the details of any plan to their peculiar wants and circumstances.

In the first place we consider the subject of making Lodges entertaining, and recommend the formation of Glee Clubs, whereby music may form a delightful part of the evening's exercises. Working Literary Committees come next, and the numberless ways in which they may raise and sustain interest in the

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Lodge-rooms, can be best known by those who have thought and worked to make Lodges entertaining. Among some of the many methods, we mention the successful carrying on of a periodical filled by contributions from interested members; also a secret drawer to which contributions of literary matter are solicited, and, after examination by the Committee, read in the meeting. Readings, recitations, dialogues and debates should be sustained by every member who can benefit either himself or society. A spirit of generous rivalry should be cultivated, so that all may enter into this work with zeal. A plan we have known to work well, is for the W. C. T. and W. V. to form their Lodge into two divisions, which shall, either by literary or social entertainments, make alternate evenings interesting, and no doubt beneficial. These might occasionally be public—either with or without admittance fee—thereby tending to profit the Order, strengthen the membership, and raise the tone of society in the community where our Order is established. The visitation of sister Lodges, especially by Grand and County Officers, tends much to uniformity in the unwritten work, and stronger sympathy and union wherever the Order exists. If the meetings are to be interesting to all—all must contribute towards the interest. We generally find the uninterested part composed of those who make no effort in the direction of usefulness. Let every member be careful to avoid the imputation of sluggishness or carelessness, and "want of interest" will soon have become a thing of the past.

The profit to Lodges rests mainly in the increase of funds and membership. The two are closely allied, and generally advance together. The outside work of individual members pressing the claims of our Society so as to induce persons to join, must ever be profitable. A special Committee appointed to wait upon prominent individuals of the community, and solicit their influence by membership, has sometimes proved beneficial; and we doubt not that much good would result from its more general adoption. Public exhibitions, lectures, &c., where admittance fees are charged, can be made much more valuable by devoting the funds to paying the initiation fees and the dues of worthy persons who, by not being able to pay, either do not join the Order or are expelled for non-payment of dues.

The stability of Lodges should receive the most careful attention of the best minds in our Order. We submit a few general principles which we trust will be amplified and improved in many respects by the exertions of those members who cannot bear the thought of retrogression. First in importance we mention the choice of suitable members to fill the offices, especially that of W. Chief, who should not be advanced to that position unless well acquainted with the rules and usages of our Order, and in whom confidence is placed by those within and beyond our ranks. A regular system of keeping the books tends to clearness, firmness, union and strength, which carry many a Lodge over the chasm of adversity and depression. The erection of Halls, the purchase of Musical Instruments and of Libraries, the appropriation of money to the advancement of the cause of Temperance either by lectures or the distribution of Temperance literature, such as books, tracts and papers, and the sending forth of Temperance missionaries in our own and foreign countries, to hasten in some cases the formation of Temperance organizations, and in others strengthen those that may be weak—will in the future, as in the past, retain Lodges in a high state of efficiency, and our Order in the vanguard of Temperance reform. The institution of Juvenile Lodges in connection with adult ones, the careful visitation and attendance of our sick by Visiting Committee and members, and the keeping up of a high tone of moral principle in all our meetings and undertakings, are necessary to enable the Order to claim the co-operation of the best and most influential members of society.

We recommend all members to avoid evil or slightly speaking to and of each other; also quibbling over those things which, to say the least, are small. Let a strong social feeling exist, so that Templars shall become an honor in the

land by being known as firm to our principles and faithful to our friends. In the Lodge-room and out—wherever we meet or part—may we aim high and live up to our aim—may the progress we make be stable—the advancement of our cause, a source of profit to ourselves and our fellow-men—and the years as they pass and span us, be entertaining in the highest degree to the noblest and purest part of our nature.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

P. H. STEWART,
J. F. L. PARSONS,
T. W. MUSGROVE,
ISABELLA FLEMMING,
SARA MCKEEN,

} Committee.

On motion—

37. *Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

Bro. Savage gave notice that he will move a Resolution respecting the payment of M. W. G. L. Officers, providing that there be a salary attached to no M. W. G. Lodge office, but that should the duties of the Secretary be found sufficient to warrant it, a prize be given that Officer.

The time fixed for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the following were nominated for the Chair:—

Bros. J. N. Freeman, H. B. Mitchell, James Elder, E. N. Sharp, and F. A. Laurence. Bros. Sharp and Laurence declined. The second ballot gave a majority for Bro. J. N. Freeman, who was therefore declared elected.

FOR M. W. G. VICE.

Bros. Heustis, Williams, and Stewart, and Sisters McKeen, Flemming, and Gowan, nominated. Sister McKeen declined; and the third ballot resulted in the election of Bro. Stewart.

FOR M. W. G. SECRETARY.

Bros. Sharp, Imlah, Scott, and Peterson, nominated. Bros. Scott and Peterson declined; and the vote resulted in the election of Bro. E. N. Sharp.

FOR M. W. G. TREASURER.

Bros. Wetmore and Porter, nominated; and the ballot had indicated Bro. Wetmore's election.

FOR M. W. G. LECTURER.

Bros. Scott, Falconer, Elder, Savage, and Imlah, nominated. Bros. Savage and Imlah declined; and the second vote gave Bro. Scott a majority.

FOR M. W. G. COUNSELLOR.

Bros. Imlah, Falconer, and Elder, and Sisters Flemming and Mitchell, nominated. Sister Mitchell declined; and the third vote awarded the office to Sister Flemming.

FOR CHAPLAIN.

Bros. Savage, Peterson, and Elder, nominated. Bros. Savage and Elder declined; and Bro. A. L. Peterson was declared elected.

FOR FINANCIER.

Bros. Falconer, Heustis, J. DeMolitor, and Savage, nominated. Bro. Savage declined; and the first vote showed a majority for Bro. Falconer.

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FOR RECORDER.

Bros. Keefer, Heustis, C. E. Church, Laurence, and Parsons, nominated. Bros. Laurence, Keefer, and Heustis declined; and the vote having been taken on the two remaining, Bro. C. E. Church was declared elected.

FOR MARSHAL.

Bros. Heustis, Trenaman, Wentzel, Fraser, Bell, and White, nominated. Bro. Wentzel declined, and the second vote gave Bro. W. B. Heustis a majority.

FOR DEPUTY MARSHAL.

Sisters Agnes R. Sharp, Mary Gowan, Esther Ford, and Sara McKeen, nominated. On the second vote, Sister Agnes R. Sharp was declared elected.

FOR INNER GUARD.

Bros. Freeman, Fitzgerald, and Phillips, nominated. Second balloting gave Bro. A. M. Phillips his election.

FOR OUTER GUARD.

Bros. Wentzel, McLeod, and Gidley, nominated. Bro. Gidley elected on the first vote.

On motion of Bro. Savage, seconded by Bro. Peterson—
38. *Resolved*, That we have an evening Session.

On motion of Bro. Imlah, seconded by Bro. Porter—
39. *Resolved*, That the provision respecting rising at 5.30 P. M. be rescinded.

A Resolution was then offered, and after some discussion it was, on motion—

40. *Resolved*, That the mover of the said Resolution have leave to withdraw his Resolution.

It was accordingly withdrawn.

A motion to adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning having been ruled "not in order," it was, on motion—

41. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening: whereupon the Lodge closed.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 14th, 1867.

In the absence of the M. W. G. Chief, the Chair was taken by the M. W. G. Vice; and the roll of Officers having been called, the vacancies were duly filled *pro tempore*.

The M. W. G. Chief then came in and took his place.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and declared approved.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was then presented by Bro. Fayle.

M. W. G. Chief Templar :—

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to state that there has nothing been laid before them in the way of correspondence; therefore there are no duties for your Committee to perform at this session of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

JAMES H. R. FAYLE,

J. C. GIDLEY,

CHAS. E. KNAPP,

} Committee.

Committee Room of M. W. G. Lodge,
Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 14, 1867.

On motion—

42. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

Bro. Fayle then presented the Report of the Committee on Primary Rituals.

M. W. G. Chief Templar :—

Your Committee on Primary Rituals recommend that a prize of — dollars be offered for the best Ritual for the use of Primary Lodges, to be handed in to the next session of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge; and in the meantime would recommend the following changes in our present Ritual, viz. :

IN ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Omit No. 2 and No. 4; and change No. 11, so as to read, "Have all members [present] kept their pledge?"

OPENING.

W. C. T.—The Officers will repair to their respective stations. The Assistant Secretary will please call the roll of Officers.

[*Marshal answers for the Officers. Absentees are marked, and pro tem. appointments made.*]

W. C. T.—The Worthy Vice Templar will see that the gates are closed and guarded, and examine the Guards in the Password and Explanation. The Marshal and Deputy will advance and give me the Password and Explanation.

[*M. and D. M. give them.*]

W. C. T.—The Marshal and Deputy will examine those present, that there may be no intruder to invade our rights.

[*If any are present without the P. W. and Explanation, and are not entitled to receive them, they shall be required to leave the room.*]

Omit question to Marshal.

Omit directions about Outer Guard and his giving the Password.

Omit second address of W. C. T. to Inner Guard.

Omit, at end of Opening Service, directions of W. C. T. to Financier to call roll of Officers.

INITIATION.

In the W. C. T.'s address to candidate, add the word "should" between "we" and "take," in last sentence, and omit "to aid," before "you."

In W. C. T.'s directions, read "Assistant Secretary," instead of "Worthy Financier."

In address of P. W. C. T., omit "Here you are safe. The destroyer can never enter here."

In all places where necessary, use the words "British Templars," instead of "British Order of Good Templars," and "B. A. O. of G. T.," and correct the raps, if required.

If these recommendations be adopted by the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, your Committee suggest that all the Primary Lodges be informed by Circular of the changes.

Respectfully submitted in F., H. and C.

L. S. FORD,	} Committee.
S. McCREADY,	
JAMES SCOTT,	
A. M. PHILLIPS,	
J. H. R. FAYLE,	

Committee Room of M. W. G. Lodge,
Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 14, 1867.

On motion—

43. *Resolved*, That the first clause be adopted.

On motion—

44. *Resolved*, That the blank in the first clause be filled with twenty-five (\$25.00); an amendment for \$12 having been lost.

A motion to adopt the second clause, as also an amendment to add thereto the words "and obligation," having been lost; it was, on motion—

45. *Resolved*, That the word "present" be left out, and that so amended the clause do pass.

The remaining clauses having been separately passed, it was, on motion—

46. *Resolved*, That the whole Report, as thus amended, be adopted.

On motion—

47. *Resolved*, That the two questions following be added to the Order of Business:—

No. —. What have you done during the week for the promotion of Temperance?

No. —. Are there any charges to be preferred against any member of this Lodge?

The Report of the Committee on Regalia was then presented by Bro. Stewart.

M. W. G. LODGE COMMITTEE ROOM,
Liverpool, N. S. Aug. 14, 1867.

The Committee on Regalia beg leave to submit the following as their recommendations:—

MOST WORTHY GRAND LODGE.

Royal Purple Velvet Collars. Trimming—Gold Lace and Bullion Fringe. Facing—For Officers and Members: On left a bronze or silver British Coat of Arms. For Officers on the right, silver emblems as follow:—
M. W. G. Chief—All-seeing Eye; M. W. G. Vice—Gavel; M. W. G. Secretary,

Cross Pens; M. W. G. Treasurer—Cross Keys; M. W. G. Lecturer—Star; M. W. G. Counsellor—Inverted Wine Cup; M. W. G. Chaplain—Open Bible, M. W. G. Financier—Single Key; M. W. G. Recorder—Single Pen; M. W. G. Marshal—Cross Staves; M. W. G. Deputy Marshal—Single Staff; M. W. G. Inner Guard—Sword; M. W. G. Outer Guard—Cross Swords; M. W. Past G. Chief—Cross Gavels. For members, on the right, gold or silver Star.

WORTHY GRAND LODGES.

Scarlet or Crimson Collars. Trimming—For members, silver lace; and for Officers silver fringe in addition. Facing—For officers and members on left: A silver Star. On right for Officers—Same emblems as for M. W. Grand Lodge; for members, plain.

COUNTY LODGES.

Blue Collars, decorated in such a manner as may be decided on by the members, provided they bear upon their face something to show connection with our British Templars, and which will not encroach upon the higher grades of regalia.

PRIMARY LODGES.

Primary Lodges to adopt any style of Regalia, provided the impress of British Templarism appear on the same, and if possible the name of Lodge. Officers' Regalia to be scarlet.

JUVENILE LODGES.

Style of Regalia to be decided on by each Juvenile Lodge; bearing, however, on face of same the impress of British Templarism.

PROVINCIAL DEPUTIES, when in an official position, to wear Regalia as prescribed for [Most] Worthy Grand Lodge.

DEGREE REGALIA.

Badges of purple, with rosette containing emblematic colors of Degrees taken. Submitted in F., H. and C.

W. R. WENTZEL,
P. H. STEWART,
ISABELLA FLEMMING,
C. E. MITCHELL,
R. McNEILL, M. D., } Committee.

On motion—

48. Resolved, That this Report be adopted, with alteration that Provincial Deputies wear Worthy Grand Lodge Regalia.

Report of Committee on procuring Seal, presented by Bro. Imlah :

M. W. Grand Chief :—

We the Committee appointed " to procure a Seal for the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, bearing the British Coat of Arms, and such other designs as they may deem necessary," beg to Report that we have attended to that duty, and have submitted to the Finance Committee of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge, a bill of the cost of the Seal.

WM. IMLAH,
E. N. SHARP, } Committee.

On motion—

49. Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Signs, &c., was here presented by Bro. Imlah.

It was moved and seconded, That there be no Degree Grips; and on motion, in amendment—

50. *Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

On motion—

51. *Resolved*, That the sending of information concerning the changes in Private Work just adopted, be left to the Executive.

On motion of Bro. Imlah—

52. *Resolved*, That a member of a County or W. G. Lodge be allowed to wear the Regalia of his Lodge in the W. G. or M. W. G. Lodge; and that visitors to the W. G. or M. W. G. Lodge be required to wear the regalia of the highest Degree to which they are entitled.

Bro. Savage's motion against salaries to M. W. G. Lodge Officers, and an amendment providing that the Secretary have 20 per cent. of receipts, being lost, it was, on motion of Bro. Peterson, seconded by Bro. Williams—

53. *Resolved*, That the Executive be allowed to pay the M. W. G. Secretary to the amount of \$200, if earned.

On motion of Bro. Peterson, seconded by Bro. Imlah—

54. *Resolved*, That the salary of the M. W. G. Secretary for the ensuing year be fixed at the next annual session of this body.

Bro. Peterson, M. W. G. Chaplain *elect*; Bro. Church, M. W. G. Recorder *elect*; and Bro. Heustis, M. W. G. Marshal *elect*, wishing to leave to-morrow, were then presented by Bro. Bell, *acting* M. W. G. Marshal, and duly installed by the M. W. G. Chief.

The following notices of motion were then given by Bro. Wm. Imlah:—

(1) "I hereby give notice that at the next annual session of this M. W. G. Lodge, I will move that the clause in the Constitution in reference to the Officers be amended to read:

'The elective officers shall be, a Most Worthy Grand Templar; M. W. G. Vice; M. W. G. Counsellor; M. W. G. Secretary; and M. W. G. Treasurer—who shall be elected at a regular annual session, and shall serve two years.

'The appointed officers shall be, a Most Worthy Grand Chaplain; M. W. G. Marshal; M. W. G. Deputy Marshal; M. W. G. Inside Guard; M. W. G. Outside Guard.

'The elective Officers, together with the last past M. W. G. Chief

Templar, shall constitute the Executive Council, and shall fill up the appointed offices, and shall be *ex officio* Deputy M. W. Chiefs, during their term of office.

“(2) I will move that the Constitution be so amended that each Provincial Grand Lodge may adopt such Constitution as they may see fit, not contrary to the Constitution of the Order.”

On motion of Bro. Scott—

55. *Resolved*, That the Executive of this M. W. Grand Lodge be authorized to appoint Bro. Imlah, or other suitable person, taken from the late B. A. Order of N. S., to attend the next session of the B. A. Order, in Canada West, in October, and if possible induce them to unite under this Most W. G. Lodge; and that his expenses be paid.

A motion to adjourn to 9 A. M. to-morrow was lost.

Report presented by Committee on Degree Rituals again referred to, when it was, on motion—

56. *Resolved*, That the Committee to receive and recommend the new Rituals for adoption by this Most Worthy Grand Lodge, and to decide the prizes, be as follows:—Bros. W. Savage, J. Scott, H. B. Mitchell, E. N. Sharp, and J. Elder.

On motion—

57. *Resolved*, That \$25 be the amount of the prize.

It was moved by Bro. Church, seconded by Bro. Peterson—

That the time of the next Annual Session be the second Wednesday in September, 1868. Lost.

On motion of Brother McCready, seconded by Brother Church—

58. *Resolved*, That the time of next Annual Session be the second Monday in September, 1868. (Subsequently rescinded.)

On motion—

59. *Resolved*, That the hour of meeting be 2 o'clock p. m. on the day named.

On motion—

60. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet *this* morning at 9 o'clock.

The Lodge adjourned accordingly at 1 o'clock on Thursday morning.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 15th, 1867.

M. W. G. Chief appointed Bro. White, M. W. G. Marshal, and Bro. Fayle, M. W. G. Recorder, *pro tem*.

Minutes read and declared approved.

On motion of Bro. Keebler, seconded by Bro. DeMolitor :
61. *Resolved*, That Officers' Reports be now laid on the table.

No Reports, except that of the M. W. G. Chief, were forthcoming, at which not a little dissatisfaction became manifest.

Bro. Knapp then presented the following :

Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars:—

Your Committee on Officers' Reports, having carefully examined the *only one* handed to them, viz. : that of the Most Worthy Grand Chief, submit the following :

We rejoice with our Most Worthy Grand Chief that a union has been consummated between the British and British American Orders of our beloved Brotherhood, and sincerely hope that the union may become stronger and stronger, and that those dissensions which have heretofore marred our usefulness may not again creep into our now united ranks.

We rejoice in "the extension of our Order to Australasia, and hope that it will soon extend itself to all places where our English language is spoken. We must here observe that we are sorry that Canada East was not visited by the Brother appointed last year, who was not able to go there. We believe that had he gone on that mission, Templarism would there present a different and more favorable aspect than it now does. We hope with our Most Worthy G. Chief that at no distant period an effort will be made to place the Order in that locality in what we think should be its proper position.

We recommend that a Committee of two from each of our several Grand Lodges be appointed, and that they be a Committee to correspond with the Grand Lodges of the "Independent Order of Good Templars," in the several Provinces (of the Dominion), on the subject of consummation of a union between these Lodges and our Order; and that said Committee report at our next annual session. We further recommend that if, in the meantime, any of the Lodges of said Independent Order desire to unite with us, our Provincial Deputies be fully authorized to provide them Charters, &c., *gratis*.

When the funds of our Order will admit of our so doing, and the time has fully come, we think that it will be advisable to send a Special Agent to those places mentioned in the Report of our Most Worthy G. Chief.

We fully acquiesce in the sentiments contained in the Report of our Most Worthy G. Chief, in reference to the introduction of Temperance Literature into our Order, and desire to see the best Temperance Literature that can be procured, introduced into all the bodies composing our organization. We recommend that each of our Grand Lodges adopt as its organ one of the Temperance periodicals published in the Province wherein the Lodge is located; and that we give our most earnest support and encouragement to all Temperance Newspapers within our reach. We recommend, in addition to the papers named in the M. W. G. Chief's Report, the *Weekly Visitor*, the organ of the W. G. Lodge of Ontario, published by Bro. P. H. Stewart.

We recommend that this M. W. G. Lodge keep its expenses within the most

reasonable limits, and proceed very cautiously as regards its expenditure, until we more fully understand our financial position.

While we much regret the absence of Reports from our other M. W. G. Officers, we must express our entire satisfaction with that from our esteemed M. W. G. Chief. We are sorry that in this our Report we have not been able to make more extended reference to that Report, which we heartily recommend to every Good Templar, of this and every other Order; and we think that all our Agents, going forth to contend for our noble Order, should arm themselves with it, and that it should be scattered broadcast in all the Provinces, and in those places to which we wish to extend our Order.

We submit this somewhat imperfect Report for your kind consideration, in Faith, Hope, and Charity.

WILLIAM SAVAGE,
CHARLES E. KNAPP,
JOSHUA J. WILLIAMS,
SAMUEL MCCREADY, } Committee.

M. W. G. Lodge Committee Room,
Liverpool, N. S., Aug. 14, 1867.

On motion of Bro. Oxner, seconded by Bro. Stewart—
62. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

On motion of Bro. Oxner, seconded by Bro. Sharp—
63. *Resolved*, That — copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Session of the M. W. Grand Lodge be published, and that each member and visitor present at this Annual Session, as well as every subordinate Lodge in the Order, be furnished with one copy, *gratis*.

On motion—

64. *Resolved*, That the blank be filled with one thousand.

On motion of Bro. Savage, seconded by Bro. J. S. McDonald—

65. *Resolved*, That the capitation tax to be received by this M. W. G. Lodge from the W. Grand Lodges for the current year be fixed at one cent per quarter for each member under their respective jurisdictions; leaving such W. G. Lodges to regulate the tax to be collected by them from the Primary Lodges under their control.

On motion of Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. Peterson:

66. *Resolved*, That it is with pleasure that this M. W. G. Lodge tender their thanks to the managers of the various steamers, railways and stages, for carrying us to and from Liverpool *at one fare*.

On motion of Bro. Peterson, seconded by Bro. Sharp—

67. *Resolved*, That the warmest thanks of this Most Worthy G. Lodge are most justly due and are hereby cordially tendered to the friends in Liverpool, Milton and vicinity, for their unparalleled and unbounded kindness and

hospitality, so lavishly bestowed upon us at this time.
(Passed by acclamation.)

On motion of Brother Falconer, seconded by Brother Oxner—

68. *Resolved*, That this M. W. G. Lodge hereby tender their thanks to Bro. Hemeon and the other members of the Committee, for their kindness and persevering attention during our stay in the town of Liverpool.

Bro. Laurence, on the part of sister Flemming, stated that in order to give a member of the late B. A. Order a seat in the Executive, she is willing to place her resignation in the hands of the members of this Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Keefer, unanimously

69. *Resolved*, That sister Flemming's proposed resignation be not accepted.

The following question was asked the M. W. G. Chief—
“Can respectable persons, who are not members of our Order, be received as evidence in case of a charge against one of our members?”

The question was submitted by the Chair to the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, and *unanimously* decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Falconer, seconded by Bro. Porter—

70. *Resolved*, That the Executive of this M. W. Grand Lodge be empowered to send to the next session of the B. A. G. Lodge of Canada East (or Quebec) some member of our Order (taken if possible from the Upper Provinces), to use all his influence in endeavoring to unite that body with us under this M. W. G. Lodge; and that his necessary expenses be paid.

Sister Isabella Flemming, M. W. G. Counsellor *elect*; Bro. J. W. Falconer, M. W. G. Financier *elect*; and Bro. J. C. Gidley, M. W. G. Outer Guard *elect*, wishing to leave this afternoon, they were presented to the M. W. G. C. T. by Bro. DeMolitor, as M. W. G. Marshal, and duly installed into office.

The steamer *Commerce* having anchored just outside the harbour, the M. W. G. Lodge adjourned, to meet again at half-past one o'clock.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 15th, 1867.

The M. W. G. Chief appointed, *pro tem.*, Bro. Fayle, M. W. G. Recorder, and Bro. L. S. Ford, M. W. G. Marshal. Minutes of last meeting read.

Bro. Williams presented, from the Committee on Finance, the following Report:—

Most Worthy Grand Chief:

LIVERPOOL, N. S., August 15th, 1867.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that only three bills have been laid before them, viz.:

[One for Stock in possession of M. W. G. Secretary, from Brother P. H. Stewart,	\$81 90]
One from Bro. Imlah, for Seal of M. W. G. Lodge,	12 10
One from Bro. Mitchell, M. W. G. Chief, for Stationery, Postage, Telegram, &c.,	19 50
Total,	\$113 50

These bills your Committee find to be correct, and recommend them to be paid.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

J. J. WILLIAMS,
J. S. McDONALD, } Committee.
J. TRENAMAN,

On motion—

71. *Resolved*, That this Report, except that portion in reference to the bill of Bro. Stewart, be adopted.

On motion—

72. *Resolved*, That the bill of Bro. Stewart be left in the hands of the Executive.

On motion of Bro. Sharp, seconded by Bro. Stewart—

73. *Resolved*, That permission to publish a synopsis of the Report of the doings of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge be granted.

The Committee on the State of the Order having failed to obtain from the proper source such information as would enable them to properly perform their functions, reported progress.

On motion of Bro. Knapp, seconded by Bro. Imlah, unanimously

74. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the Rev. Bro. Scott, who was elected M. W. G. Lecturer, having left Liverpool before being installed into office, and in order that the Executive of this M. W. G. Lodge be filled up, we declare the office of M. W. G. Lecturer vacant.

The M. W. G. C. T. declared the office of M. W. G. Lecturer vacant accordingly.

FOR M. W. G. LECTURER.

Bros. W. H. Rogers, L. S. Ford, and J. DeMolitor, were nominated. Bros. DeMolitor and Ford declined, and Bro. W. H. Rogers was unanimously elected, and so declared.

On motion of Bro. DeMolitor, seconded by Bro. J. N. Freeman—

75. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge be given to Bro. James H. B. Fayle, for his efficient services as M. W. G. Recorder during this annual session. (Passed by acclamation.)

Bro. Fayle briefly acknowledged the vote.

On motion—

76. *Resolved*, That we adjourn, to meet at 7 o'clock.

The Lodge stood adjourned accordingly.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 15th, 1867.

The M. W. G. Lodge in session. The M. W. G. Chief presiding appointed Bro. Fayle, M. W. G. Recorder.

Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Constitution then further reported; and their Report having been taken up section by section, was, with certain amendments, adopted as far as to the end of Article 8 of the Primary Lodge Constitution, embracing Article 8 of the M. W. G. Lodge Constitution, and the whole of the W. G. Lodge Constitution, but omitting that of the W. County Lodges.

It was on motion—

77. *Resolved*, That the further consideration of this Report be deferred until to-morrow.

Bro. W. L. Crowell offered the following :

M. W. G. Chief :

I beg leave to give notice of a Motion to revise Article 10 of the W. Grand Lodge Constitution, at next Annual Meeting of the Most Worthy G. Lodge.

On motion—

78. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn, to meet at 9 o'clock, Friday, 16th August.

The Lodge adjourned about half an hour after midnight.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 16th, 1867.

The M. W. G. Chief appointed Bro. Fayle, M. W. G. Recorder, and Bro. White, M. W. G. Marshal.

Minutes of last evening read and declared approved.

A portion of yesterday morning's Minutes read, and now declared approved.

On motion of Bro. Fayle, seconded by Bro. Williams—
79. *Resolved*, That a full set of Regalia, as laid down in the Report of the Committee, be provided for the Officers of this M. W. G. Lodge, before our next Annual Meeting; and that the M. W. G. Secretary be requested to furnish the same, if the funds of our M. W. G. Lodge permit.

On motion of Bro. Knapp, seconded by Bro. J. N. Freeman—

80. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Secretary, when in funds, send Bro. Fayle a Provincial Deputy's Regalia, as a mark of our esteem for the services rendered by him at this session as M. W. G. Recorder.

Bro. Fayle returned thanks.

Bro. White, *acting* M. W. G. Marshal, then presented—

Bro. A. M. Phillips,	M. W. G. Inner Guard,	<i>elect.</i>
Sister A. R. Sharp,	"	Dep. Marshal "
Bro. W. H. Rogers,	"	Lecturer "
" J. S. Wetmore,	"	Treasurer "
" E. N. Sharp,	"	Secretary "
" P. H. Stewart,	"	Vice "
" J. N. Freeman,	"	Chief "

to our M. W. G. Chief Templar, who duly installed them into office, and took his seat as P. M. W. G. C. Templar.

On taking the Chair, our new M. W. G. C. Templar addressed the Lodge.

Bro. Sharp then gave the following notice of a motion to be made in 1868:

That the Constitution relative to the office of Provincial Deputy be so amended as to make that office *annual* for the first year—Commission free first year—but that the office, after first year, be tenable during good conduct; if, however, the Prov. Deputy is changed, the Commission fee shall be _____.
(Blank to be filled next year.)

Bro. Williams gave the following notice—

I shall move that such alterations be made in Primary Rules and Constitution as may be necessary at the next session of this Most Worthy G. Lodge.

Moved and seconded—

That the Seal of this M. W. G. Lodge be attached only to the documents emanating from the hands of the M. W. G. Chief or M. W. G. Secretary.

On motion, in amendment to the foregoing—

81. *Resolved*, That the Seal of this M. W. G. Lodge be not used without the immediate direction of the M. W. G. C. T. or the M. W. G. Secretary.

On motion—

82. *Resolved*, That this subject be reconsidered.

Whereupon it was re-discussed, and finally decided as above.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution was again taken up at Article 9 of Primary Lodge Constitution, and that grade completed. The County and Juvenile Constitutions were next revised, and subsequently the General Rules.

On motion—

83. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Secretary be instructed and empowered to reconstruct the Declaration, and to make such verbal and other changes of letter, but not of substance, as may be necessary to ensure legal and grammatical consistency throughout the whole volume.

On motion—

84. *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order be adopted.

On motion—

85. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Secretary be instructed to publish a form of By-Laws, and such other necessary Forms as he may deem expedient.

On motion—

86. *Resolved*, That the Constitution of Worthy Grand Lodges, as a whole, be adopted, with a permission that the M. W. G. Secretary be empowered to insert a Section or an Article relative to Stock to Juvenile Lodges.

On motion—

87. *Resolved*, That Article 2 of M. W. G. Lodge Constitution be now adopted.

On motion—

88. *Resolved*, That the Primary Lodge Constitution as a whole be adopted.

On motion—

89. *Resolved*, That the County Lodge Constitution as a whole be adopted.

On motion—

90. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Lodge Constitution as a whole be now adopted.

The following conclusion of the Report of the Committee on Constitution was then read:—

All of which is respectfully submitted, recommending that the M. W. G. Secretary be empowered to correct all grammatical errors, and to arrange the Constitution so that there will be no conflicting clauses, and also that he place all necessary blank forms in the Appendix to be subjoined to the Constitution.

A. M. PHILLIPS,	} Committee.
THOS. W. MUSGROVE,	
JOHN P. BELL,	
J. N. FREEMAN,	
W. H. ROGERS,	

On motion—

91. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Constitution, as amended, be adopted; and further

92. *Resolved*, That the recommendations contained in the conclusion of their Report be adopted.

On motion—

93. *Resolved*, That the Book of Constitution, including Title, &c., as a whole, be adopted.

There was then read the following notice of motion—

LIVERPOOL, N. S., August 16th, 1867.

M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars:

Take notice, that I shall at the next Session cause a motion to be made to amend the Constitution of M. W. G. Lodge, in respect to "quorum."

CHAS. E. KNAPP.

On motion—

94. *Resolved*, That the Charters issued by the M. W. G. Lodge shall be on parchment, and that the form thereof, as well as that of other Blanks, shall be intrusted to the management of the M. W. G. Executive.

On motion—

95. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Secretary is hereby authorized to embody in the Journal of this body the statistics of this Order, prepared from the Returns of the last quarter.

On motion of Bro. Stewart, seconded by Sister Sharp—

96. *Resolved*, That the special thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bros. T. W. Musgrove, A. M. Phillips, and John P. Bell, members of the Constitution Committee, for the sacrifices they have

made, and the labors they have undergone, in preparing the form of Constitution which has been amended and adopted by this Most Worthy Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Knapp, seconded by Bro. Musgrove—

97. *Resolved*, That the former Resolutions (Nos. 58 and 59) respecting the time of meeting, be rescinded.

On motion of Bro. Phillips, seconded by Bro. Musgrove :

98. *Resolved*, That the time of the next Annual Meeting be the *first* Monday in September, 1868, at 2 o'clock, P. M. (7th day of the month.)

On motion of Bro. Knapp, seconded by Bro. White—

99. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) be voted into the hands of the Trustees of this Church.

On motion of Bro. Williams, seconded by Sister Gowan :

100. *Resolved*, That Bros. Bell, Phillips, and Musgrove be presented with suitable regalia, for having so faithfully discharged the arduous duties of the Committee on Constitution.

The Minutes of this sitting were then read, and on motion it was

101. *Resolved*, That the Minutes be adopted.

On motion of Bro. Williams, seconded by Bro. Knapp—

102. *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Lodge do now adjourn, in accordance with Resolution No. 98.

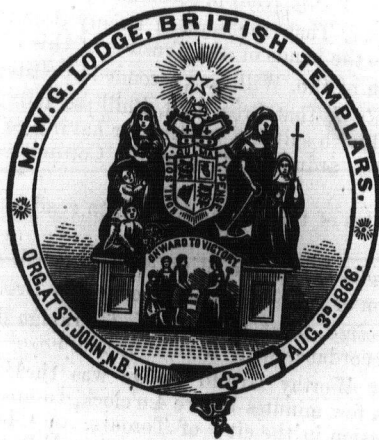
The Most Worthy Grand Lodge was thereupon duly closed, at a few minutes before 4 o'clock, to meet again in Annual Session in the city of Toronto, on Monday, the 7th day of September, 1868, at two o'clock, P. M.

J. NEWTON FREEMAN,

M. W. G. Chief Templar.

EDWIN N. SHARP, M. A.,

M. W. G. Secretary.



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APPENDIX A.

A PLEA FOR THE ORDER.

BY A. M. P.

The founders of this Society, "feeling that it is both natural and reasonable that those who have common rights to protect, common interests to defend, and common objects to obtain, should act together and know each other, resolved to form an Association for the protection of themselves and their fellow-beings from the many evils of Intemperance—for the securing of mutual assistance when needed—and for the elevation of their intellectual and moral characters; and being aware that through want of that organization which secures concentrated effort, the benevolent objects of Patriots and Christians are often frustrated, and the best and noblest exertions for the public weal defeated," they have adopted a Constitution for the good government of the Society.

The British Templar Association is composed of persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practice of Temperance, and anxious to obey the laws of the land, as the duty of every good citizen; willing also to watch over each other in sickness and in health, and remonstrate with those who may wander from the paths of rectitude and sobriety, and otherwise to promote such laudable and benevolent purposes as may tend to the due ordering of Religion and the progress of the great moral reform—Temperance. Our purposes, plans, and movements are based upon the PLEDGE AND OBLIGATIONS, relying for the fulfilment of them on the honour of each member, as individuals responsible to both man and their Creator.

The Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Society, are not only open to members of the Association, but are within the reach of all those who wish to examine them. There is no reserve in the Order, except the signs, symbols, passwords, and grips, and also the solemn and sublime admonitions that do not reach the ear of any but those who are counted worthy of membership, accompanied by the necessary injunction that the affairs of the Society be not spoken of in the presence of those who are not members. Some may call ours a Secret Society. True it is; and so far from being a crime, we claim that it is a recommendation. These mysteries are essential to the proper working of the institution, the recognition of the members, and the prevention of intrusion and imposture from strangers and enemies; and the Ceremonies we indulge in are those that give dignity and impressiveness to the Pledge and Obligations taken, which are sensible in purport and appropriate in conception, and tend to show us our position to mankind. The British Templar Association lays no claim to exclusive Temperance; but it admits no person within its pale whose principles are not, during the time of membership, temperate, and who does not sustain a good moral character. In short, the great characteristic of the Society can be summed up in the great principles of our Order—"Faith, Hope and Charity." Upon these three pillars rests the structure of our Association, planted in the broad national field of British Liberty, with Temperance and Loyalty for its emblems.

In many places where the true nature of British Templarism is not properly known, its designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. On account of the name it bears—being connected with one particular nation—some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined, not reflecting that it is the duty of every good citizen to support and maintain the institutions of his native or adopted country. The

Society is general, not confined to any particular place, person, or nation, and is framed to extend itself wherever needed to assist in the great moral reform, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Total Abstinence principles to the latest ages of posterity. It is indeed one neighbourhood, within which every British Templar is at home in the farthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the Association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part. In short, British Templarism, like a glorious moral luminary, is intended to pour its refulgence not on one part only of the ample circumference of the British dominions, but simultaneously on every portion, equally enlightening the whole periphery. Not unfrequently have both the foes and friends of Temperance charged the Temperance Societies of this country with being under the control of foreign elements, and that they therefore tend to diminish British Loyalty and influence among the people of our land, while they strengthen a disposition to favour foreign Institutions; and this charge, whether well or ill founded, has unquestionably retarded the progress of the Temperance Cause in this country. But by the establishment of British Templarism, a Society has been instituted, which will answer those objections; and while the fullest confidence is manifested in the adequacy of the Order for the purposes contemplated by its organization, it is in nowise designed to supersede or diminish the highly useful operations of other Temperance Associations, which cannot, from their peculiar organization, or from the conscientious views of their members, unite with us, but seek by their own means and in their own way, to further the common object.

In conclusion, British Templarism calls on the sons and daughters of the British Empire to lay aside political and religious feuds, and sacrifice every private consideration for the great moral reform—Temperance—till every subject of the British Crown shall become a sober being, and this British Temperance Society has found a permanent abode in every city, town, village, and neighborhood in our land.

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APPENDIX B.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE ORDER.

Established in Canada West (now Ontario), in 1858, the Order was there attended with remarkable success for a few years, spreading over into the adjoining Province of Canada East (now Quebec), and through the agency of N. C. Gowan, Esq., extending in 1864 to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. At first its name and constitution were of too limited a character to meet the advanced views of many, and hence change succeeded change, until it has at length become almost a new structure. But sad to say, all these changes were not brought about in the most peaceful and harmonious manner. On the contrary, discord at one time seemed almost to threaten the overthrow of the whole fabric. These difficulties caused probably by too hasty legislation in some instances, are happily at an end, it is sincerely hoped. The result of the differences of opinion was serious to the Order in Ontario, and all but fatal in Quebec; but the amicable adjustment arrived at by the Convention held in St. John, N. B., on the 2d and 3d of August, 1866, has blended some twenty-five or thirty thousand British Templars under one governing head, leaving a mere fragment disunited. This remnant we hope to find working side by side with us, and willing next year, at the latest, to become one in action, as well as in aim and principle.

The Order, as at present constituted, consists of five Grades—the Juvenile, composed of members between the ages of 6 and 16, together with four Adult Officers from the next higher grade; the Primary, embracing members, male and female, not less than 14 years of age. These two Grades form the basis of the others, and they are supported by the Initiation fees and Quarterly dues paid by the members. The County Lodges have immediate supervision over the Primary Lodges, and ultimate controul over the Juvenile Lodges, and they are composed of Representatives from these lower Grades, and supported by a tax on the membership under their jurisdiction. The Worthy Grand Lodges claim jurisdiction over the three lower Grades within the Province, Colony or Dependency in which they are severally located. These are composed of Representatives from the County and Primary Lodges, and derive their revenue from a direct tax upon the membership of Primary Lodges, from Charter Fees, and the profits on the sale of Stock. The Most Worthy Grand Lodge—the governing head of the whole—consists of Representatives from the lower Grades (except the lowest), and is supported by a tax paid by Worthy Grand Lodges, by Charter fees, and capitation paid by Primary Lodges not under the controul of a Worthy Grand Lodge, and by profits on Stock.

The Juvenile and Primary Lodges meet weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, and their funds are usually expended in the purchase of stock, regalia, furniture, &c., in renting or the erection of Halls, and in payment of capitation. The County Lodges meet quarterly, the Worthy Grand Lodges and Most Worthy Grand Lodge annually; and these Grades elect their Officers once a year. The money paid to these Lodges is used to defray the expenses of certain Officers, of printing and publishing, of lecturers, &c.

APPENDIX C.

TABLE OF WORTHY GRAND LODGES, &c.*

1 Ontario,	Organized London, 18th Nov., 1858,	James C. Robertson, Esq., W. G. Secretary, Newmarket.
2 P. E. Island,	" Charlottetown, 9th Sept., 1864,	R. McNeill, M. D., " Stanley Bridge.
3 New Brunswick,	" St. John, 6th Nov., 1864,	J. S. Colpitts, Esq., " Salisbury.
4 Nova Scotia,	" Windsor, 12th Dec., 1864,	F. A. Lawrence, Esq., " Truro.
Newfoundland,	Not yet organized,	James Murray, Esq., M. W. G. Deputy, St. John's.
Bermuda,	do.	Rev. Wm. Ryan, " Hamilton.
New Zealand,	do.	Geo. N. Cunnebell, Esq., " Wanganui.
Quebec,	do.	Rev. James Howell, " Granby.

* It is impossible to give a satisfactory Statistical Table from the Returns at hand.

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

A Prize of Twenty-five Dollars will be given at the next Annual Session of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, to the author of the best Ritual for Primary Lodges.

Another Prize, similar in amount, will be awarded at the same time to the compiler of the best Degree Ritual, embracing also Opening, Installation, and Closing Services for the County, W. Grand, and M. W. Grand Lodges.

The Most Worthy Grand Lodge will be again convened in Annual Session in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Monday, 7th September, 1868.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE M. W. GRAND OFFICERS.

Joshua Newton Freeman, Esq., M. W. G. Grand,	... Liverpool, N. S.	<i>Savage</i>
Paul H. Stewart,	" Vice, ... Toronto, Ontario.	<i>Shedley</i>
Edwin N. Sharp, M. A.,	" Secretary, Apohaqui, N. B.	<i>Shelton</i>
Justus S. Wetmore, Esq., J. C. P.,	" Treasurer, Clifton, N. B.	<i>Wright</i>
Wm. H. Rogers,	" Lecturer, Amherst, N. S.	
Isabella Fleming,	" Counselor-Treas., N. S.	
Rev. A. L. Peterson,	" Chaplain, ... Tamworth, Ontario.	
J. W. Falconer,	" Financier, ... Charlottetown, P. E. I.	
C. E. Church,	" Recorder, ... New Germany, N. S.	
W. B. Heustia,	" Marshal, ... Wallace, N. S.	
Agnes R. Sharp,	" D. Marshal, Apohaqui, N. B.	
A. H. Phillips,	" L. Guard, ... Smithfield, Ontario.	
John C. Gidley,	" O. Guard, ... Charlottetown, P. E. I.	
H. Bethune Mitchell,	" P. Chief, ... Chester, N. S.	