

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION
OF THE
SONS OF TEMPERANCE
OF
CANADA EAST,
FOR 1857 AND 1858.



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LACHUTE, June 24, 1857. }
Wednesday, 4 P.M. }

The Grand Division of Canada East assembled in the Victoria Division Rooms, for the purpose of holding its Semi-Annual Session.

OFFICERS PRESENT—G. W. Patriarch and G. Scribe.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs *pro tem*:—Thos. Wanless, G. W. A., Dr. Christie, G. T., A. Farquhar, G. Chaplain, R. Brodie, G. Con., Thos. Baron, Acting P. G. W. P.

The Grand Division was opened in due form, and with Chaplain's services.

Representatives T. Wanless, Dr. Christie, and A. Farquhar were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported the Credentials of the following correct:—

P. W. P.'s, Thos. Baron, Dr. Christie, Robt. Kneeshaw, James Fish, David McOuat, Duncan McGregor, and John Stewart, Victoria Division, No. 10.

P. W. P., James F. Kerr, Harmony Division, No. 34.

P. W. P., Thos. Wanless, and W. P., Alex. Gordon, St. Andrews Division, No. 9.

The following Representatives being in waiting, were introduced and initiated :—

James Fish, Duncan McGregor, John Stewart, Victoria, No. 10. James F. Kerr, Harmony, No. 34. Alex. Gordon, St. Andrews Division, No 9.

The following Committees were appointed :—

GOOD AND WELFARE.—Rep. Kneeshaw, Christie and Wanless.

FINANCE.—A. Farquhar, McGregor and Stewart.

APPEALS—Rep. Greenshields, Kerr, Fish, Gordon and T. Wanless.

The G. W. P. read his report as follows :—

OFFICE OF GRAND DIVISION, C. E.
Montreal, 24th July, 1857.

To the Officers and Brethren of G. D. of C. E.

Another period has elapsed and we are again met in Grand Division to receive the reports of our officers and to deliberate on matters calculated to promote the prosperity of our order, and the good of our common humanity. Let us come to the task in a humble, prayerful spirit, and determined with divine aid to use our best energies for the promotion of our glorious cause.— Let us pray to our Heavenly Father and invoke his forgiveness for our past apathy, and ask his blessing on our labours that the fruits thereof may be more abundant for the time to come.

In reporting on the state of the Order in this jurisdiction, I regret that I have it not in my power to lay before you so full and accurate a statement as I would wish to have done, owing to the neglect of my Deputies in making their Quarterly Reports with due regularity. The time of the Semi-Annual meeting of G.D. being at hand, and reports from only a very few of my Deputies being received, I deemed it my duty to address a circular to those Deputies who had failed to report, calling on them to furnish me forthwith with information respecting the state of the Order in their several localities. To these circulars answers have been returned by some of them to whom they were addressed—to several no answer has been returned. I have likewise made official visits to a few of the Divisions in my own immediate neighbourhood. There has been one old Division revived, and I have just been informed by the G. S. that a new Division has just been organized in the Eastern Town

ships under very favorable circumstances. Most of the Reports received by me are favorable as to the state of the Divisions reported, and the appearance of the Divisions visited by myself warrant me in saying that the prosperity of the cause in those localities are much more encouraging than they have been for a considerable time past. At the same time, it must be confessed, that in other localities our prospects are far from encouraging. Some Divisions have ceased to exist and many more are in a very languid and depressed condition. Still we have much to encourage us in our onward course, with energy, and determination to work one and all of us in our different spheres, seeking opportunity whenever it can be found to advance the interests of the Order with a humble dependence upon Divine aid, we must be successful.— Let us put our shoulder to the wheel and the car of temperance will once more roll on triumphantly in our midst.

Since our last meeting it has been my privilege to attend the Annual Session of the N. D., held at Providence, R. I. The most cheering accounts were given of the renewed life and energy pervading the Order throughout the length and breadth of the land. Many matters of great interest to our Order were brought under the notice of the meeting and after mature deliberation disposed of—all of which you will have an opportunity of considering when the proceedings are published. A few of these matters I will now take the liberty of bringing under your notice :—

A request having been made from various sections of the country for a new Ritual, a committee was appointed at the Session of the N. D., held at Lexington, to prepare a new Ritual and to report at the succeeding meeting.— The Ritual, as presented by the committee, was taken up and discussed, clause by clause, and ultimately adopted with amendments. The old Ritual forms the ground work of the new one, adopting from the one at present in use such portions as were deemed improvements, forming a work such as will give satisfaction to all parties, and set this matter of Ritual finally at rest. The M. W. P. deeming it a matter of the utmost importance that measures should be adopted to employ Lecturers, and to disseminate written information on the subject of temperance throughout the country, and recommended the establishment of a permanent fund for this purpose, leaving it with the N. D. to devise the proper means for raising that fund. The matter was remitted to a committee, and after mature deliberation reported that they considered the object sought to be obtained was one of paramount importance—that they did not under present circumstances deem it advisable to make any alteration in the constitution of subordinates, but that each G. D. should be recommended to take such steps as to them should seem best for carrying out the important recommendation of the M. W. P. I trust, therefore, you will give this matter your most serious consideration, and that you will adopt such measures as will enable us to carry out the views of the M. W. P. in disseminating a correct

knowledge of the principles of temperance, and of our beloved Order throughout the community. I have likewise to bring under your notice an alteration which has been made in constitution of subordinates, to this effect, that no Per Capita Tax will in future be due or payable for any member over 12 months in arrears.

At the request of a representative from N. B., I have to bring under your consideration a subject which seems to me to be of importance to the interests of temperance throughout the British Provinces—That is, the holding a general temperance convention for the Provinces at such time and places as may be agreed upon, which I now recommend to your favorable consideration.

For statistics and finances I refer to the report of the G. S.

In conclusion I have great pleasure in rendering my acknowledgments to the G. S. for the zeal and ability with which he has conducted the affairs and watched over the interests of the Order.

The whole submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN S. HALL,
G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe read his Report as follows :

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE.
Montreal, June 23, 1857.

To the Grand Division of Canada East:—

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—In submitting to you my Semi-Annual Report, I am extremely sorry that I cannot congratulate you on any increase to the number of our Divisions, or any great measure of success attained by the Order in Canada East since our last meeting; and this is the more to be regretted when we look around us among the neighboring Grand Divisions, and observe the expressions of gratitude finding utterance in the reports of Grand Scribes and Worthy Patriarchs, of the great measure of success that has attended the labors of the Sons in the localities during the past half year, in addition to the number of Divisions and the increased life and activity manifested among Subordinate Divisions, in carrying on the great work in which we are engaged. Surely this apathy which has apparently settled down among us cannot continue, while we are surrounded with such activity as is now reviving the Order elsewhere. True, we have still faithful and zealous Divisions amongst us, but we have also before us the melancholy spectacle of Divisions showing no signs of life, which were once the pride and glory of our Order, and marked as the most active and useful, and whose members were ever ready for every good word and work whereby our cause could be sustained and helped onward. Brothers, it is for you to say if this state of things shall continue, and for you to devise what means we can devise to revive the Order and bring it back to its former activity and usefulness. The same

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necessity exists that ever existed for our untiring efforts, and surely we cannot stand still and look calmly on while the demon, Alcohol, who apparently knows no rest, is creating such havoc in our midst, and sowing the seeds of future misery to all around. Let then, our motto still be,—

Broadly waves our banner o'er us,
Broader still be it unfurled,
Till all nations join the chorus—
Freedom to a ransomed world.

I am sorry to have to report that the following Divisions have surrendered their charters and ceased to exist :

- Union, Stanstead, No. 6.
- Lancaster, Lancaster, No. 11.
- Jonadab, Montreal, No. 12.
- Prince of Wales, Montreal, No. 31.
- Richelieu, Clarenceville, No. 32.

While there are a few others that have not reported for several quarters, and it is feared they have ceased working.

One old Division, I am happy to say, has been revived, and is now in working order, viz, Chatham Division, No. 23.

Among the Divisions from which returns are regularly received, I am pleased to find that the utmost harmony prevails, and many of them present considerable signs of improvement in the increase of their members.— Nothing of importance has transpired among them to require the special attention of this Grand Division, with the exception of some dispute in Gough Division, from which an appeal case will be laid before you.

A circular letter has been received from the office of the M.W.P., copies of which, with the consent of the G.W.P., have been sent to each Subordinate Division under our jurisdiction, and a few of which I now present to you.— It is an important document, and I trust it may have the desired effect.

The following is a synopsis of the returns sent to the National Division for the year ending Dec. 31, 1856 :—

Total number of Divisions in operation.....	18
Number Admitted.....	260
“ Suspended.....	75
Total Number Expelled.....	225
Deaths.....	4
Violated Pledge.....	126
Reinstated.....	41
Violated the Pledge Second Time.....	10
Contributing Members.....	725
Temperance Meetings held.....	121
No. of Representatives to Grand Division.....	53

Number Withdrawn.....			79
Cash Received.....	£439	14	3
Paid for Benefits.....	80	9	2
Cash on hand, including money invested.....	239	3	6
Total Expenses, exclusive of Benefits.....	306	9	11
Per centage to Grand Division.....	46	14	0
Per centage to National Division.....	2	6	8

The following is the synopsis of the returns received from 14 Divisions, for quarter ending March 31, 1857 :—

Members Admitted.....	54
“ Suspended.....	23
Expelled for Violation of Article 2,.....	14
“ Non-payment of Dues.....	4
Deaths.....	1
Violated the Pledge.....	2
Reinstated.....	5
Violated Pledge the Second Time.....	4
Contributing Members.....	591
Temperance Meetings Held.....	30
Number Admitted by Card.....	11
“ Withdrawn.....	18
“ Representatives to Grand Division.....	37
Cash Received.....	£98 4 11
Paid for Benefits.....	13 0 0
Cash on hand, including money invested.....	160 11 9
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of benefits.....	107 19 6
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division.....	9 16 9

The following is the Financial Statement for period from October 16, 1856, to June 23, 1857 :—

GRAND SCRIBE IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND DIVISION.

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To expenses of Grand Scribe to Clarenceville.....	£1 0 0
“ Sundry Portages to date.....	2 11 3
“ M. W. Scribe, N. D. per centage.....	2 10 0
“ Paid J. C. Becket's act. for <i>Advocates</i>	1 5 0
“ “ Account for Printing.....	8 0 0
“ “ Grand Scribe's half-year's allowance.....	7 10 0
“ “ For Trunk for G. D. Property.....	1 5 0
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Cash on hand as above.....				15 2 3

On Motion, both Reports were referred to the proper Committees.

Grand Scribe presented appeal case from Gough Division.
— Referred to Committee on Appeals.

On Motion, Grand Division adjourned till 10 to-morrow Morning.

LACHUTE, June 25, 1857—10 A.M.

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

OFFICERS—G. W. Patriarch and Grand Scribe.

Vacancies filled as follows :—G. W. A., T. Wanless, Dr. Christie, G. T., R. Kneeshaw, G. Chap., R. Brodie, G. Con., A. Farquhar, G. Sen., Thos. Baron, Acting P. G. W. P.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following correct :—

P. W. P., J. Middleton, Colin Dewar, M. McLeod, John Dewar, E. S. Orr, St. Andrews Division, No. 9.

The following new Candidates being in waiting, were introduced and initiated :—John Dewar, and Colin Dewar, St. Andrews Division, No. 9.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report :—

To the Officers and Brothers of the G.D. of C. E. :

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report that, having examined the Financial Statements of the Grand Scribe, and compared the same with the vouchers, do find them correct.

ALEX. FARQUHAR.
JOHN STEWART.
DUNCAN MCGREGOR.

June 24, 1857.

—Adopted.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report :—

To the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, Canada East, and, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers :

We, your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the case of Bro. William Hall, P. W. P. of Gough Division, against a report of a Special Committee of the said Division, and also against the Division for having adopted the said Committee's Report—In this Case Bro. Hall charges Bro. Healey with contempt, in passing complainant as A.C. and going to the P. W. P. for the retiring "pass-word," on two several occasions—to wit, on the nights of the 13th and 20th of October, 1856.

The Committee appointed to examine into and decide upon that charge, after two several considerations of the matter in question, gave as their report that no contempt had been intended, and that consequently the charge fell to the ground. From this report complainant appealed to the Division, and, after much deliberation, the Division sustained the report of the Committee from which report and decision complainant appeals to this Grand Division.

Your Committee are of opinion that the plea of non-intention of contempt was not sufficient grounds for the conclusions they arrived at; and that the word contempt, as used in the charge, was not misapplied. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following :—

That the report of the said Committee, and the decision of the Division, on that report, be reversed.

Your Committee would further recommend that the P. W. P. should carefully guard against such departures from the usages of the Order, as he seems to have done in giving the retiring pass-word to Bro. Healey; and that members of our Order should on entering the Division Room discard from their minds all such private feelings as are calculated to lead them from such departures in future.

THOMAS WANLESS.
JAMES FISH.
ALEX. GORDON.
JAMES F. KERR.
WM. GREENSHIELDS.

—Adopted.

The Committee on Good and Welfare presented the following Report :—

To the G. W. P., Officers and Brethren of the Grand Division of Canada East :

GRAND W. P.'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed on the good and welfare of our

Order, to whom has been committed the consideration of the G. W. P. and Grand Scribe's Report, beg leave to state,—That whilst the G. W. P.'s report gives expression to sentiments of gratitude to Divine Providence for sparing us to meet together for the purpose of promoting the object of our organization ; yet, we cannot but regret the absence of so many of our official Brethren—who, on former occasions, cheered us by their presence, and whose enlightened wisdom guided us on our onward course. May we not fear that this apparent apathy, of which the G. W. P. justly complains, and which we so deeply feel on the present occasion, will be productive of serious evil in rendering our annual and semi-annual gatherings less interesting, especially in those localities where our meetings are held, who naturally look forward with deep interest to our assembling among them as a means of reviving their drooping energies, and of encouragement in struggling with their surrounding difficulties. This is no time for relaxing our efforts. The work of death is advancing ; our responsibilities as an Order are fearfully increasing. Let us not slumber at our posts, but watch and be sober. We would most earnestly call upon our Subordinate Divisions to attend to their duty and send, whenever it is practicable, suitable men to the Grand Division, to aid us by their experience in this good cause.

We learn with deep regret that many Subordinate Divisions have not reported their proceedings for several quarters, and that some D. W. G. P's have been equally remiss, in responding to the G. W. P.'s circular. The absence of such reports necessarily prevent us from arriving at a satisfactory knowledge of the state of the Order within our jurisdiction. We fear that there is too much cause to apprehend that several Divisions are not only in a declining state, but have already fallen. At the same time, we trust that whilst so many have been faithless found, that others have been found faithful, and maintaining their post with fidelity and success.

Our attention has also been directed by the G. W. P. to the recommendation of the M. W. P. of the National Division, as to the propriety of establishing a fund for the more general dissemination of Temperance principles, and showing the dreadful consequences of intemperance, by the publication of Temperance writings or the employment of lecturers for that purpose. Whilst we regard these suggestions as well deserving our serious consideration, we feel doubtful how far a general co-operation could be realized, from the fact that it is with difficulty that we can sustain our ordinary and necessary expenses, and an additional expenditure might militate against our welfare. We are of opinion that much may be done by Subordinate Divisions themselves, especially when the co-operation of the ministers of religion can be secured, by holding frequent Temperance meetings in their respective localities.

The subject of the proposed Temperance Convention, to be held in the British Provinces, is one of great importance, and has had our most serious

consideration; but we do not see that the elements necessary for carrying out so extensive a measure are within our reach. The present depressed state of our finances appears to be an inseparable barrier in the way, but we recommend that the subject be taken up for consideration by the Grand Division at its Annual Session.

We hail with pleasure the announcement of the organization of a new Division; and whilst we feel that we have not so fully carried out our mission as we ought, and feel humbled on that account, yet, so far from yielding to despondency, we pledge ourselves to adopt the recommendation of the G. W. P., to put our shoulders to the wheel of the car of Temperance, and to press onward till our cause shall triumph in every part of the world.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

In the Grand Scribe's Report we see little to remark upon, beyond what has already been taken notice of in the Report on the G. W. P.'s Report except the fact of his continued zeal and deep interest in the cause in which we are engaged. We sympathise with him in his concern, that such a state of apathy should exist; and when he asks the important question: shall such a state of things be allowed to remain? we would most emphatically answer *no*, and would pledge our selves to renewed exertions, and hope at our next meeting to be able to present a more cheering state of things. We beg, in conclusion, to express the satisfaction which we feel at the manner in which the G. W. P. and Grand Scribe have discharged the duties of their respective Offices during the past half-year.

The whole of which we submit in love, purity and fidelity,

R. KNEESHAW.

THOS. CHRISTIE, M. D.

THOS. WANLESS.

The Report was discussed in Sections.

It was moved by Rep. McLeod and adopted,

Resolved,—That the following be added to the 3d Section, after the word "localities":—

"And that this Grand Division is desirous to, and will give its countenance and authority to any application from Subordinate Divisions for the engagement of a Lecturer on Temperance, whenever the contributions of Subordinate Divisions for that purpose shall be received, provided the amount of such contributions shall warrant any action in the matter and that Subordinate Divisions be requested to intimate, as soon as possible, to the Grand Scribe, what amount they may be prepared to contribute for the purpose.

The Report as amended was then adopted.

JUNE 25, $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 p.m.

Officers present same as at Morning Session.

Rep. McOuat being in waiting was introduced and obligated.

Moved by Rep. R. Brodie, and adopted,

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to Victoria Division for the use of their rooms, and also for the manner in which the members thereof have entertained the members of this Grand Division during their stay here.

Moved by Rep. McLeod, and adopted,

Resolved,—That the proceedings of this Session be printed in the *Temperance Advocate*, and that the Grand Scribe procure 250 copies of the same for distribution amongst Subordinate Divisions.

An invitation was tendered by Victoria Division to the Grand Division, to attend a public meeting this evening at six o'clock.

The invitation was accepted.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned, to meet at Quebec on the third Wednesday of October, at 10 o'clock a. m.

HENRY ROSE,
Grand Scribe.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Division of Canada East,
AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION,
HELD AT QUEBEC, OCTOBER 21, 1857.

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

The Grand Division of Canada East, met in the Temperance Hall, Quebec, for the purpose of holding its Annual Session.

Officers present:—John S. Hall, G. W. P., Henry Rose, G. S., A. Smeaton, G. T.

The G. W. P. occupied the Chair.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant Chairs:—A. Walker, G. W. A., W. G. Slack, G. Con., R. Brodie, G. Sen., G. Mathison, G. Chap., J. Rickaby, P. G. W. P.

The Grand Division was then opened according to form, and with services of G. Chap.

The G. W. P. appointed Representatives W. H. Vanvliet, P. Duffy, and A. Farquhar, a Committee on Credentials.

The Credentials of the following Representatives were then examined and reported correct, as having been elected until October next:—

J. M. Blackwood, W. P.; Henry Rose, John S. Hall, Jos. T. Dutton, W. G. Slack, John Montgomery, Jas. M. Hall, William McCormick, Alex. Craig, Alex. Bryson, P. Bawdon, Jno. Cooper, Andrew Dawson, R. Hannah, W. S. Davenport, John Ballard, John C. Becket, John H. Gilman, Archd. McEachern, and Rev. Mr. McClure, P. W. P's., Howard Division, No. 1.

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Thomas Barron, Jr., W.P., Victoria Division, No. 10.

John Rickaby, Wm. Brown, Geo. Mathison, Alex. Farquhar, Samuel McLaughlin, Robert Swalwell, Alex. Woods, Edward Wooton, Wm. Russell, Alex. Walker, William Wilkinson, P. W. P's., and James Goudie, W. P's., St. Lawrence Division, No. 16.

John Jackson, John O'Conner, Richard Foster, W. H. Vanvliet, T. S. Haynes, P. W. P's., and Geo. Frankish, W. P., Lacolle Division, No. 17.

Peter Duffy, John Knight, Thos. Mace, John Gillespie, Chas. Hibbard, Henry Chilingsworth, Henry Hall, Wm. Whelan, John Cousins, Wm. Borbridge, Samuel Borbridge, P. W. P's., and Joseph Stephenson, W. P., Cameron Division, No. 24.

Edward Gosneld, W.P., Lake Beauport Division, No. 36.

Moved by Representative R. Brodie,—That the Credentials of Representative Wood, St. Lawrence Division, be rejected.
Motion Lost.

The following Representatives were announced in waiting, introduced by the Grand Conductor, and initiated:—George Frankish, Thos. Barron, Jr., Alex. Wilson, T. S. Haynes, R. Foster, Alex. McDonald, J. Stephenson, A. Woods, Jas. Goudie, Chas. Hibbard, and Edward Gosneld.

On motion, Grand Division adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 P. M.

Officers present : same as Morning Session.

The following candidates being in waiting, were introduced and initiated:—Wm. Brodie, Thos. Hughes, A. Duncan, Wm. Russell, Peter McMillan, Peter Johnston, J. McLaughlin and Wm. Brown.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the nomination of

officers, when the following nominations were made ;—

G. W. P.—J. R. Healey, A. Smeaton and A. Walker.

G. W. A.—W. G. Slack, R. Brodie, W. H. Vanvliet, Thos. Barron, Jr., Thos. Hughes and A. Walker.

G. Scribe.—H. Rose.

G. Treasurer.—P. Duffy, J. Jackson, W. G. Slack, Wm. Hall, Wm. Russell, Wm. Brodie.

G. Chap.—Wm. More.

G. Con.—W. G. Slack, Thos. Barron, R. Brodie, Alexander Woods, A. Wilson, P. Duffy, Dr. Haynes.

G. Sen.—R. Brodie, Dr. Haynes, Wm. Hall, P. Johnston, P. McMillan, J. Stephenson, C. Hibbard, A. Walker, R. Foster, Thos. Barron.

Rep. O'Connor, Duncan, and J. M. Hall, were appointed Scrutineers.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the election of officers.

The following is the result of the several ballots :

G. W. P., A. Smeaton ; G. W. A., W. H. Vanvliet ; G. Scribe, H. Rose ; G. Treas, W. Brodie ; G. Chap., W. G. More, G. Con. W.G. Slack ; G. Sen., Thos. Barron, Jr.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with.

The G. W. P. elect, Rep. A. Smeaton, was obligated according to form, and conducted to his seat. The other officers were then installed in the following order :—W. H. Vanvliet, G. W. A. ; H. Rose, G. Scribe ; Wm. Brodie, G. Treas. ; Wm. More, G. Chap. ; W. G. Slack, G. Con. ; Thos. Barron, Jr., G. Sen.

The G. W. P., after addressing the G. Division, appointed the following Standing Committees, viz :

Good and Welfare—W. H. Vanvliet, A. Walker, T. Barron Jr.

Finance.—P. Duffy, C. Hibbard, Dr. Haynes.

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Appeals—J. R. Healy, A. Walker, R. Brodie, A. Woods, G. Mathison.

Elections, Returns, Charters, Petitions, Constitutions, By-Laws of Sub., and Publication.—P. G. W. P. Hall, W. G. Slack, J. M. Hall.

The G. W. P. read his report as follows :—

To the Grand Division of Canada East, Officers and Members :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND DIVISION,

MONTREAL, 21st October, 1857.

In submitting my Report to the Grand Division, in Annual Session assembled, I have again to express my regret that I am unable to furnish you with such information regarding the state of the Order in Canada East, as it is desirable you should be in possession of. The District Deputies having failed (with some honourable exceptions,) to make the Quarterly Report required by the constitution. I addressed letters in some cases to District Deputies, in others to the R.S. of the Division, and in some instances to private members of the Order, whom I know to have been active S. of T., but little additional information has been collected thereby. Such information as I have received, I now place before you :

Montreal—Howard Division—Never since its organization has the Division been in a more prosperous condition, or with a better prospect of a useful career before it.

Neal Dow Division—Has held no meeting for a considerable time.

Quebec—The Deputy reports “the cause as proceeding, if not rapidly, at least surély. The Divisions have been engaged in keeping the cause as usual, as much before the public as possible.”

St. Andrews—The Deputy states, “I can only say that during the past Quarter, the Division has been kept in working order. I think we have reason to hope, that our winter's campaign, will be a successful one.”

Victoria Division—Lachute—the Division is in good working order. The number is small, but are actuated by a sincere desire to promote the object of the organization, and peace and harmony characterise all their meetings.

St. Michaels Union—The Deputy reports that there are at present twice the number of members in good standing, to what there was last October.

Lacolle Division—Is in a prosperous condition.

St Johns—Cameron Division—Continues in good working order.

Bristol—Deputy states that the Division is not in so flourishing a condition as could be wished.

Manningville—“The cause in this place is encouraging, at the present

time the great obstacle to our progress, is the number of unlicensed grog-shops. At present there is a difficulty in getting at them—but hope soon to do so,—when we may expect large additions to our numbers.”

New Glasgow—In good working order.

Leeds—Balaklava Division is in a healthy condition, and going on prosperously.

St. Francis' Division—Bro. the Rev. T. W. Constable reports as follows :—The Division under my charge is prospering, and will soon become a very important auxiliary in our great work ; and when we shall have got into full operation, and got our bye-laws into circulation, we will increase more rapidly. There has been no public circulation of information respecting our Order, and no Temperance meeting lately. Having now a little more leisure than I have had for some time past, I intend to hold some public meetings ; and as soon as the new ritual is out, I will organize another Division at Melbourne.

Of the other Divisions in the jurisdiction, I can give no certain information ; and I am afraid that the greater number, if they have not actually ceased to exist, are at least in a very languid and decaying condition.

Since last meeting of the Grand Division, one new Division has been organized at Lake Beauport under very favorable circumstances.

Upon the whole, although we have not much reason for gratulation, still we have no cause to despond. Although in some portions of our jurisdiction there is an apparent apathy and want of energy, yet, in other portions, there is displayed an energy and a determination to carry out the great principles of our noble and beneficent Order, which has not been exceeded in any former period of our existence. That this energetic feeling may continue, let me remind the brethren of the essential importance of punctual attendance at stated weekly meetings of the Divisions. It is to the neglect of this duty that the apathy and want of energy above complained of is mainly attributable. Neglect of attendance cannot fail to diminish the interest felt in the cause, whilst regularity tends to keep alive attachment, excite sympathy, and encourage enterprise.

In my last Report, I brought under the notice of the Grand Division a recommendation of the Most Worthy P., for the formation of a fund to defray the expense of diffusing correct information on the subject of Temperance, and the peculiar fitness of the Order of the S. of T. to sustain and promote Temperance principles, as also the report of the Committee of the National Division, to which that recommendation of the Most W. P. was referred, recommending that the matter should be left in the hands of Grand Divisions, to do what seemed best in their several localities. This Grand Division reported in favor of the measure, but before taking any steps to carry out the recommendation, wished it to be ascertained what each Sub-Division would place at the dis-

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posal of the Grand Division for the purpose. I am not aware what response, if any, has been made by any of the Divisions with the exception of Howard Division, who have resolved to place at the disposal of the G. D. the sum of fifty dollars for the employment of a lecturer.

Two matters of practical import I beg to bring under your notice for consideration: Are we to have a Prohibitory Law? and what is our duty as a body relative thereto?—and 2nd, Is the Order of the S. of T. as efficient for the purposes of its organization as it might? If not what is to be done to render it more efficient.

My connexion with this office is now about to expire, and sorry am I that I have been unable to devote so much time as it was my earnest wish to do to the advancement of our glorious cause, and have possessed more talent to discharge the duties of my office with honor to myself and profit to the Order; and as, no doubt, that in the discharge of those duties there have been many errors, both of omission and commission, I rely on your goodness to overlook them as errors of the head rather than the heart; and with a full consciousness of the justice of the cause in which we are engaged, and your earnest desire for its accomplishment, I commend it and you to the guidance of Him who, in His own good time, will order all things right.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and T.,

JOHN S. HALL,

G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe read his report as follows:—

QUEBEC, OCT. 21, 1857.

G. W. P., OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—I herewith present my report of the transactions of this office, since our last meeting in June, at Lachute. As the time between these two meetings have been but short, there is not much to report.

On the 15th July, a new Division was organized at Lake Beauport under the name of Lake Beauport Division, No. 36.

The returns for the present quarter are only just coming in, but I observe by those already received, considerable improvement in the number admitted this quarter over last. Howard Division, Montreal, has admitted 37 new members; St. Lawrence Division, Quebec, has admitted 10, while last quarter the return showed only two; Manningville admitted 14, and last quarter none. These are but a few, and I trust the others that may come in, will show the same improvement.

There are a number of Divisions that have ceased sending returns, and although parties connected with them have been repeatedly written to, no answer has been returned and no knowledge ascertained of their condition. It is unfortunate that Deputies should have been appointed, who are so un-

faithful to the trust imposed in them, as not to report on their state, and thus give us the satisfaction of knowing whether the Divisions in their locality are alive or dead.

Since last meeting, copies of the proceedings of the National Division have come to hand, and been distributed to the Subordinate Divisions under our jurisdiction.

The alterations and amendments to the constitutions have been few. I would, however, direct attention to the following :—

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia presented the following report, which was agreed to :—

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia, to whom were referred the resolution of Bro Hodges, asking that passwords and withdrawal cards be prepared for lady visitors, beg leave to report, that they have had the matter under consideration, and believe the interests of the Order would be advanced by having a uniform password for females, but that cards for lady visitors, are unimportant and unnecessary and they therefore offer the following resolutions :—

Resolved, 1.—That the M.W.P. be instructed to prepare annual and quarterly P. Words for lady visitors and transmit the same to the G. Scribes under the jurisdiction.

Resolved, 2.—That it is inexpedient to prepare a card for visitors.

Part 2nd of Constitution of National Division was amended, so as to read as follows :

“It shall be composed of such Grand and past Grand W. P's., and Grand and past Grand W. A.'s and such acting Grand Scribes as have served two consecutive years as Grand Scribes, as shall be elected their Representatives by a majority of the members present at such annual session of the Grand Division.”

It was resolved,—“That Divisions are not to pay per capita tax on suspended members, and members more than 12 months in arrears for dues.”

A new Ritual is to be given to the Order, composed principally from what is commonly known as the “old Ritual.” In the meantime, however, Divisions are at liberty to use such Rituals as they have on hand.

It was resolved to admit lady visitors of the Order to witness proceedings in Grand and National Divisions.

The next meeting of the National Division takes place at Indianapolis, on the second Wednesday of June next, at 2 P. M.

In regard to the employment of a lecturer for Canada, I have received no communications from any Division, except Howard, which I lay before you, and trust that some further action be had in the matter.

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I have to lay before you an appeal from Cameron Division.

The following is a synopsis of the returns for the quarter ending June 30, from only 12 Divisions:—

Members Admitted.....	56
“ Suspended.....	14
Expelled for Violation of Article 2.....	14
“ Non-payment of Dues.....	6
Deaths.....	1
Violated Pledge.....	16
Reinstated.....	9
Violated Pledge the Second Time.....	1
Contributing Members.....	562
Temperance Meetings Held.....	15
Number Admitted by Card.....	4
“ Withdrawn.....	24
“ Representatives to Grand Division.....	62
Cash Received.....	£67 19 7
Paid for Benefits.....	7 15 0
Cash on hand, including money invested.....	161 2 3
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of benefits.....	45 10 5
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division.....	9 4 4

The following is the Financial Statement of transactions since last meeting:—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Grand Division of C. E., in Acc. with Henry Rose, G. Scribe.

1857.

June 26.—To paid Expenses to Lachute.....	£1 5 0
Aug. 28 — “ For Fixing Emblems.....	3 0 0
Oct. 19.— “ J. C. Becket, for <i>Advocates</i> ,.....	1 5 0
“ — “ Sundry Postage, &c.,.....	1 15 6
“ — “ G. S's allowance to date,.....	7 10 0
“ — “ Cash on hand,.....	13 10 8
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June 23.—To Cash on hand at date.....	£15 2 3
Oct. 20.—To Cash received, Sundry,.....	13 3 11
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	28 6 2
Cash on hand as above,.....	13 10 8

Trusting that our present meeting may be one in love, purity, and fidelity,

and that such business may be transacted as shall advance the interest of our Order.

I am yours, in L. P. & F.
HENRY ROSE, G. Scribe.

On motion, reports referred to proper Committees.

An appeal from Cameron Division was presented by Grand Scribe and referred to Committee on appeals.

A Communication from Howard Division on the employment of a Lecturer for Canada East, was also presented and referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

QUEBEC, 22 Oct., 10 A.M.

The Grand Division met according to adjournment, and was opened according to form and services of the Grand Chap.

Officers all present except G. Chap., Representative Rickaby officiating

Minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report, that having examined the statements of the Grand Scribe, and compared the same with the vouchers, do find them correct.

PETER DUFFY.
CHARLES HIBBARD.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following Report which was adopted :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

QUEBEC, 21st Oct., 1857.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Division.

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the Appeal of Brother P. W. P., Jas. Knight, against the decision of the W. P., and action of Cameron Division, No. 34, St. Johns, C. E., in that it was Constitutional to receive the Resignation of a Brother, he having paid up all dues and demands

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to date of application. Your Committee on referring to Art. 8, Sec. 1 of revised rules, find the decision correct.

Resolved that this appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted in the Bonds of our Order.

JOHN R. HEALY, Chairman.

GEORGE MATHISON.

A. WOODS.

A communication was presented from Gough and St. Lawrence Divisions inviting this Grand Division as a body to a Public Soiree this evening. The invitation was accepted

The Committee on Good and Welfare presented the following Report, which was discussed in sections and adopted.

REPORT OF GOOD AND WELFARE.

QUEBEC, 22nd October, 1857.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Division of Canada East.

The Committee on the Good and Welfare of the Order, to whom was referred the Report of the G. W. P., and that portion of the G. S's. Report referring to the actual condition and working of the Order during the last five months, would respectfully beg leave to report:—

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

From the Report your Committee observe with regret that despite the many resolutions of this Division bearing on the importance of the D. G. W. P's. sending in their quarterly reports with punctuality and precision, there still seems to be a want of *esprit du corps* amongst the Deputies in this respect, which, with some honorable exceptions, has justly called forth the reflections of the P. G. W. P. Your Committee would again impress upon Deputies this important portion of their duty, without attention to it the G. W. P. is left without that information which tends so materially to increase the prosperity of our Order, and the spread of our principles. Possessed of full information from the Deputies, the G. W. P. has an efficient fulcrum upon which to exert the law of his power; by that information he is enabled at once to see in what direction the cause may be getting lower and desponding, and can at once proceed to the locality, and by his presence, encouragement, advice, and attention, he may be enabled to fan the glimmering spark until it again breaks forth with a flame, stronger, brighter, and purer than before; by the same means also will he be enabled to observe those districts in which the progress of our cause, the cause of humanity, is onward and triumphant.

These spots also he may visit, and, while congratulating the successful brethren on the glorious results of their exertions in this warfare of good against evil ; while mixing amongst the living trophies of their victories, he may add much to the spirit of those exertions, many additions to those trophies, by his heartfelt appreciation and approbation bestowed in his own person, and from his own lips. Your Committee trust that in future, Representatives will keep this subject before their Divisions, and urge the Deputies at all times to a full and faithful execution of the duties of their office.

With regard to the progress of the Order, your Committee would congratulate this Division on its reported increased vitality and progression. From all quarters whence reports have been received, our cause seems steadily and surely moving onwards to its consummation, total prohibition. This movement though not proceeding with a speed correspondent with our wishes, is still gathering additional momentum ; and your Committee hope that every member of this Division will live to see the day when the tracks of our principles will be laid down like a net of Railways, and the velocity of their motions will exceed that of the sweeping steam engine, and their universal propagation and adoption become a permanent and undoubted fact—a great and glorious public good. In other quarters there seems to exist an apathy which must be shaken off, and to effect this laudable object, every individual member of this Division must strive to do his very best, must put his hand to the plough, and his shoulder to the wheel, until our cause and its ramifications, the tree and its branches, stand forth boldly and distinctly, well cleaned and cultivated, and bearing fruit richly and abundantly. One of the first points in this course of conduct, will be personal attendance at the meetings of the Division. This, as truly observed by the P. G. W. P., is a most essential point, and Representatives, if they would be considered as doing their duty, should never miss one opportunity of impressing their Divisions with a full sense of the immense importance of this particular feature of progressive improvement.

Another, and the most important of all, is the employment of a Lecturer. Subordinates *must*, and your Committee have no doubt *will*, come forward unanimously, nobly and generously, to the aid of the Grand Division in this matter, not only as separate bodies, but as we have already seen in this Division, individually man and man, share and share alike. It is a momentous question, involving as it does, the spread of our principles in every direction through Eastern Canada ; bringing as it will do the light and comfort, the strength and beauty of Temperance, in many places plodding on in the cimmerian darkness and desolation, weakness and deformity, mind-enslaving, body-destroying, and futurity-blasting influence of Intemperance. Let the action on this portion of our P. G. W. P.'s report then, be unanimous

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and responsive, and the result will prove how richly such action will be repaid.

With respect to a Prohibitory Law, this Division is well aware that "the time is not yet." This, however, must be no ground for retrogression, but for increased and determined progression. We are the pioneers of Prohibition. Let every brother then always go forth armed with axe and billhook, clearing away every obstacle which presents itself, and when the time does come, that Law will find a smooth and level pathway, along which it will pour its humanizing influence with unimpeded power.

In concluding their review of the G.W.P.'s report, your Committee cannot allow that officer to retire from his high and honourable position without marking their sense of his energetic and efficient conduct, and they have no doubt this Division will warmly second them in returning him sincere thanks for the same, and earnest wishes for his future happiness, and welfare, temporal and eternal.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

The returns not having yet come in from all the Subordinate Divisions, the report of the G.S. on this subject is of course incomplete, and forms another cause for the increased exertion of Representatives, in remedying an evil, solely the result of inattention and thoughtlessness on the part of Subordinate Divisions.

The new Ritual is also brought into notice, but a supply not yet having come to hand, it cannot be issued until it does, which the G.S. will attend to in proper season.

The G.S.'s report also contains information on the subject of the admission of Lady visitors, which this Division may, if it consider the same worthy, take into its consideration. Your Committee, however, decline giving any opinion on the matter, preferring the united wish of a majority on a question viewed in so many different lights.

Your Committee recommend that the Annual Meeting of this Division be held in future, on the 2d Wednesday of January, instead of the 3d Wednesday of October, as at present.

All which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

ALEX. WALKER.
W. H. VANVLIET.
THOS. BARRON, JUN.

Moved by Representative Duffy, and adopted.

Resolved,—That previous to the employment of a Public Lecturer the Grand Scribe be requested to communicate with the several Subordinate Divisions under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, in order to ascertain the amount

of aid in which each Division will give towards defraying the expenses of the employment of a Lecturer by this Division, and should the returns received warrant the employment of one, that a Committee of three, along with the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe be authorized to engage a Lecturer for that purpose.

The G. W. P. appointed on this Committee Representatives Healy, Mathison and Walker.

On the adoption of the Good and Welfare report, the Grand Worthy Patriarch tendered the thanks of this Grand Division to the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch Hall.

It was Moved by Past Grand Worthy Patriarch Hail and adopted.

Resolved,—That the Grand Division admit Lady visitors to its meetings as permitted by the National Division.

On motion, Grand Division adjourned to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock, p.m.

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

Officers present same as morning, except G. T. and Chaplain. J. M. Hall acting Grand Treasurer, Alex. Walker, Chaplain.

Moved by Grand Scribe Rose, and adopted,—That the next meetings of this Grand Division be 3rd Wednesday in June and last Wednesday of September, at Bristol; Semi-Annual, and Annual Meeting at Lacolle.

Moved by Rep. Duffy, and adopted.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the Bros. in Quebec, for the use of their rooms and for the manner in which they have entertained the members of this Grand Division during their stay here.

Moved by Rep. Duffy, and adopted.

Resolved,—That 250 copies of the proceedings of the last and present sessions of this Grand Division be printed, and distributed as heretofore, among the Divisions, and that the proceedings of this session be printed in the *Temperance Advocate*, and that the Grand Scribe procure 250 copies of the same.

Moved by Rep. T. Mace,—and adopted.

That the allowance to the Grand Scribe be the same as last year.

It was moved and adopted.

Resolved,—That the following be our Representatives to the National Division for this year, viz :—P. G. W. P's., Becket, Kneeshaw, McEachern, Mathison and Hall; G. W. P., A. Smeaton; G. W. A., W. H. Vanvliet; P. W. A. Gilman, and Grand Scribe Rose.

The Grand Division then adjourned to meet at Bristol on the 1st Wednesday of June, 1858.

HENRY ROSE, GRAND SCRIBE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

BRISTOL, June 2, 1858.—10 A. M

The Grand Division of Canada East assembled in Bristol Division Rooms for the purpose of holding its Semi-Annual Session.

Officers present:—Grand Scribe, H. Rose; G. Treas., W. Brodie; and P.G.W.P., J. S. Hall.

P.G.W.P., J. S. Hall, occupied the Chair.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs, *pro tem*:—

W. Greenshields, G.W.A.

Alex. Wilson, G. Con.

W. Brodie, G. Chap.

Alex. Walker, P.G.W.P.

The Grand Division was opened in the usual manner.

Printed copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were then distributed among the members.

Representatives Greenshields, Walker and Brodie, were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and reported the Credentials of the following correct.

Geo. Morrison, W. P., John Sly, R. Stewart, A. Stewart, J. R. Tait, Archd. McKenzie, and John Walker, P.W.P's, Bristol Division.

W. Greenshields, P.W.P., Victoria Division.

R. Ralph, P.W.P., Clarendon Division.

The following Representatives being in waiting, were introduced and initiated:—

Geo. Morrison, John Sly, R. Stewart, Jr., A. Stewart, J. R. Tait, A. McKenzie, R. Ralph.

The following Committees were appointed :—

Good and Welfare.—Rep. Walker, Greenshields and Brodie.

Finance.—Rep. Tait, Stewart and Wilson.

In consequence of the absence of the G.W.P., his report was read by the Grand Scribe as follows :—

QUEBEC, 29th May, 1858.

In submitting my report to the Grand Division, in Semi-Annual Session assembled, I have to express my regret that I am unable to furnish you with such information regarding the state of the Order in Canada East, as I should like to lay before you. The Deputies having failed (with some honorable exceptions) to make the Quarterly Report required by the Constitution, I hope at this meeting of the Grand Division there will be a resolution passed to cause Deputies to be more attentive to their duties, as it is from their reports that I could lay any information before you concerning the Order. After our meeting in Quebec, the Lecture Committee sent a circular to the different Divisions, to see if we could employ a lecturer during the winter months, but the encouragement we got was not of such a nature as to warrant us in employing one for this season ; but still I would recommend the same object to be taken into consideration this fall, as some of the Divisions were very liberal in subscribing towards that purpose, and I have no doubt but the whole Order would benefit if this were carried out.

I had a visit from the G.W.P., of New Brunswick. He gave me an account of the Order there, and stated that lectures from men who had the cause at heart, and *working men* of the Order, did more to extend the Order than any other means, and they keep such lecturers employed as much as possible.—New Brunswick has made up its mind to have a full Prohibitory Law. They have had reverses, but still progress sure and steadily.

I have the pleasure of informing you that we have got another Division opened in Quebec, composed of French Canadians, under the title of Montcalm Division.

I think during the next winter that they will do a great deal of good, as they have a large field to work on. I have also had the honor of granting a charter to a new Division at Richmond. I have no doubt that it will prosper under the guidance of the Rev. Mr. Constable, and extend the glorious cause.

Lacolle—Lacolle Division is in good working order, and increasing.

St. John's—Cameron Division is not prospering, having had a great number

of violations and expulsions, and scarcely able to form a quorum at their meetings.

Lachute—Victoria Division—The meetings have been few, and suggests the employment of a lecturer to stir up the cause.

Bristol—This Division is in good working order, and gradually increasing in numbers.

Montreal Howard Division—My Worthy Brother and Deputy G. for Montreal has given such an elaborate report that I think it prudent, for the information of the Grand Division, to quote the document entire :—

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH OF MONTREAL DISTRICT.

Montreal, 25th May, 1858.

A. Smeaton Esq., }
Quebec.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Sons of Temperance, Canada East :

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have to apologize for neglecting, in accordance with my instructions as your deputy, to forward you reports before the first days of April and January last, but will endeavor, if alive and well, to attend to this duty more faithfully hereafter.

My jurisdiction, as you known, is unfortunately limited to Howard Division No. 1, of which, however, I am glad to be able to give a very encouraging account. Its growth in numbers, as you are aware, has been very respectable for some eighteen months back, but at no prior time was its progress made satisfactory than during the two quarters terminating on the 1st April, and which success has been even on the increase from that date to the present time, as many as 46 initiations having taken place at the last eight meetings. The number of members in good standing on the 1st April was 160, and is now about 200. The average attendance at present is about 50, and would be much larger with our present membership, at almost any other season of the year.

You will be pleased to learn, that the greatest amount of unanimity and the best possible spirit still prevails amongst the members of this Division, which assists materially in its advancement.

Its meetings are announced every week in two of the leading daily papers, as well as occasionally in the *Witness* and *Temperance Advocate*, which it is thought has a good effect, by keeping the order and its great and noble work before the public.

A short time since the division reduced its rates of initiation fees and dues 50 cents for former, and 50 cents per quarter for latter, and for persons under 18 years of age, to one half these rates. This alteration was deemed to be advisable, as the benefits were done away some time ago, and it would be likely to

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The division took an active part during the past winter and early spring, in a united effort with the other temperance bodies in the city, in getting up a series of public meetings, which were nearly all well attended, and were the means of bringing some members into the division.

With a view to making the weekly meetings of the division more attractive and interesting, the plan was adopted about a year ago, of having an original production or reading on some suitable subject, from one of the members at each meeting, which has been continued without much interruption, as I am sure with good results.

In my next report I expect to be able to inform you of the establishment and promising condition of a new division at Cote St. Paul, about 3 miles up the Lachine Canal, where there are about a dozen members of Howard Division, connected with Mr. Higgins' Axe and Tool Manufactory, amongst whom is Mr. Higgins himself, an old and valiant cold water man, and who was the means of bringing the others into the order. There is no doubt but a good working division will spring up there.

I cannot close this report without alluding to one thing, which in my opinion has been a chief cause of the success, which I am proud again to refer to, that has attended Howard Division, and that is, the regularity of attendance at the the meetings, and uniform zeal of some of its old members, and without intending the slightest disparagement to others of the old stock, or newer members (many of whom deserve credit on this score,) I cannot forbear mentioning the names of Brothers Henry Rose, J. S. Hall, J. M. Hall, W. G. Slack, J. Montgomery and Andrew Dawson, whose well known faces are hardly ever missed at a meeting.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours in L. P. and F.

ALEX. BRYSON.

D. G. W. P., Dis. of Montreal.

Quebec—Gough, St. Lawrence and Montcalm Divisions—Gough Division has been working strongly and steadily for the past three months, bringing forward many new members to the cause.

St. Lawrence Division did well during the fall, but has not done much towards the spring.

Montcalm Division is taking a good root, and I hope will prosper.

Gough and St. Lawrence keep up a strong agitation by lecturers during the winter in the city and environs.

Before concluding, I would recommend to the Grand Division to make

renewed exertions in the way of petitioning the Legislature and employing public lecturers.

In conclusion, I beg you will excuse me for not bringing forward a more efficient report, as my time does not permit me to give it that attention which I would wish to give it

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.,

ALEX. SMEATON,
G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe then read his Report as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND DIVISION, S. of T., of C. E.

Montreal, June 2, 1858.

To the Officers and Members of the G. D. of C. E.

In presenting you with my Semi-annual Report, I have to congratulate you on the addition to our list of Divisions of two new ones, viz., a charter has been granted for a third Division in Quebec, composed of French Canadians under the name of Montcalm Division, No. 37. The organization of this Division and its progress is looked forward to with considerable interest, as it is hoped, if successful, it will be the introduction of our order among a large class of our population that were thought to be inaccessible to our labors.— If the French Canadian population receive this introduction of our order among them favorably, it will be the means of greatly enlarging our usefulness in Lower Canada, and add considerably to the number of Divisions under our jurisdiction.

The other Division was instituted in Melbourne, under the name of Richmond Division, No. 38.

Information has also been received of the revival of Clarenceville and Lancaster Divisions, both of which were considered virtually dead. We trust that they now start under auspices that will put them in a more flourishing condition than they have yet experienced.

Although I thus congratulate you on these additions, I am sorry that the number of returns received during the last two quarters are fewer than on previous occasions. For the quarter ending December 31, only 11 returns have been received, and for the quarter ending 31st March, 10. Although there has been a falling off in the number of returns, yet I am happy to inform you that several of the statements received show considerable additions to the number of members, and a very marked revival of interest in our order in these localities. We hope this interest will spread through our entire jurisdiction, and stir up our Divisions to renewed exertions, so that the beneficial effects of our order may be felt through all our borders.

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I have received no communications from any of the Divisions requiring your consideration.

A communication has been received from the Grand Scribe of New Brunswick in relation to the importance of holding the next session of the National Division in some central part, with the view of securing a continental meeting of the members of our order and the friends of temperance during the sitting of the session, requesting your concurrence and co-operation thereto.

The following is a synopsis of the returns for quarter ending December 31, 1857:—

Members admitted.....	52
“ suspended.....	57
Expelled for Violation of Article 2.....	8
“ Non-payment of Dues.....	3
Deaths.....	3
Violated Pledge.....	10
Reinstated.....	3
Violated Pledge the Second Time.....	1
Contributing Members.....	483
Temperance Meetings held.....	25
Number admitted by Card.....	6
“ Withdrawn.....	10
“ Representatives to Grand Division.....	50
Cash Received.....	£57 13 5
Paid for Benefits.....	3 12 6
Cash on hand, including money invested	87 2 5
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of	
benefits.....	51 16 2
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division.....	8 1 0

The following is a synopsis of the Returns for the Quarter ending March 31, from 18 Divisions:—

Members Admitted.....	68
“ Suspended.....	53
Expelled for Violation of Article 2.....	5
“ Non-payment of Dues.....	30
Deaths.....	0
Violated Pledge.....	9
Reinstated.....	8
Violated Pledge Second Time.....	0
Contributing Members.....	508
Temperance Meetings held.....	14

Number Admitted by Card	1
“ Withdrawn	22
“ Representatives to Grand Division	61
Cash Received	£62 8 4
Paid for Benefits	3 1 3
Cash on hand, including money invested	118 13 8
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of Benefits	59 14 8
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division	8 9 4

The following is the Financial Statement since last meeting to this date :—
Grand Scribe in Account with Grand Division of C. E., 1858.

June 2.—To paid expenses to Quebec in October..	£1	10	0
“ paid Ware & Co., for G. D. Regalia..	12	0	0
“ paid Account for Printing.....	5	13	9
“ paid G. Scribe's allowance, half year..	7	10	0
“ paid Sundry Postages, &c., to date... 2	13	9	
“ Cash on hand at date.....	15	4	6
			£44 12 0

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Oct. 19.—Cash on hand at date,.....	£13 10 8
June 1.—Cash received to date, for Per Capita Tax, Charters, Books, &c., &c.....	31 2 4 44 12 0

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.,

HENRY ROSE.

On motion, both reports were referred to the usual Committees.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P.M.

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

Officers present same as morning session.

Representative John Walker, of Bristol Division, being in waiting, was introduced and initiated.

The Report of the Committee on employing a Lecturer, was read as follows and adopted :—

BRISTOL, 2nd June, 1858.

REPORT OF THE LECTURE COMMITTEE.

G. W. P. Officers and Brethren :

On behalf of the Lecture Committee, I beg leave to report, that on the receipt of answers from the various subordinate divisions, to the circular on the subject of contributions for the purpose of employing a Lecturer, it was found that a variety of circumstances prevented divisions from coming forward in such a manner as would warrant the employment of a Lecturer. The Committee, however, would recommend that the Grand Division keep this subject in view, and not allow it to drop, but endeavour to have a Lecturer employed to work during the coming winter.

Submitted in bonds of our order

ALEX. WALKER.

The report of the Finance Committee was read as follows and adopted :—

BRISTOL, 2nd June, 1858.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division, C. E.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report that having examined the Financial statement of the Grand Scribe, and compared the same with the vouchers, do find them correct.

ALEX. WILSON,
ROBERT STEWART, JR.
J. R. TAIT.

The following Report of the Good and Welfare Committee was read and discussed in sections and adopted :—

BRISTOL, 2nd June, 1858.

REPORT OF THE GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members of the Grand Division of Canada East :

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

From the report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch your Committee observe with sorrow, that the many representations which have been made with regard to the apathy manifested by Deputies on the subject of their reports, seems to have had but very little effect indeed.

The report, however, if it records some little appearance of backwardness,

has also its brighter features, showing that upon the whole, the principles of our order are progressing and improving in many localities. The report of the Deputy for Montreal, is a noble specimen of what a Deputy's report ought to be. Distinguished by minuteness of detail, and being besides a most brilliant enumeration of the triumphs of Howard Division in Montreal, it is a most valuable, we may say, a model document. We observe with much pleasure that the French Canadians of Quebec, have organized a division which holds out every appearance of solidity and increase, It also affords us great pleasure to remark on the energy and zeal manifested by the division at this place, and we do most sincerely trust that their work of usefulness is but beginning, and that their success will equal the most sanguine expectations of its most sanguine supporters.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

From the Grand Scribe's report we learn that two new divisions have been organized since our last meeting, with every prospect of doing great good in their several spheres of action. The G. S. still complains, however, of the dilatoriness of S. D.s in sending in their returns; and your Committee would recommend the passing of a resolution drawing the attention of subordinate divisions to this most essential feature in the working of our Order.

The only communication received was from the G. S. of the G. D. of New Brunswick, relative to agitating for a central continental meeting of the S. of T. We would in this matter recommend that this Grand Division take into its consideration the importance of requesting the National Division to hold its next annual meeting at some point in their jurisdiction, calculated to secure a continental meeting of the Sons of Temperance of the U. S. and British North America.

From the report of the Lecture Committee, this Committee learn, with regret, that the employment of a Temperance Lecturer was not accomplished. They recommend, however, that the subject be kept before this Grand Division until it reaches a successful termination.

The employment of a Lecturer is of paramount importance, as one of the greatest motive powers which can be brought to bear upon our Order, and as such, cannot be too carefully and earnestly considered.

Respectfully Submitted,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

WM. GREENSHIELDS.

A. WALKER.

WM. BRODIE.

Moved by Rep. A. Walker, seconded by Rep. Green-
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Resolved,—That if the Quarterly Reports of Deputies are not handed to the R. S.'s of Subordinate Divisions one meeting after the expiry of each term, for transmission along with the Divisional returns, the W. P. of each Division to which such Deputies may belong should at once report the same to the G. W. P., and at the same time forward the name of another brother selected to fill the office of Deputy in an efficient manner.

Moved by Rep. A. Walker, seconded by A. Wilson, and adopted :

Resolved,—That the D. G. W. P.'s pay strict attention to the forwarding of the returns of their Divisions in their respective districts, and if these returns are not transmitted by the second meeting of the ensuing quarter, he demand a reason for the same from the W. P. of such Division.

Moved by Rep. W. Brodie, and adopted :

Resolved,—That this Grand Division bring under the notice of the National Division, the importance of holding their next meeting at some central part of their jurisdiction, with the view to the securing a continental meeting of the members of the order and the friends of Temperance, during the sitting of the session of 1859.

Moved by Representative W. Brodie and adopted :—

Resolved,—That when this Grand Division do adjourn, they adjourn to meet at Lacolle on the Second Wednesday of October next.

Moved by Representative A. Walker, seconded by Rep. W. Brodie, and adopted :—

Resolved,—That the proceedings of this Session be printed in the *Temperance Advocate*, and that the Grand Scribe procure 250 copies of the same for distribution among Subordinate Divisions.

Moved by Representative Wilson, seconded by Rep. Greenshields, and adopted :—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the Bros. in Bristol for the use of their rooms and for the manner in which they have entertained the members of this Grand Division during their stay here.

On Motion, the Grand Division adjourned to attend a Public Meeting, and to meet again at 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

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

Officers present same as previous meetings.

Moved by Representative Walker, seconded by Rep. Wilson, and adopted :—

Resolved,—That this Grand Division recommend that Sub-Divisions make it imperative on their members to respond to the question, "Has any Brother violated the Pledge?" by simultaneously rising and placing the right hand on the left breast, and answering "not I."

Minutes read and confirmed.

On Motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at Lacolle, on the Second Wednesday of October.

HENRY ROSE, Grand Scribe.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING
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Grand Division of Canada East.

Lucolle, October 13, 1858.

Wednesday, 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Division of Canada East met in Lacolle Division Rooms, for the purpose of holding its Annual Session.

Officers present :—A. Smeaton, G. W. P. ; Henry Rose, G. Scribe ; W. Brodie, G. T.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs :—T. Mace, G. W. A. ; R. Foster, G. Chap. ; J. Montgomery, G. Con. ; Dr. Haynes, G. Sen.

The Grand Division was then opened according to form.

The G. W. P. appointed Rep. J. M. Hall, W. B. Vanvleit and J. Montgomery the Committee on Credentials.

The Credentials of the following were then examined and reported correct,—as having been elected until October next :—

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—W. P., W. M'Waters, and P. W. P's., J. T. Dutton, J. S. Hall, J. C. Becket, H. Rose, W. G. Slack, David Tees, J. Montgomery, J. M. Hall, W. M'Cormick, A. Bryson, J. Cooper, A. Dawson, W. S. Davenport, J. Ballard, A. M'Eachern, Rev. W. M'Clure, D. Rae, J. Dawson, and L. G. Bolster.

GOUGH DIVISION, No 3.—W. P., W. Brown, and P. W. P's., W. Brodie, R. Brodie, A. Wilson, W. Hall, Wm. Moore, P. M'Mullen, Thos. Hughes, R. J. Shaw, G. Taylor,

T. Davidson, J. P. M'Ewan, G. Fitch, P. Johnson, A M'Donald and J. R. Healey.

LANCASTER, No. 11.—P.W.P., K. Ross.

ST. LAWRENCE, No. 16.—W.P., S. Hawksett and P.W.P's., A. Woods, A. Walker, A. Farquhar, W. Brown, W. Russell, J. Rickaby, S. M'Laughlin, E. Wooten, J. Goudie, G. J. Duff and J. Jarvis.

LACOLLE DIVISION, No. 17.—W. P., G. W. Vanvliet, and P.W.P's., John O'Conner, W. B. Vanvliet, R. Foster, Thos. S. Haynes, M.D., E. Scriver, John Gray, D. Fosburg, Jas. Shenan, G. Frankish, G. H. T. March, M. Normanday, W. Wilson and David Lareault.

CLARENCEVILLE DIVISION, No. 19.—W.P., H. Jamieson and P.W.P., W. M'Fie.

CAMERON DIVISION, No. 24.—W.P., M. Whelan, and P. W.P's., W. Cousins, P. Duffy, Whelan, J. Knight, T. Mace, H. Chillingsworth, W. Borbridge, J. Gillespie, J. Foster, H. Gillespie, H. Hall and C. Hibbard.

MONTCALM DIVISION, No. 37.—W.P.,—Legare, and P. W.P's., Thos. Souci, J. Sauviatte.

RICHMOND DIVISION, No. 38.—P.W. P., T. Webster.

The following Representatives being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor, and initiated :—Alex. Bryson and J. Dawson, P.W.P's., Howard Division, No. 1 ; James P. M'Ewan and Thos. Davidson, Gough Division. No. 3 ; G. March, G. Vanvliet, David Lareault, E. Scriver, and W. Wilson, P.W.P's., Lacolle Division, No. 17, H ; Jamieson, W.P., Clarenceville, No. 19.

The G. W. P's. Report was read as follows :—

Quebec, October 11, 1858

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OF CANADA EAST.

To the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Canada East, assembled at Lacolle in Oct. 1858.

WORTHY BRETHREN.—Having met again in Annual Session, permit me, in submitting my last report, to greet you in the name and spirit of our three cardinal principles.

It is with sincere satisfaction I have to state that the divisional year now closing has been one of cheering progress, which leaves every hope that temperance has taken a hold of the people, through the Sons of Temperance, and is now spreading its roots that it may never die till it has accomplished the end for which it was intended, viz: a Prohibitory Liquor Law for the whole world.

It affords me pleasure to state that a number of the Deputies have been very attentive in making reports of the last quarter.

St. Johns.—Cameron Division is reported to be in a very unfavourable state there having been no improvement since last report.

Montreal.—D. G. W. P. Bryson, Montreal District, gives a very favorable and flattering report, having had a larger number of initiations during the year than at any other period, and are working actively in the cause.

Lacolle.—Lacolle Division keeps a steady hold of the cause, but not increasing.

Leeds.—Balaclava Division is prospering and increasing.

Sawyerville.—D. G. W. P. Constable, reports St. Francis Division in a more prosperous condition than it has been before. Also reports Richmond Division as doing well.

St. Andrews.—St. Andrews Division is reported as being in a rather unfavourable state.

Quebec.—Gough Division is in a prosperous condition, and increasing in numbers.

St. Lawrence Division is in a healthy condition, having been initiating a number of new members.

Montcalm Division being the first in Canada which has been working in the French language, promises to be a large Division, and will without doubt do a great deal of good; the members are very energetic in the cause.

Lancaster reports considerable increase and prosperity.

Clarendon.—Making no progress.

Bristol.—Reports favourably.

Although the picture has a *bright* it has also a *dark* side. Notwithstanding all the exceptions, the subordinate divisions in a great number of cases are in good working order, and some of them rapidly increasing in number. I regret to be compelled to confess that intemperance is not correspondingly diminished, but rather on the increase. The existence of our Order, without doubt, prevents the evil from spreading more rapidly than it otherwise would; but it is melancholy to reflect that, after having expended large sums of money, and years of laborious effort, we have been instrumental

mainly in hindering the more rapid development of intemperance, when its utter extirpation might have been expected.

Much positive good doubtless has been done, but in a negative form. Our progress has been up hill with many a slip backwards. Some have grown weary with the incessant and seemingly never-to-be-ended with hoary evil. Others have given up in despair. Such have mis-calculated the nature of human depravity, and of the vice against which we are waging war. This moral demon, this destroyer of men, women and children, has a thousand lives, and will die hard. Do you ask "When is this moral warfare to end?" If any think, that after fighting a few years, with various turns of fortune, they are going to retire with laurels, and rest upon their trophies, they have mistaken the calibre of their enemy. With such a foe, it is a wearisome battle. Intemperance is a stronghold not easily subdued; we will have to wait many an assault in the trenches, and repel many a sortie, before we are able to storm the well fortified citadel; it may require a generation or two to accomplish its subjugation. Shall we therefore relinquish the contest? never! we fight for posterity as well as for ourselves.

A hundred years ago the Dutch built their ramparts—mud walls—to resist the effects of the ocean upon the soil they had redeemed from its grasp. Does the Hollander trust these walls? No, day by day he steals an hour from toil to fill the breach made by the ocean. The willows are constantly decaying and must be replaced to keep out the wild waters that roar above his head, that he may retain the heritage left him by his father. We also have redeemed some ground.—

"Yet much remains

To conquer still; peace hath her victories

Not less renown'd than war.

We have shut out the angry floods of appetite, custom and interest that are around us. It may take a time to convert the remaining water into land, but will we not fight to retain the land we have redeemed at so much labour and expense? We will, if it should cost us our life-time spent in this effort alone.

In the name of hundreds saved, and millions exposed to the destroyer, I charge you not to peril by indifference what so much toil and self devotion have purchased for us. Our fathers are growing grey in this service, shall we not transmit the works of their hands with unimpaired efficiency to posterity, and put those who come after us in a position to finish that which we have begun.

But have we put forth efforts in keeping with the magnitude of our undertaking? We have pledged ourselves not to cease working until every brother in the great brotherhood of humanity stands embraced within our circle of safety and honor. How does this comfort with the fact of our ably conducted *Tem-*

perance Advocate so full of interesting and convincing arguments, has the meagre circulation of a few hundreds. Is this a proper response to the labours of the devoted and learned brother who conducts it? Is this a proper expression of our interest in the prosperity of our Order, and in the cause of Temperance?

Do we expect the public mind will be illuminated by such a circulation as this? We should not rest contented till the *Temperance Advocate* is in the hands of every man, woman and child, who can read, in the Province. If we are to rely upon the instrumentality of the press as a means of conversion of the entire Province to temperance and prohibition, we must circulate the *Temperance Advocate* by thousands.

It is with sincere regret that I inform the Grand Division that the committee appointed last year to procure a Lecturer, for Eastern Canada, have failed to accomplish that object. If times had not been so hard I believe it would have been attained, and I think that an object of such importance should not be lost sight of.

In presenting my official report, I cannot overlook the fact that several new Divisions have been opened during my administration, which argues well in favour of the cause.

A few hours hence I shall be called upon to lay down the emblem of my authority, and retire from the chair. I embrace this opportunity to express to the Grand Division my deep sense of obligation for their courtesy and confidence. I came among you a stranger and you were pleased to confer upon me the highest office in your gift. It has been my endeavour to show you that your confidence was not misplaced, but I retire from my office under the painful conviction that my efforts, though equal to my ability, have not been commensurate with the obligations of the chair.

Permit me again to revert with sincere satisfaction to the fact that, during my administration, the members and interests of the Order have not diminished, but increased. Much of this prosperity is due to the efficiency of your Grand Scribe, with whom my intimacy has been of the most pleasing character, and to whom I am indebted in being able with any degree of ability to meet the duties of my office. To the other officers of the Division I return my most sincere thanks for the manner in which they have discharged their respective duties, and the respect and courtesy with which they have treated the chair, as well as for personal favors.

Leaving the interests of the Order in the hands of the thoughtful and benevolent men around me who are looking and labouring with unwavering faith for the day of social redemption, I respectfully submit this, my last report, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

ALEX. SMEATON,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

The Grand Scribe read his report as follows :

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers, and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

It gives your Grand Scribe great pleasure in greeting you, thus time after time in presenting you with his reports, and he now wishes you all personal health and much happiness, and that the Order in our locality may receive great good from your meetings.

In regard to the progress of the cause in Canada East, I have not much to report for the short time since we last met.

In August last, Worthy Brother Lambly, D. G. W. P. for Leeds, instituted a New Division at Inverness, under the name of Havelock Division, No. 39.

I have also had information from Portage du Fort, of the re-organization of the Division there, and from the communications received, they appear to have started with considerable vigor and much promise of success.

The number of returns received during last year have increased over previous ones, and I have to congratulate you therefore, on an improved and decidedly improving state of things in our Order in Canada East; and I am glad to have to record this, as accounts from every quarter indicate a like improvement throughout North America. The Most Worthy Scribe in his last report, just come to hand, states, that in his opinion, "based upon an extended correspondence, the Order of Sons of Temperance has not been in so good heart at any time within the last seven years as at this date." He ascribes this to the earnest, living spirit, which showed its existence in many Grand Divisions, and their jurisdictions, during the term closed, and from the increase reported he chiefly justifies his conclusions, that the Order has again assumed the ascendant over the opposition of its enemies, and the still more to be dreaded *neutrality* of its members and friends.

This awakening interest calls us to a more earnest and ardent devotion of all our powers to increase this interest, and give it such a direction as will result in the greatest practical effort for good. The Committee on the state of the Order, in noticing this revival says, it is a truth, whether our philosophy of human society may account for it or not, that

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune ;"

and the amount of effort required to accomplish any desired result is much less when this "tide" is in our favor, than when it is against us. The present is a propitious time for our labor of love. The horizon which but a few months ago was hung with darkness, is now streaked with the dawn of a Temperance revival which, if we are but faithful to our mission, will cheer many a desolate home, will save from disgrace and ruin many a tempted youth, and will

be crowned with results and consequences, which the cycles of eternity alone can fully unfold.

In regard to our Order, the M. W. S. writes,—“The Order of the Sons of Temperance has become a necessity to the Temperance cause, and to the safety and welfare of the community. It is, in fact, a necessary institution in North America, as the all-important, sole and specific counter agent of intemperance and its consequent vice and crime. What desolation would not ensue were its star to disappear from the moral horizon. How many thousands would go back to their cups and to temporal and eternal ruin; how many hearts and homes be shrouded in darkness and desolation; how rampant would not intemperance and crime leap up on every hand, and blur and bloody the earth around us and our children, if its holy light were quenched?” If the members of our Order will for a moment consider it thus in preserving the health-forming, the moral character, and controlling the life conduct of so many thousands within its pledge, and sustaining the peace and comfort of their families, as well as in its vast influences on social ideas and customs, no one but will be willing to throw up its standard anew, and make one more brave and overpowering struggle for a god-like victory.

To the *unorganized* friends of Temperance, the M. W. S. states, “that their duty to themselves and the cause, *requires them to be known to the world as its advocates*, and would further press upon them, that organization is essential to life and power; and that the Order of Sons of Temperance is cheaper in support, relative to efficiency, than any other; and that Union with the Order may be vital to their wishes, as it is unquestionably, *the only general, living, breathing, and working champion of the cause.*”

To the Subordinate Divisions of the Order and its membership the M. W. Scribe briefly says, “*that even yet more depends upon themselves.* They are the *veritable life and being* of our noble Order, without whom all is naught, and upon whom and whose efforts rest most *essentially and really* THE TRIUMPH OF THE ORDER. I would say to them, remember, Brothers, that *union is strength* and the sure anchor of our common hopes, and that a *true life on your part* will most surely beget zeal, prosperity and increase. Let technical disputes pass from you; encourage a magnanimous harmony in the “lesser matters of the law” for the sake of the cause. *Let a supreme devotion to the spirit of the Order animate you.* Give your entire energies for 1859 to the immediate enlargement of your Membership. The order of Sons of Temperance, of which you are the substantive *primary parts*, is the sole, active and *reliable army of Temperance*, and it is of the first importance to *keep it numerous in the field.*

“Total abstinence is undeniably the great and *only safe rule* for all men just as *moderate drinking is the most perilous snare* of those who adopt it. Persuade the young men to join your ranks—accrete to yourselves men of principle

and influence who favor the cause, and thus consolidate the friends of Temperance into the Order. It is an error to hold that this great Order on which so much depends, is to remain merely an asylum for inebriates. Let it be your holy duty to rescue all such whom experience tells you you may save. But I beseech you to firmly assume a more advanced position, and assert your Order to be a *great preventive* as well as a curative body. Thus will you do most good to "the cause of all mankind" and also assuredly lay the foundations of a lasting future. As members, be punctual in your attendance at the stated meetings of your Divisions; nothing is more important. Neglect of the Division room infallibly destroys the interest, attachment and energies of Members, absent and present, and so far damages the Order and cause; whilst a punctual attendance of all gives life and love, vigor and success. As iron sharpeneth iron, so does the countenance of a friend encourage his co-workers.

"Throw yourselves into a missionary attitude. Let every sound Division present a new Division to its jurisdiction and the National Division, *during the year*; and let the general aim be to erect a grand organized Brotherhood of Temperance over the whole North American continent for our own and the good of our people. Pay but little attention to the subject of *general apathy*, it is *nothing*—it is an abstraction. It is *private apathy* (and often our own) against which we have really to contend. Let every man speak to his neighbour, and each man reason with himself, and we shall soon have no cause to complain of it.

Finally, brothers, let us be heartily active. *By inaction we put to risk all previous toils and gains, and PREVENT FUTURE PROGRESS.* Let our glorious Order once more feel the forward pressure of warm hearts and willing hands and under the blessing of a beneficent Providence all will again go passing well.

The alterations in Constitutions or ritual made at last meeting of the N. D. were very few, and I am glad to observe the strong feeling manifested by that body against such:—

Rule XXIII of the constitutions of G. D's relating to election of officers has been repealed.—

Rule XXI, in regard to the appointing of committees, has also been repealed.—

Rule III has been amended, so that the Grand Division can hold their Annual and Quarterly Sessions at such times as may be fixed at a previous Annual Session.

The next meeting of the N. D. is to be in Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday of June, 1859.

The following is a synopsis of the Returns for the quarter ending June 30, from 15 Divisions:—

Members Admitted.....	181
" Suspended.....	44
Expelled for Violation of Article 2.....	7
" Nonpayment of Dues.....	8
Death.....	1
Violated Pledge.....	15
Reinstated Members.....	7
Violated Pledge Second Time.....	0
Temperance Meetings held.....	24
Number admitted by Card.....	17
" Withdrawn.....	25
" Representatives to Grand Division....	42
Cash Received.....	£91 19
Paid for Benefits.....	1 0
Cash on hand, including money invested..	212 16 10
Total expenses for the quarter, exclusive of Benefits.....	62 14 0
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division.....	10 2 8

The following is the Financial Statement since last meeting:—

Grand Scribe in Act. with G. D. of C.E. 1858.

Dr.

June 5—To paid Expenses to Meeting at Bristol.	\$16,25
July " for Silver Emblems for G.D. Reg.	20.00
Oct. 12 " Printing Act., for Constitutions and Bye Laws, &c.,.....	49,75
" " G. Scribe's $\frac{1}{2}$ years allowance.....	30.00
" " Sundry Postages &c.....	6,50

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\$122,50

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June 2—By Cash on hand at date.....	\$60,90
Oct. 12 " received for Books, Charters, &c..	17,50
" " Received per Capita Tax ...	39.90

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\$118,30

Amount due G. S.... \$4,20

On motion, both reports were referred to the following Committees, viz :—

GOOD AND WELFARE.—Representatives A. Walker, A. Bryson, and Dr. Haynes.

FINANCE.—Representatives Mace, Brodie, and Dr. Haynes.

On motion of Representative Bryson, the nomination and election of officers was appointed to be the first business at to-morrow's meeting.

The Committee appointed at last Annual Meeting, on the subject of employing a lecturer during the Winter months, stated that they had nothing further to report.

Moved by Representative Walker and adopted :

Resolved,—That the Lecture Committee draw up an appeal to Subordinate Divisions, for the purpose of employing a Lecturer during three or more months of the Winter, should the answers to the appeal guarantee \$200.

Dr. Haynes, in the name of Lacolle Division, invited this Grand Division to participate in a Temperance Demonstration, to-morrow, commencing at 1 o'clock, P.M.

On motion, invitation accepted.

The nomination for places, for holding the next Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions, now came up.

Grand Scribe Rose moved, that Lancaster be the place for holding the Semi-Annual Session—*Adopted*.

Moved by Representative Davidson, that Richmond be the place for holding the next Annual Meeting.

Representative W. B. Vanvleit named Montreal—*Montreal was selected*.

Moved by Representative W. B. Vanvliet, that the next meetings be held on the last Wednesday of June and the 2nd Wednesday of October.

Moved in Amendment, by Rep. O'Connor, that the time be the 2nd Wednesday of July and 2nd Wednesday of January following,—*Motion carried*.

On motion, G. D. adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 14, 1858.

Thursday, 8 A. M.

Officers present, same as last evening's Session.

The G.D. was opened according to form,

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The nomination of Officers was now proceeded with, and the following nominations made:—

G.W.P., Alex. Bryson, Dr. Haynes; G.W.A., W. Brodie, Dr. Haynes, T. Mace, W. B. Vanvleit, Alex. Bryson and J. O'Conner; G. S., H. Rose; G. Treas., K. Ross, E. Scriver, Alex. Bryson and J. O'Conner; G. Chap., R. Foster; G. Con., J. Montgomery, W. B. Vanvliet, G. Frankish, W. Brodie, K. Ross, J. Knight; G. Sen., J. Dawson, T. Davidson.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the election of officers.

Representatives J. M. Hall, M'Ewan and M'Fie were appointed Scrutineers.

The following is the result of the several Ballots:

G. W. P., Dr. Haynes; G.W.A., Alex. Bryson; G. Scribe, H. Rose; G. Treas., K. Ross; G. Chap., R. Foster; G. Con., J. Montgomery; G. Sen., J. Davidson.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with.

The G.W.P. elect, Representative Dr. Haynes, was obligated according to form and conducted to his seat,—the others were installed in order and conducted to their seats.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of C.E.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report, that having examined the Financial Statements of the Grand

Scribe, and compared the same with the vouchers, do find them correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L.P.&F.

T. S. HAYNES,
WM. BRODIE,
THOS. MACE.

On motion adopted.

The Committee on Good and Welfare presented the following report :—

Lacolle, October 14, 1858.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Brethren of the Grand Division of Canada East, in Session Assembled, the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee is most respectfully submitted.

Your Committee on the present occasion find their task not only an easy, but a pleasant one; the ease of which they speak, being summed up in the fact, that the reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and the Grand Scribe, are so replete with consideration, in every phase, of that which will conduce to the welfare of our Order, that remarks thereon from your Committee might well be considered superfluous and unnecessary. The pleasant feature of our duty is, that from these reports combined, we learn that the progress of our Order is onward; that members are increasing; that new Divisions are being formed, that some of those who had been overwhelmed by adverse circumstances are again springing up into new life and vigour, and again taking their true position in the ranks of Temperance. Nothing can more fully prove these statements than the fact, that the returns received by the Grand Scribe have, during the past term, increased by one-third. The extracts contained in the Grand Scribe's Report, from the Report of the M. W. S., are most interesting, and they also contain an amount of information which will be most desirable, and we much admire the foresight which prompted the G. S. to take this method of giving them publicity. Your Committee would therefore recommend to the serious consideration of subordinate Divisions, the suggestions contained in those reports. and endeavour, if possible, to act in accordance with them.

The whole respectfully submitted,

In L. P. & F.,

ALEX. WALKER,
ALEX. BRYSON,
T. S. HAYNES.

On motion adopted.

The G.P.W. appointed the following Standing Committees :—

GOOD AND WELFARE.—Representatives Walker, Vanvleit and Davidson.

FINANCE.—Representatives M'Fie, Brodie, and J. M. Hall.

APPEALS.—Representatives Scriver, O'Connor, G. M. Vanvleit, J. Dawson and Mace.

ELECTIONS, RETURNS, CHARTERS, PETITIONS, CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATES, AND PUBLICATIONS.—Representatives Bryson, Montgomery, and J. M. Hall.

Moved by Representative Walker and adopted,

Resolved,—That this Grand Division, in accordance with the power granted by the National Division, give Subordinate Divisions the privilege of proposing, electing and initiating, a person on the same evening, provided in all cases he is known to be worthy, upon payment of one cent towards the revenue of this Grand Division.

Moved by G.W.A. Bryson, and adopted,

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe be instructed to write to the M.W.S., enclosing the foregoing Resolution, and asking his opinion concerning the legality of the same.

Moved by P.G.W.P. Smeaton, and adopted,

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe be also instructed to write to the M.W.S., and ascertain if he has any Rituals in the French language, or if he will supply them, and if not, to grant the privilege to this Grand Division to print the same in that language.

On motion, the Report of Committee on appeals presented at meeting of October 16th, and referred back for further information, was ordered to be now handed, along with any other documents on the same subject, to the present Committee on appeals, and to report in fifteen minutes.

Moved by G.T. Ross,—That the G. Scribe's allowance be the same as last year.—*Lost*.

Moved in Amendment, by G.W.A. Bryson,—That the G. Scribe's allowance be one hundred dollars.—*Adopted*.

Moved by Representative Vanvleit,—That the Per Capita Tax for next year be 10 cents.—*Lost*.

Moved in Amendment, by Rep. Brodie,—That the Tax continue the same as last year.—*Adopted.*

The Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

We your Committee on Appeals do sustain Brother Smeaton's appeal on the proofs he adduces,—*Adopted.*

Signed, ED. SCRIVER.
THOS. MACE.
J. O'CONNOR.
JOHN DAWSON.
G. M. VANVLEIT.

Moved by Representative Walker and adopted,

Resolved,—That 250 copies of the proceedings of the last and present sessions of this Grand Division be printed and distributed as heretofore among the Divisions, and that the proceedings of this session be printed in the *Temperance Advocate*, and that the Grand Scribe procure 250 copies of the same:

Moved by Rep. Davidson and adopted,—That an explanation be given to the members of this G. D. why the Grand Scribe did not communicate to Montcalm and St. Lawrence Divisions of Quebec that the G. D. was to hold its Annual Meeting at Lacolle, on the 13th inst., and also, why the proceedings of several meetings now passed were not printed in pamphlet form and sent to Subordinate Divisions.

On motion of G. W. A. Bryson, the explanation of the Grand Scribe was accepted.

Moved by G. Scribe, Rose, and adopted,

Resolved,—That the following be our Representatives to the National Division for this year, viz :—P.G.W.P., Becket, Kneeshaw, M'Eachern, Hall and Smeaton ; G.W.P., Dr. Haynes ; G.W.A., Bryson, and Grand Scribe Rose.

The G.D. adjourned to nine P.M.

9 o'clock, P.M.

The G. D. met according to adjournment, and was opened according to form.

Officers all present.

The Deputies for the year were then appointed.

Moved by Rep. Davidson and adopted,

Resolved,—That the sincere thanks of this G.D. are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Lacolle Division, and their lady friends, for the exceedingly kind manner in which they have contributed to our entertainment and comfort during this session of G. D.

Moved by G.W.A. Bryson, and adopted,

Resolved,—That, whereas Lager Bier has been extensively introduced into Canada East, this Grand Division deems it to be its duty to pronounce it to be an intoxicating beverage, and as much excluded by the Pledge of our Order as any other description of liquor.

Moved by P. G. P. Smeaton, and adopted,

Resolved,—That as many of the Representatives as can possibly find it convenient, attend the next meeting of the National Division at Philadelphia.

Moved by Rep. O'Conner, and adopted,

Resolved,—that this Grand Division hails with great pleasure the announcement, that the Hon. Neal Dow may be expected to make a tour through Canada shortly, and trusts that that much distinguished and successful advocate of a Prohibitory Law, may favor the inhabitants of our principle cities with his views and arguments respecting the great boon which has been conferred upon the State of Maine, chiefly through his exertions.

Moved by Rep. M'Ewan, and adopted,

Resolved,—That Total Prohibition being considered the only true remedy which can be brought forward for the overwhelming evils of Intemperance, that this Grand Division take all necessary steps to bring this subject under the notice of our Provincial Legislature, and that Subordinate Divisions be recommended to take the most active steps in their power in getting up petitions and signatures thereto, for the purpose of procuring a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Minutes of these proceedings were read and confirmed.

On motion of Grand Scribe Rose,

The Grand Division adjourned to meet at Lancaster, on the last Wednesday of June, at two o'clock, P.M.

HENRY ROSE, Grand Scribe.