

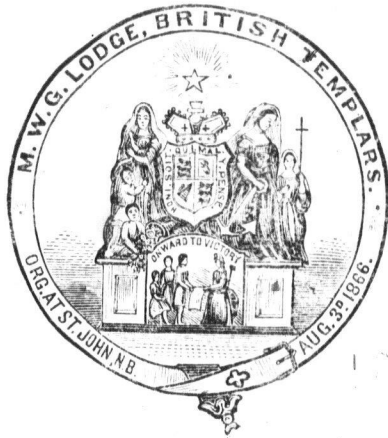
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Most **W**orthy **G**rand **L**odge,

BRITISH TEMPLARS.

Held at Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 30th, 31st, Sept. 1st, 2d, 1870.



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D. C. Fraser,	" Treasurer,	Truro, N. S.
Rev. W. Savage,	" Lecturer,	York, On.
C. H. Hall,	" Counsellor,	Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Rev. S. C. Moor,	" Chaplain,	Woodstock, N. B.
R. Martin,	" Financier,	Sydney, C. B.
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C. G. Ruttan,	" Inner Guard,	Wooler, On.
W. J. McKean,	" Outer Guard,	Port Hastings, C. B.
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James C. Robertson,	" Past Chief,	Newmarket.

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C. W. Hall,	W. G. Chief Templar,	Charlottetown.
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D. McLean,	" Treasurer,	Brooklyn.
J. W. Falconer,	" Lecturer,	Charlottetown.
Mary J. McNeill,	" Counsellor,	"
John McLean,	" Chaplain,	New Perth.
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D. Nicholson,	" Outer Guard,	Whim Road.
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PROCEEDINGS

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Most Worthy Grand Lodge,

BRITISH TEMPLARS.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

INDEPENDENT HALL, WOODSTOCK, N. B., }
7 P. M., August 30th, 1870. }

Pursuant to resolution, the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars met this day, at 7 o'clock, P. M. M. W. G. Chief Templar, Hon. W. P. Flewelling, in the Chair.

Officers present :

- 1. M. W. G. Chief, Hon. W. P. Flewelling.
2. Secretary, A. M. Hemeon, Esq.
3. Treasurer, D. C. Fraser, Esq.
4. Financier, Robert Martin, Esq.
5. Marshal, Richard Craig, Esq.
6. Recorder, George E. Foster, Esq.
7. Inner Guard, John Fawcett, Esq.
8. Deputy Marshal, Miss Amanda Colpitts.

Pro tem. appointments :

- 1. C. Addie Flewelling, M. W. G. Vice Templar.
2. D. M. Fraser, Lecturer.
3. J. P. Bell, Counsellor.
4. D. I. Wetmore, Chaplain.
5. J. McLaughlin, Outer Guard.

After the usual ceremonies, the M. W. G. Chief declared the Lodge duly open for the transaction of business, and the following brethren were appointed as a Committee on Credentials:—

- John P. Bell, P. D. of No. 2, New Brunswick.
J. S. Colpitts, W. G. S. of "
J. Hooper, M. P. P., Nova Scotia.

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The Committee on Credentials then and subsequently reported the following persons, who were all duly obligated and admitted :

OFFICERS.

Name.	Position.	No.	Address.	Province.
W. P. Flewelling,	M. W. G. C. T.	1	Fredericton,	New Brunswick.
J. W. Falconer,	" Vice,	1	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island,
A. M. Hemeon,	" Sec.,	15	Liverpool,	Nova Scotia.
D. C. Fraser,	" Treas.,	56	Hallifax,	"
Rev. T. Todd,	" Lect.,	289	Sackville,	New Brunswick.
Robert Martin,	" Fin.,	181	Sydney,	Cape Breton
G. E. Foster,	" Rec.,	288	Fredericton,	New Brunswick.
R. Craig,	" Mar.,	38	Truro,	Nova Scotia.
Amanda J. Colpitts,	" D. M.,	38	Petitcodiac,	New Brunswick.
John Fawcett,	" I. G.,	166	Sackville,	New Brunswick.
J. B. Woodland,	" O. G.,	166	Oxford,	Nova Scotia.
Rev. W. Savage,	" P. Ch.,		York,	Ontario.

MEMBERS.

Name.	Position.	No.	Address.	Province.
D. M. Fraser,	Representative.	1	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island.
J. S. Colpitts,	W. G. Secretary.	16	Salisbury,	New Brunswick.
Rev. D. I. Wetmore,	Representative.	7	Clifton, K. C.	"
D. Montgomery,	W. G. Secretary.	62	Murray Harbour,	P. E. Island.
Samuel Bernard,	P. D.	65	Florenceville,	New Brunswick.
John P. Bell,	"	2	Saint John,	"
Mrs. John P. Bell,	Representative.	2	"	"
Rev. W. A. Corey,	P. D.	171	Brackley Point,	"
Wm. McGregor,	Representative.	84	Springfield,	P. E. Island.
Alfred Wilson,	P. D.	96	Cambridge,	New Brunswick.
G. U. Hay,	Representative.	171	Norton,	"
E. D. Porter,	"		Lockport,	Nova Scotia.
H. B. Mitchell,	"		Lincoln,	New Brunswick.
D. McLean,	"	25	Brooklyn,	Nova Scotia.
Samuel Watts,	"	78	Woodstock,	New Brunswick.
O. A. Wetmore,	P. D.	78	Woodstock,	"
F. T. Bridges,	W. G. Counsellor	160	Bloomfield,	"
G. L. Kelly,	Representative.	78	Woodstock,	"
E. C. Cuff,	P. D.	225	Tobique,	"
S. S. Vandyne,	"	78	Woodstock,	"
C. W. S. Barker,	"	248	Arthurette,	"
D. J. Holden,	"	225	Andover,	"
G. W. Hovey,	"	77	Woodstock,	"
T. B. Cameron,	"	817	Northampton,	"
Geo. F. Hammond,	"	225	Andover,	"
Josiah Hooper,	Representative.	225	"	"
G. W. Fenwick,	"	320	Fourche,	Cape Breton.
John J. Rogers,	"	289	Grand Falls,	New Brunswick.
W. O. Slipp,	"	189	Northampton,	"
Josiah Murphy,	"	227	Canterbury,	"
M. B. Harrison,	"	118	Oromocto,	"
Hugh Coperthwaite,	"	51	Cumberland,	Nova Scotia.
A. Whitehead,	P. D.	158	Waterville,	New Brunswick.
John Palmer,	C. C.	187	Dumfries,	"
John Bassett,	Representative.	308	Gagetown,	"
W. J. McKeet,	"	259	McKenzie's Corner,	"
Samuel Wilson,	"	128	Port Hastings,	Nova Scotia.
P. E. Appley,	P. D.	128	North Richmond,	New Brunswick.
Rev. J. McLeod,	Representative.	273	Canterbury,	"
J. S. Leighton,	W. G. P. C. T.	166	Fredericton,	"
John Harrison,	Representative.	109	Richmond,	"
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Name.	Position.	No.	Address.	Province.
D. S. Carpenter,	P. D.	283	Richmond,	New Brunswick.
Orid Weldon,	"	814	Westmorland,	"
W. T. Drysdale,	Representative,	78	Woodstock,	"
N. A. Stewart,	"	25	Caledonia,	P. E. Island.
William Foster,	P. D.	272	North Lake,	New Brunswick.
Owen Smith,	W. G. Recorder.	185	Lincoln,	P. E. Island.
James A. Mosar,	Representative.	77	New Perth,	New Brunswick.
James E. Wetmore,	"	7	Clifton,	"
Charles Stewart,	P. D.	250	Dalhousie,	"
Charles Hall,	W. G. C. T.	82	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island.
Charles Tate,	Representative.	82	"	"
John McLaughlin,	F. D.	38	Saint John,	New Brunswick.
J. A. Thompson,	"	109	Richmond Station,	"
T. B. Smith,	Representative.	2	Saint John,	"
John Simpson,	F. D.	222	Glassville,	"
Hugh McGrath,	Representative.	148	Centreville,	"
E. F. Flewelling,	"	7	Clifton,	"
C. A. West,	"	148	Centreville,	"
D. M. Vince,	P. D.	179	Knowlesville,	"
Mary J. McNeil,	W. G. Coun.	1	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island.
C. Henderson,	P. D.	289	Richmond,	New Brunswick.
Augustus Bastin,	Representative.	2	Saint John,	"
Wm. Grey,	"	259	Richmond,	"
James Watts,	W. G. C. T.	78	Woodstock,	"
N. K. Colter,	Representative.	78	"	"
A. H. Hayward,	P. D.	178	Brighton,	"
James Baker,	Representative.	78	Woodstock,	"
S. C. Moore,	"	78	"	"
J. G. Hetherington,	"	57	Johnston,	"
Mary J. Palmer,	"	82	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island.
Geo. L. Holyoke,	P. D.	208	Jacksoontown,	New Brunswick.
Hamilton Emery,	"	197	"	"
N. W. Brennan,	Representative.	205	Saint John,	"
H. B. Mitchell,	P. M. W. G. C. T.	11	Chester,	Nova Scotia.
Mrs. G. P. Taunton,	Representative.	1	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island.
M. F. Orser,	P. D.	183	Harland,	New Brunswick.
James Higgins,	Representative.	1	Charlottetown,	P. E. Island.
J. M. Lowe,	P. D.	216	Kingsclear,	New Brunswick.
E. C. Freeze,	"	166	Fredericton,	"
C. P. Brown,	"	90	Southampton,	"
D. Falconer,	Representative.	131	Sydney,	Cape Breton.
C. G. Rutan,	"	6	Wooler,	Ontario.

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

Resolved—That the M. W. G. Vice administer the obligation in the ante-room to representatives and visitors, who may be qualified to sit in the M. W. G. Lodge.

On motion of Bro. C. H. Hall, seconded by Bro. D. C. Fraser—

Resolved—That the Minutes of our last Annual Session be allowed to stand over until morning session, to allow time for members to make their objections, or suggest omissions.

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

Resolved—That the time of meeting and adjournment of

the Sessions of the M. W. G. Lodge on this occasion, be as follows:—To meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12, noon; meet again at 1.30 P. M., adjourn at 5.30 P. M.; meet at 7.30 P. M., and continue in session till adjourned by vote of the Lodge.

The M. W. G. Chief Templar then appointed the following Committees:—

1. *Memorials*—Bros. J. S. Colpitts, D. M. Fraser, G. Fenwick.
2. *Finance*—Bros. T. Todd, Samuel Watts, Chas. Hall.
3. *Appeals*—Bros. D. I. Wetmore, D. Montgomery, J. Hooper.
4. *Constitutional Changes*—Bros. J. P. Bell, E. P. Flewelling, Charles Full.
5. *Correspondence*—Bros. G. Fenwick, T. B. Smith, G. U. Hay.
6. *State of Order*—Bros. Rev. W. Savage, J. McKeen, Rev. J. McLeod.
7. *Juvenile Lodges*—Bros. J. Watts, Wm. McGregor, Sister Amanda Colpitts.

The Lodge then adjourned, after prayer by the Chaplain, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

August 31, 1870.

M. W. G. Lodge opened at the appointed hour. Minutes of Evening Session read and approved.

Moved by Bro. Watts, seconded by Bro. McGregor, and—

Resolved, That Bro. D. C. Fraser, of the Committee on Juvenile Lodges, appointed at the last Annual Session, being the only one present of that Committee, be added to the Committee on same subject appointed this Session.

Committee on Ritual revision verbally reported.

Moved by Bro. Watts, seconded by Bro. Bridges—

That the verbal report of the said Committee be accepted, and leave granted them to sit again, and report at next Annual Session of this Lodge.

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Moved in amendment, by Bro. Martin, seconded by Bro. Full—That the Committee on Rituals, &c., be ordered to hand in their written report at Fourth Annual Session of this M. W. G. Lodge.

Moved as amendment to amendment, by Bro. Hemeon, seconded by Bro. G. E. Foster—That the Committee be required to perform the duty assigned them at the last M. W. Grand Lodge within two months, and forward their Report to the M. W. G. Lodge Executive.

The amendment was carried.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Wm. Savage be added to the Committee appointed to revise Rituals and Funeral Ceremonies.

The printed Minutes of the last Annual Session were then read (short), and adopted by Resolution of the Lodge.

Moved by Bro. J. S. Colpitts, seconded by Bro. Palmer, and—

Resolved, That this Lodge hear the Reports of its Officers at 2 o'clock, in the Afternoon Session.

On motion of Bro. G. U. Hay, seconded by Bro. Wetmore, and—

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Lodge appoint a Committee to act in conjunction with a Committee from "Woodstock Independent Lodge," for the purpose of arranging for a Public Temperance Meeting, under the auspices of this M. W. G. Lodge.

The Committee appointed to carry out this Resolution, was as follows—Bros. J. S. Colpitts, R. Craig, and J. W. Falconer.

Lodge adjourned at hour appointed.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

August 31st, 1870.

Lodge duly opened by the M. W. G. Chief Templar in the Chair. Minutes of last Session read and approved. At 2 P. M. the order of business was taken up.

The following is the Report of the M. W. G. Chief, for the past year:—

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

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS—By the ruling of Divine Providence, we are again permitted to meet on this our Fourth Annual Session, to transact business connected with the Order of British Templarism. It is of vast importance that we should be united in the cause of Total Abstinence, and cheerfully give our time and money, if need be, for the great work of Temperance Reformation. I heartily congratulate you upon the honors you possess, when I look around this Hall, and see so many convened to consult each other upon the best mode of furthering our object. I rejoice that so many of us have been spared to meet again in Annual Session. I also rejoice to know that at this time we are assembled in one of the finest Agricultural Counties in the Province of New Brunswick. Young though this County be, there is none in this Province that has made greater strides in Agriculture, Education, or Temperance.

Our attention should first be called to the Temperance movement: and this leads me to ask—What has been done during the past year to further the cause of Temperance? In New Brunswick, the W. G. Lodge, joined with the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, secured a Lecturer in the person of Brother Carswell, who addressed meetings in different parts of the Province for the space of one month; which lectures, I am happy to say, had a very beneficial effect wherever delivered. I am informed that persons hearing of him, but not hearing him, felt a deep regret that his services could not be secured for a longer period. In Nova Scotia the W. G. Lodge employed a Lecturer also; and, I have no doubt, good will result from it.

Of the State of the Order, and its progression during the year, I will refer you to the report of the M. W. G. Secretary.

When accepting the office of M. W. G. Chief, I felt that a great responsibility would rest upon me. To perform the duties of my office faithfully, has been my best endeavour; and I am grateful to my fellow-officers for the hearty co-operation in assisting to make the year one of success to our Order. I have received communications from Brother Cunnabell, of New Zealand. He speaks favorably of the progress of our Order in that far-off, distant land. It is to be regretted that he has not received the Password for a long time; neither has the M. W. G. Lodge received any money or reports from that Colony during the past year.

By the returns made by the different Provinces to the M. W. G. Secretary, it will be seen that our Order is still flourishing. The returns for New Brunswick shows an increase of 1,500 over last year; the total membership being at the present time 13,000. From Nova Scotia the number estimated is about 12,000; from Ontario, 2,300; from P. E. Island, the returns show a total of 2,000; Newfoundland, 290; Bermuda, 52; Quebec, one Lodge, 35; and New Zealand, 80; number of members in Juvenile Lodges, 1,900. It will be a source of gratification to the members of this M. W. G. Lodge to know that *union and harmony* exist among the brethren in New Brunswick. You will also be pleased to learn that much of the difficulty which has been manifested in Nova Scotia has been overcome. That the unfortunate difficulty among the Lodges in Nova Scotia should be amicably settled, has been my earnest wish since accepting office.

Brethren, let us turn to the day when the banners of Templarism were first unfurled, and follow, in our minds, the marching of the Order until the present time. The great work of reform has certainly made immense progress. Who could have pictured for it such happy results? While we reflect upon what has been done, let us not close our eyes upon what is before us. We cannot

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fail to see the necessity of great exertions of the part of Temperance men to save from dire destruction those unfortunate persons who have not as yet been brought to know the misery that lurks within the wine cup. Men of talent and good standing in society seem to think themselves proof against its allurements; but, alas! how often do we find them tempted beyond what they are able to bear. Let us extend to all cheerfully the right hand of fellowship, and endeavor to bring them within the reach of Templarism, and teach them the beauties of our noble institution—noble, because the time has come when men who are not total abstainers are looked upon with a suspicious eye, and narrowly scanned by a discerning public.

The time was when our Legislative halls were filled with men who did but little for the benefit of Temperance. The tide is turning gradually. In the last House of Assembly in this Province, the majority of the members were Temperance men. Darkness will sometimes seem to hover over the pathway of our Order; it is, therefore, our duty as Templars to persevere and press forward, with the assurance that the day is not far distant when we shall reap our reward.

I would call the attention of this M. W. G. Lodge to the necessity of applying to the Assembly for an Act of Incorporation. Our banners have been unfurled in every Province in the Dominion; our membership at this time numbers 29,657; and I see no reason why an Act of Incorporation should not pass.

Wishing the Order every success for the ensuing year, I submit this my Report.

Respectfully, in the bonds of the Order.

W. P. FLEWELLING, *M. W. G. C. Templar.*

Woodstock, August 1870.

On motion, the Report was referred to Bros. Todd, Falconer, Savage, and D. C. Fraser, as a Committee to report thereon.

Report of M. W. G. Secretary was then read, as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND CHIEF, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS—Another year has passed away since last we met. Those who were present at that Session will recollect that the year, now ended, was commenced with some misgivings and apprehensions. I must confess that I accepted office with a feeling of great responsibility.

No M. W. G. Lodge Report had either been prepared or published for the year 1868; and no accounts or papers were handed us, by which we could really ascertain our position or standing for the year 1869, or how the different Provinces and Colonies stood financially with this M. W. G. Lodge. I found matters, on a close inspection, worse than the most desponding had anticipated.

The M. W. G. Lodge had no stock in its possession, or at least the M. W. G. Secretary had neglected to send any to Provinces that were actually destitute, or to his successor in office. I found that not even the Passwords had been sent to some Provinces for term after term, and I was without information as to whom I should send them.

I have never yet received, from my predecessor in office, the books and accounts by which alone I can ascertain the indebtedness of, or the amounts due to, this M. W. G. Lodge.

I make no comment whatever on such an unsound state of affairs, and am grieved to have to give you this information; but it is due to you, Sisters and Brothers, to myself, and all concerned, that it be here given openly.

You will see by these statements that it will be impossible for me to give you any statement of the position of this M. W. G. Lodge in its accounts with the different W. G. Lodges or M. W. G. D. C. Templars, as I have never had the

books or papers necessary to ascertain what balances were due, at the commencement of my official year. I should suppose, however, that there must be large amounts due this M. W. G. Lodge previous to April, 1869, but in whose hands I am unable to say.

My accounts with some of the Provinces, so far as their indebtedness to this Lodge is concerned for *capitation tax*, is founded on the most accurate information I can obtain, but not in *all* cases on actual Returns.

M. W. G. LODGE REPORT, 1868.

This Report should have been published by my predecessor. On my accepting office, I was requested to attend to it, and have since been blamed for not doing so. I will simply state that, until *last week*, I have never been able to get any of the Minutes of the Session of 1868, held at Toronto; that as yet I have none of the Accounts, &c., and what I have, is in such a condition that I am doubtful if it will be possible to publish a reliable report from them. I will, however, do all that I can with the papers in my possession.

CHARTERS.

In accordance with resolutions of M. W. G. Lodge (see Report of M. W. G. Lodge for 1869, pp. 15), I commenced, without an *hour's* delay, the work of gathering in the illegal Charters that had been issued in Nova Scotia, and in providing for the issue of legal ones in their place. After many vexatious delays and disappointments in the matter, legal Charters were at length distributed; and I am happy to be able to state, tended materially to allay the feelings of dissatisfaction and indignation that were largely prevalent throughout the Primary Lodges in Nova Scotia, against the "higher grades of Lodges." This matter entailed an expense of nearly Two Hundred Dollars on funds of M. W. G. Grand Lodge. I trust that a like expense, under similar circumstances, may never again occur.

STOCK.

I found several of the Provinces actually out of stock. During the year I have endeavoured, as far as possible, to have all orders promptly filled. A large quantity has been applied for, and there is considerable on hand.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

During the year great progress has been made in nearly every Province and Colony where our organization has been established. The membership, as nearly as I can ascertain, is 29,657, which would be an increase of 8,029 over last year.

I believe that, at the present time, the entire Order of British Templars is in a peaceful and prosperous condition.

As yet, I have not received such Returns as will permit me to give a positive statement of the number of Juvenile Templars, but it is nearly as follows:

Nova Scotia,	.	.	.	800
Ontario,	.	.	.	500
New Brunswick,	.	.	.	400
P. E. Island,	.	.	.	200
Total,	.	.	.	1,900

Being an increase of 500 over last year.

The number of members in Primary Lodges in the different Provinces, is about as follows:

New Brunswick,	.	.	.	18,000
Nova Scotia,	.	.	.	12,000
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FINANCES.

At the commencement of the year, there was a considerable number of debts to pay, but no funds to meet them. I am glad to be able to inform you, that, some of our old debts, *all* the stock printed during the year, and the current expenses for the same period, amounting to \$686.01 $\frac{1}{2}$, have been paid; and that there is now in hands of your Secretary, \$305.66 $\frac{1}{2}$.

I should here remark that the accounts of M. W. G. Lodge, are made up for capitation tax, from April, 1869, to April, 1870; for stock, from September, 1869, to September, 1870.

As I before remarked, owing to my never having had possession of any accounts or books by which I could learn the condition of affairs between this M. W. G. Lodge, and subordinate Grand Lodges; M. W. G. Deputy C. Templars, or even its own *former officers*, I have not charged any balances in my books or accounts previous to April, 1869, though I feel certain there must be a large amount due this M. W. G. Lodge. Even in the accounts for this year, I have been compelled, in a few instances, to assume the amounts due for *capita tax*, but I feel quite certain that that amount is not over-estimated.

The following are the amounts charged the different Provinces and Colonies for Tax and Stock, amount paid, balance due, &c.:-

	Dr.	Cr.	Bal. Due.	Bal. Cr.
New Brunswick, Per Capita Tax and Stock,	\$708 11	\$708 11		
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P. E. Island,.... " " "	117 80	30 00	37 80	
Ontario,..... " " "	164 00	6 55	147 45	
Quebec,..... " " "	5 40	5 75		\$0 35
Bermuda,..... " " "	20 50	17 50	3 00	
N. Zealand,..... " " "	4 80		4 80	
Newfoundland,.. " " "	39 40		39 40	
	\$1608 96	\$972 73	\$631 58	\$0 35

Showing a balance due of \$631.23, to this M. W. G. Lodge, up to April 1870, as I have charged for no Capita Tax since that date in this Account.

I should here state that in reference to Ontario, a considerable amount is claimed as "old debts," by several of its W. G. L. Officers, formerly M. W. G. L. Officers, and an offer has been made by the W. G. Secretary, P. H. Stewart, Esq., to pay these claims, and have said amounts credited to Ontario, by this M. W. G. Lodge. The reason why I have not done this is, that I have not had any books &c., by which I could ascertain what amounts really *ought* to be paid on account of this M. W. G. Lodge.

I may also state that I have made every exertion, to be as economical of the funds of this M. W. G. Lodge, as possible. M. W. G. Secretary, in account with M. W. G. Lodge, will be in Appendix.

CORRESPONDENCE.

During the past year, 256 letters have been received at this office, and I have written 299. I have also had to mail some 1000 Reports, and about 600 Circulars. The Circulars were distributed chiefly in Nova Scotia, and referred, principally, to the "Charter Question," &c.

PROGRESS.

This has already been partly given under "State of the Order," in which I stated the increase for the year, to be about 8029 in Primary, and 500 in Juvenile Lodges.

There has also been eighty (80), new Lodges organized as follows :-

New Brunswick,	....	....	40
Ontario,	....	....	22
Nova Scotia,	....	....	10
P. E. Island,	....	....	7
Quebec,	....	....	1
Total,	....	....	80

There has likewise been a large number resuscitated. Thus far our course has certainly been "Onward to Victory," but we must not forget that the *victory* will never be complete till intoxicating liquor, as a beverage, is banished, not from our land only, but from the wide earth. You will then "never complete the Victory," do I hear some one exclaim? God is with us, Sisters and Brothers. Ours is a righteous cause,—though dangers surround us,—troubles like raging billows threaten to overwhelm us—yea, though all the legions of Satan, with the Archfiend himself at their head combine against us, still let us fight on, firmly, manfully, unflinchingly, unflinchingly. The noble cause for which we do battle must in the end be triumphant; the Great Captain under whom we are marshalled will yet lead us "Onward to Victory."

Submitted in F., H. and C.
A. M. HEMEON, M. W. G. Secretary.

On motion of the Lodge, the M. W. G. Secretary's Report was referred to Bros. Bridges, Craig, Montgomery, and Savage, to report thereon.

The Most Worthy Grand Treasurer then read his Report, as follows:—

To the Officers and Members of the M. W. G. Lodge, British Templars:—

Though this is my second year as Treasurer of this M. W. G. Lodge, this is the first opportunity I have had of presenting a Report. At our last meeting I hid nothing to present, and so our Journals appeared without a Treasurer's Report. This has caused much complaint, and justly so. If the financial condition of our Order is not satisfactorily set forth, there is a cause for fear. This year I have had some correspondence with the M. W. G. Secretary, and hope that my Report may be a little more satisfactory on this occasion, than my silence at the former meeting. The receipts from the M. W. G. Secretary, for the last year, are \$346.71, and the expenditure, \$346.71. The Secretary has invariably sent me the bill and an order on the Treasury. The bill and order I would accept, and give the Secretary a receipt. If such a course be followed in future I would suggest that blank orders, receipts, &c., be obtained, in order that business be systematically done. Upon the whole I feel happy that we are in a better position than heretofore, and hope and pray that our future may be still more prosperous. I subjoin items of receipt and expenditure for the past year.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.
D. C. FRASER, M. W. G. Treasurer.

M. W. G. Lodge in account with M. W. G. Treasurer.

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Sept.	3.	To dues from Ontario, per P. H. Stewart,	\$176 00
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Sept.	3.	Paid P. H. Stewart, per order,	\$176 00
"	3.	" Rev. W. Savage,	10 00
Nov.	9.	" Wm. McNab,	3 00
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On motion, the Report of M. W. G. Treasurer was handed to the Committee on Finance and Audit, to report thereon.

Then followed a verbal Report of M. W. G. Lecturer, which on resolution of the Lodge, was accepted.

On motion of Bro. Martin, seconded by Bro. D. C. Fraser—

Resolved, That this M. W. G. Lodge, do now hear an address from the W. G. Lodge of P. E. Island, through the hands of its Committee. A warm hearted, beautifully worded, and appropriate address was then read by Bro. Hall, on behalf of the W. G. Lodge, of P. E. Island. The address was received by resolution of Lodge, and a Committee appointed to frame a fitting reply thereto, consisting of Bros. Watts, Savage, and Bridges.

A Resolution from Carleton County Lodge, N. B., was read and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

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

Resolved,—That a Committee of one from each Province be appointed to present the private work of our Order, to this M. W. G. Lodge, at this Annual Session.

The Committee appointed, consists of—Bros. Savage, Falconer, J. S. Colpitts and W. B. Harrison.

Lodge adjourned.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

August 31st, 1869.

Lodge opened at the regular hour, M. W. G. Chief Templar in the Chair.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

The Committee on State of the Order reported as follows:—

M. W. G. Chief, Sisters and Brothers—We, your Committee on the State of the Order, have great pleasure in stating, that, after carefully deliberating upon the Reports of the M. W. G. Chief, and Secretary and Treasurer, referring to this

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most important subject, find that our membership in good standing is 29,657, which gives us an increase of 8029 over last year. At the same time we regret having to state that many members have, through their negligence in not remitting their dues, forfeited the privilege of being estimated with the above. 80 Lodges have been organized during the past few months as follows:—

New Brunswick,	. . . . .	40
Ontario,	. . . . .	22
Nova Scotia,	. . . . .	10
P. E. Island,	. . . . .	7
Quebec,	. . . . .	1

We are further gratified in being able to report the following membership of our Juvenile Lodges: In Nova Scotia, 860; Ontario, 500; New Brunswick, 400; P. E. Island, 200; being an increase over last year of 500 members. We are very much pleased in finding that this branch of our noble institution is increasing so rapidly. The expenditure during last year amounts to \$666.01½; the income to \$971.68; amount in hand of M. W. G. Sec'y., \$305.66½; stock on hand, \$157.06. It is also most gratifying to notice that the unhappy feeling which existed in Nova Scotia one year ago has been removed, and that universal harmony now prevails throughout our honorable Order.

Hoping that our present prosperous condition is only the harbinger of our future success, we remain

Yours in the bonds of the Order,
WM. SAVAGE,
J. McLEOD,
W. J. McKEEN.

On motion, the Report was adopted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The M. W. G. Financier then read his Report, as follows:

M. W. G. Chief, Officers and Members:

You well know that at the last meeting of this M. W. G. Lodge, held at Charlottetown, P. E. Island, I was unable to give a Financial Report, owing to the want of the necessary information at the time. But since Bro. A. M. Hemeon's appointment as Secretary, I am happy to say I am able this day to furnish you with a report that I hope will show such a state of the finances of this M. W. G. Lodge as will meet with the approval of the Committee on Finance. I find on reference to the M. W. G. Secretary's books (which I must say are kept with great care and a credit to himself), several sums due, which, as nearly as can be estimated, are as follows:—

From Nova Scotia,	. . . . .	\$399 13
“ P. E. Island,	. . . . .	87 80
“ Ontario,	147 45
“ Bermuda,	3 00
“ Newfoundland,	39 40
“ New Zealand,	4 80
“ New Brunswick,	0 00
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Which shows a sum total due this Lodge by the above named Grand Lodges of \$631.58. On a strict search of the books and papers, I find that the M. W. G. Sec'y. has received for Cap. Tax and Stock the sum of \$971 68

Paid out the sum of 666 01½

Being a balance in his hands of \$305 66½

Your Financier begs to state that his report only embraces the transactions of the past year. Your Financier also finds a balance of 35c. due Quebec, which is duly credited to that Lodge. The stock now in possession of the M. W. G. Secretary, amounts to \$157.06.

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Your Financier begs to recommend that the Capita Tax be one cent as heretofore. Trusting this report will meet with the approval of the M. W. G. Lodge, and if further information is required, I shall be happy to afford it, if in my power to do so.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

ROBT. MARTIN, *M. W. G. Financier.*

Moved by Bro. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Stewart—
That Report of Financier be adopted.

Moved as amendment by Bro. Colpitts, seconded by Bro. Woodland—

That the Report lie on the table until the report of Committee on Finance is read.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Bro. Mitchell, seconded by Bro. G. E. Foster—

That the Report of M. W. G. Financier, be referred to Committee on Finance and Audit.

Amendment to the amendment was carried.

The Report of Committee on Correspondence was read, as follows:—

Most Worthy Grand Chief, Sisters and Brothers:—

The Report of your Committee on Correspondence is to this effect:—That we have examined the correspondence of the M. W. G. Secretary—that we find a complete system of registry of the letters received and answered, has been kept; and that system is everywhere observable in this department. In regard to the nature of the correspondence we find that it consists principally of orders for stock, reports on the condition of Lodges, constitutional points, &c.; 856 in all, 6 of which, of a late date have not been answered. Your Committee notice the fact that the report on correspondence, submitted at the last Annual Session of this Lodge, strongly recommended more systematic arrangement in the matter of conducting the correspondence, which we are pleased to find has been acted upon; and we have much pleasure in testifying to the very complete, accurate, and regular manner, in which the correspondence has been conducted by your M. W. G. Secretary.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

GEO. W. FENWICK,
T. B. SMITH,
GEO. U. HAY.

This Report was adopted by resolution of the Lodge.

A question was asked by Bro. Woodland, as to whether each Worthy Grand Lodge should pay to the M. W. G. Lodge one cent per member on all within its jurisdiction, or only on those from whom they (the W. G. Lodge), have received returns and *per capita* tax.

The M. W. G. Chief ruled, that each W. G. Lodge should pay one cent per member for all under its jurisdiction.

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The Committee on Juvenile Lodges read their Report :—

M. W. G. Chief and Members :—

We your Committee on Juvenile Lodges beg leave to report that we find 17 Lodges in New Brunswick, 8 of which have been organized during the past year, with a membership of 400; the membership of Juvenile Lodges in Nova Scotia, is about 800; in Ontario, 500; in P. E. Island, 200; making a total of 1900. Your committee believing the proverb, "as the twig is bent the tree is inclined," and also the one oft quoted, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," earnestly recommend more persevering efforts to be put forth by Primary Lodges for the extension of this important branch of our Order; believing that if the evils of intemperance were taught them, and the claims of total abstinence inculcated, and instilled into their minds, more good would result in the future, than by the movement among the adult classes of the community. If all the young were forcibly impressed with the moral, intellectual, and physical advantage to be derived from total abstinence, in contradistinction to the immorality, mental imbecility, and physical evil consequent upon the use of alcohol, we believe that, they having no desire for it, never using it; and it being certain there never would have been a drunkard had there never been a moderate drinker, hereby much good would be accomplished. We would also suggest the propriety of inculcating Temperance principles in Sabbath Schools, and by ministers of the gospel.

Submitted in F. H. and G.,

JAMES WATTS,
WM. MCGREGOR,
AMANDA COLPITTS.

Moved, seconded, and—

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

The Committee on Rituals, &c., reported progress, and asked for an extension of time.

On motion of G. E. Foster, seconded by Bro. Hemeon—

Resolved, That the said Committee have an extension of time of two months, granted them to perform their assigned duty, and at end of that time are to report to the M. W. G. Lodge Executive.

On motion of Bro. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Geo. E. Foster—

Resolved, That this M. W. G. Lodge, now proceed to fix time and place for next meeting.

On motion of Bro. Emery, seconded by Bro. Vince—

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this M. W. G. Lodge, be held at Truro, Nova Scotia.

Moved by Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. Hay—

That the next Annual Session be held on the 2nd Tuesday of August, 1871.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Mitchell, seconded by Bro. Craig—

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That the next annual meeting of this Lodge be held, commencing the last Tuesday in August, 1871, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Amendment carried.

(Afterward re considered and changed to *second* Tuesday in August.)

Lodge adjourned at 10 P. M.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Sept. 1st, 1870.

Lodge opened at 9 A. M.

M. W. G. Chief Templar in the chair.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Committee on Appeals presented their Report as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Chief :—

We your Committee on Appeals beg leave to make the following Report, having examined the different papers laid before us :—

(1) *T. Bleakney vs. Grand Lodge of N. B.*—Bro. Bleakney not performing the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the Lodge, a successor to him was appointed by said Lodge, but the Executive refused to commission him. The matter was brought before the W. G. Lodge, and decided in favour of Brother Bleakney, retaining him in office until constitutionally removed.

We are of opinion that the W. G. Lodge should be sustained.

(2) *Bro. Yerxa vs. G. L. of N. B.*—Bro. Yerxa was expelled by Lodge No. 233, for violation of Art. 3rd; for using profane and objectionable language in open Lodge, and for neglect of duties as P. D. He appealed to the County Lodge, and from that to the W. G. Lodge. They sustained the Primary Lodge.

We are of opinion that the decision of W. G. Lodge should be sustained, and the appeal dismissed.

(3) *Bro. C. S. Connolly vs. W. G. Lodge, N. B.*—Bro. Samuel Keys joined No. 224 while a member of No. 153. He was afterwards expelled from No. 153 for non-payment of dues. While visiting said Lodge (No. 153) he was requested to leave the Hall, but was allowed to remain by vote of the Lodge. Bro. Connolly appealed from decision of Primary Lodge to the County Lodge, and thence to the W. G. Lodge. The decision of the Primary Lodge was sustained.

We recommend that the decision of W. G. Lodge be sustained.

(4) *Primary Lodge No. 249 vs. W. G. Lodge, N. B.*—Bro. George Goldropt made a written application for withdrawal from No. 249. Bro. DeBlois objected to the granting thereof, inasmuch as he had a charge to prefer against the Brother on the next night of meeting. The W. C. T. received the objection, and the Lodge sustained him. He appealed to W. G. Lodge, and the decision of the Primary Lodge was reversed.

We are of opinion that the W. G. Lodge be sustained.

(5) Bro. O. Smith appealed from the decision of Sunbury County Lodge. Lodge No. 170 decided to allow persons who had withdrawn from the Order, and were in possession of the Degrees, on becoming members of the Lodge again, to retain all Degrees previously obtained, free of charges, on being re-obligated. The W. G. Lodge reversed the decision of Sunbury Co. Lodge.

We recommend that the action of W. G. Lodge be sustained.

(6) Appeal of W. S. Smith from decision of Sarnbury Co. Lodge was not decided by W. G. Lodge, inasmuch as the documents relating to the case were insufficient.

Your Committee cannot recommend any decision, as the proper papers are not before them.

(7) *Bro. John S. McGee, of No. 192, vs. W. G. L. of N. B.*—Bro. A. D. Stevenson was nominated as a W. G. Lodge representative from 192, in his absence, contrary to the Bye-Laws of said Lodge. On the fact being made known, his name was dropped and another appointed. The said Bro. A. D. Stevenson obtained credentials from the W. C. T. and Sec. of his Lodge, and attended the W. G. Lodge. The W. G. Lodge received him, and ruled that he was entitled to a seat therein.

We recommend that the decision of W. G. Lodge be reversed and the appeal sustained. The documents laid before us clearly show that he was not the representative of the Lodge, and that his credentials were signed without the solicitation of the Lodge.

(8) *Rev. S. C. Moore vs. W. G. Lodge of N. B.*—Certain resolutions submitted to the W. G. Lodge of N. B. were, after some discussion, (on motion, duly seconded) handed over to a Special Committee to report thereon. Bro. Moore appeals from the action of W. G. Lodge, on the ground that the Lodge had no power to submit a resolution to a Committee.

Your Committee recommend that the action of W. G. Lodge be sustained.

Submitted in F., H. and C.,

D. I. WETMORE,
JOSIAH HOOPER,
D. MONTGOMERY.

On motion of Bro. Foster, seconded by Bro. Colpitts—
Resolved, That this Report be taken up section by section.

On motion—

Resolved, That section 1st be adopted.

Moved by Bro. Bridges, seconded by Bro. Stewart, that section 2d be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Bassett, seconded by Bro. Drysdale—

That section 2d be expunged and the following substituted therefor:—That said appeal be sustained, and the decision of W. G. Lodge of N. B. be accordingly reversed.

Original motion was sustained, and the section accordingly adopted.

Sections 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th were adopted by resolution of the Lodge.

Section 7th was read, and after some debate, it was—

On motion—

Resolved, That appeal No. 7 be referred back to the W. G. Lodge of N. B.

Section 8th was adopted on motion.

The whole Report, as amended, was then adopted.

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The M. W. G. Chief then appointed as a Committee on the Constitutional changes, involved in the proposed alteration in Constitution of the Juvenile Lodges, Bros. J. McLeod, G. U. Hay, and D. C. Fraser.

Committee appointed to frame a Reply to the Address presented by the W. G. Lodge of P. E. Island, having reported, it was resolved, by vote of the Lodge, that the Address and Reply thereto be printed in full in the Minutes of the present Session.

The following is a copy of the Address and Reply :

The Worthy Grand Lodge of P. E. Island to the Most Worthy Grand Lodge :

Greeting you in all fraternal love and due courtesy, we would congratulate the members of the highest tribunal and conservator of our beloved Order, on the apparent increase of our numbers and zeal; nor would we forget due thanks to Almighty God for his many mercies extended to all since we last met together. The Island Province has not been idle during the past year, but boasts an increase of seven new Lodges and 500 Templars; and the Grand Lodge of the present year represents 48 Lodges and 2,100 members.

While we are happy, however, in being able to chronicle these successes, we are far from being content with such slow progress in so good a cause. We would urge on your attention this Session the necessity of making the Primary Lodge a necessity to its members. We hold that the Lodge should be the favorite means of amusement, instruction and social intercourse, a refuge from temptation and sorrow, the ready friend of every sick and necessitous member, the conservator of all Temperance legislation, the prosecutor of every man who lays himself open to those laws which pretend to dam the torrent, and keep in due bounds the whirlwinds of Intemperance. In a community where the public sentiment permits the habitual use and sale of alcohol, the true friends of mankind look to the young, still uncontaminated, as the future warriors for truth and right. But in the young, *interest* must be awakened before *conviction*, and *interest* in our Primary Lodges is the main spring of our whole organization. Let it be our first object then, to use every means of interest, amusement, and education, to secure the adhesion of our present members and the admiration of the community. The Lodge room should never be closed, except on the Sabbath. Its papers and books, its lectures, singing-schools, lyceums, readings, gymnasiums, &c., should afford its members no pretext for idle time and dangerous companionship; and, at the same time, render loss of membership no trifling punishment to the transgressor. Until we take such means in hand, loss of standing or membership has no terror to the young and thoughtless, while the luke-warm will grow cold and careless of their duties. We, therefore, urge this matter on your most serious consideration. The noble river, by whose banks you gather, flows through fertile lands to the sea, whose changing tides by turns lash the rock-bound shores of New Brunswick, the ledges of Nova Scotia, and the yellow dunes and sand-stone cliffs of our Island home. But from sea and river God's sun gathers the rain-clouds, and the winds waft them, scattering life, wealth, and beauty over many lands; nor are we the poorer, though others receive the rain gathered around us. So may the members, by God's grace, gather the wisdom and love of mankind which he has cherished in their hearts, and in dispensing, carry such good counsels and winning love into our whole land, that our Order may, like the rain, be a dispenser of good to all mankind. In all fraternal love, and F. H. and C., we remain, truly, yours.

(Signed)

CHAS. W. HALL,	} Committee.
D. MONTGOMERY,	
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REPLY.

Your Committee upon the address from P. E. Island, most cordially welcome the ardent greeting, and fully reciprocate those fraternal feelings which alike do honour to the head and heart of loyal and dignified Prince Edward. With unaffected admiration, we have witnessed the consummate skill displayed by those patriotic Islanders, who, when utter destruction threatened not merely their Grand Lodge, but the cause of Temperance generally, nerved themselves for the struggle, and rested not until British Templarism took her proper place in the garden of our seas—happy Prince Edward. Your Committee would most respectfully call the attention of all Provincial Grand Lodges to the strong numerical and financial position thus attained through their unity of action, and trust such success will stimulate each and all British Templars in the diffusion of those principles, emitted by a Triune Deity, and reflected by the exhibition of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Submitted in warm, fraternal greeting.

WM. SAVAGE,
JAS. WATTS, } Committee.
F. BRIDGES,

Moved by Bro. Mitchell, seconded by Bro. Craig—

That this M. W. G. Lodge proceed to re-consider the motion passed yesterday in reference to the time of meeting of next Session of M. W. G. Lodge.

Carried.

Moved as an amendment to amendment, in former Resolution—

That the next Session of M. W. G. Lodge be held, commencing on the last Tuesday in September, 1871.

The amendment to the amendment was lost.

The first amendment was next put, and lost.

The original motion was then put and carried; so that by Resolution—

This M. W. G. Lodge will meet in Truro, N. S., in Annual Session, commencing the second Tuesday in August, at 7 P. M., 1871.

Lodge adjourned.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 1st, 1869.

Lodge opened in due time and form by the M. W. G. Chief. Minutes of last Session read and approved.

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The Report of Committee appointed on the M. W. G. Chief's Report, is as follows :

Your Committee on the very excellent Report of the M. W. G. Chief, beg to say that we join in the rejoicing over the continued prosperity of our Order; and are pleased with the assiduity with which the M. W. G. Chief conducted the duties connected with this honorable office. We cordially commend the suggestions in the said Report to the consideration of this Temperance body, especially the propriety of securing an Act of Incorporation for the M. W. G. Lodge.

Submitted in the bonds of the Order.

THOMAS TODD,
J. W. FALCONER,
WM. SAVAGE,
D. C. FRASER, } Committee.

Report of Committee on the M. W. G. Secretary's Report was then read, as follows :

M. W. G. Chief, Officers and Members—We, your Committee on the M. W. G. Secretary's Report, beg respectfully to state, that whilst we deeply sympathize with our M. W. G. Secretary in the many and great difficulties which surrounded him when inducted into office, owing, in a great measure, to the unfinished state in which he found the journals, books, &c. &c., yet we gratefully congratulate him upon the success that has crowned his indefatigable efforts, resulting in universal peace and great prosperity; and from a careful inspection of the books, papers, &c., perfect regularity.

We trust for the future all W. G. Secretaries will settle up all accounts not later than July 1st, in order that the M. W. G. Secretary may have his books closed and ready for auditing before the meeting of the M. W. G. Lodge, if required.

Submitted in F., H. and C.

F. T. BRIDGES,
WM. SAVAGE,
RICHARD CRAIG,
D. MONTGOMERY, } Committee.

On motion—The Report was adopted.

The following Resolution was moved by Bro. C. W. S. Barker, seconded by Bro. G. U. Hay—

Whereas, It is desirable that there should be a uniform system of transacting business, of a Parliamentary nature, in the several grades of Lodges in our Order; and as it is desirable that there should be a recognized text book on Parliamentary law and practice;

And Whereas, The want of such a work is a serious impediment to the prompt, speedy, and correct transaction of business in the same :

Therefore Resolved, That we recommend, with this object in view, that a special Committee, composed of Representatives from the several Provinces, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. G. Lodge, be appointed to examine, and report at next Session, on a work entitled "A Handy Book of the Law and Practice of Public Meetings," with a view to the adoption thereof by this M. W. G. Lodge.

This was carried; and the Committee appointed in accordance with it were—Bros. J. S. Colpitts, Savage, Falconer, Woodland, and Barker.

The Report of Committee on Memorials, was then read, as follows:

M. W. G. Chief—Your Committee on Memorials beg leave to submit the following:

We have had placed in our hands two documents of the character of Memorials. No. 1 is from a Committee of "Avalon" Lodge, Newfoundland, setting forth several matters of which it complains, stating that Correspondence, Pass-words, &c., from this M. W. G. Lodge, have been unnecessarily delayed, and asking that a reduction of the *capitation tax* be made in their case, until they are under proper Templar government; and that authority be given to some suitable brother, whom they may recommend, to act as M. W. G. Provincial Deputy.

Your Committee strongly urge the importance of taking immediate steps to meet the very reasonable request of the brothers of that Colony, by authorizing the formation of a W. G. Lodge at as early a date as possible, and in the meantime have some suitable brother appointed as Deputy of the M. W. G. Chief, who will faithfully represent the interest of this body, as well as that of the Order on that Island. Your Committee also recommend, that in order to encourage the formation of Lodges in all Colonies and Dependencies, where no W. G. Lodges exist, that two cents *per capita* tax per quarter be remitted, and three cents only be asked from them by this M. W. G. Lodge, until the organization of W. G. Lodges in the several Colonies or Dependencies, when said W. G. Lodge shall be expected to pay the same as others.

No. 2 is a "Resolution," "Report of a Committee," and an extract from the Minutes of the W. County Lodge of Carleton, N. B., calling attention of this M. W. G. Lodge to the necessity of the early formation of a "Union Temperance Convention," for the more effectual concentration of the efforts of Temperance organizations, &c.

Your Committee learn with pleasure that in the W. G. Lodge of New Brunswick, decisive and practical action was taken on this important subject, and that a standing Committee of seven was appointed at the Session of July, 1870, to act in behalf of that Province in carrying out this object.

Your Committee recommend that a special Committee of twelve be appointed by this M. W. G. Lodge—seven of whom shall be chosen from the Nova Scotia Representatives, and five from those of P. E. Island, now present, or of good standing in those Provinces, who shall act in concert with the Committee already appointed by the W. G. Lodge of New Brunswick, in effecting the early formation of a "Union Temperance Convention" for the Maritime Provinces.

Your Committee having learned with pleasure of the good already resulting from the formation in 1868 of the "Canada Temperance Convention," for the Upper Provinces, feel confident that similar good results may be anticipated from such a Society for the Lower Provinces.

Submitted in F., H. and G.

J. S. COLPITTS,
GEO. W. FENWICK, } *Committee.*
D. M. FRASER,

This Report was taken up Section by Section.

Each Section was adopted.

The Report as a whole was then adopted.

The Committee elected to carry out the intent of the Report, was as follows: From Nova Scotia—Bros. Woodland, Hooper, Mitchell, Longley, Hemeon, D. C. Fraser, and Parsons; from P. E. Island—Bros. Falconer, Hall, McGregor, G. P. Tanton, and D. Montgomery.

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The following Resolution from the W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia, was read :

Resolved, That this W. G. Lodge respectfully ask the M. W. G. Lodge, at its approaching Session at Woodstock, to define the mode of answering the question put from the Chair of Primary Lodges—"Have all members kept their pledge?"

J. B. WOODLAND,
W. G. Secretary of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Bro. Woodland, seconded by Bro. Foster—

That the M. W. G. Lodge recommend that *members* of Primary Lodges when asked the question in No. 10, Order of Business, by the W. Chief, do rise in the attitude of obligation and answer, as the case may be, leaving it optional with each Primary Lodge to require a response to said question or not.

Moved by Bro. Martin, and seconded by Bro. Murphy—

That it is the opinion of this M. W. G. Lodge, that, in answer to the question—"Have all members kept their pledge?"—*each member and visitor* present shall rise and answer.

Moved by Bro. Savage, seconded by Bro. Mitchell—

That the question of response, with reference to No. 10, question in the Ritual, be left to the decision of *each Primary Lodge*, and that *visitors* be exempted.

Amendment to amendment, carried.

The following Report from Committee on Finance and Audit, was read :—

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, British Templars:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the accounts of the M. W. G. Secretary, Treasurer, and Financier, beg to report—That they have attended to that duty as fully as the circumstances admit. They find the accounts apparently correct, and in their manner of being kept, presenting an improvement on former years.

By the Books of the M. W. G. Secretary, your Committee find, that during the year he has received \$971.78, and paid out \$666.01½; leaving a balance in his hands of \$305.66½. The accounts between this M. W. G. Lodge, and the several W. G. Lodges, for *per capita* and stock, are from the information at hand, as follows :—

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Being \$1,603.96 charged against Primary Lodges for *capitation* and stock; \$972.73 credited to them as paid, and leaving amount due of \$631.53. The M. W. G. Secretary has charged the M. W. G. Treasurer with payments amounting to \$180.71, and credited that Officer with a like sum.

Your Committee find that the *Capitation Account*, commenced April, 1869, and closed April, 1870; while the *Stock Account* commenced Septembert 1st, 1869, and closed August 25th, 1870—leaving the amount of *capitation tax* due for five months, by the W. G. Lodges within your jurisdiction, as yet unaccounted for.

The M. W. G. Secretary, has in his charges against the several Provinces, necessarily assumed certain amounts due upon data of former returns; and your Committee hold the opinion, that legally each W. G. Lodge should be held accountable for the whole *per capita tax* of the membership returned by the Lodges under their several jurisdictions.

The M. W. G. Financier has submitted a Report based upon the accounts of the M. W. G. Secretary, which agree in substance with the items therein recorded.

The accounts of the M. W. G. Treasurer, show amount received from the Secretary, \$180.71; from Ontario, per P. H. Stewart, \$176.00; in all, \$356.71. In his Report, this Officer stated, that his receipts from the M. W. G. Secretary, were \$346.71; so that there is an apparent discrepancy between his account and that of the Secretary; but in his account there is an item, as stated, of \$176.00, received from Ontario, which, taking into consideration an error of \$10.00 in the addition of his account on each side, accounts for the difference.

Your Committee recommend for adoption, the suggestion of the M. W. G. Treasurer—That proper blank orders, receipts, &c., be obtained for the use of the Officers.

Your Committee beg to state, that as the Financial operations of this body, involve not only a large amount of money, but also extended accounts, minutes in detail, &c., a perfect system of keeping the accounts, and a thorough and complete audit of the same, are absolutely necessary. There is not time during the short interval occurring during the Session of this M. W. G. Lodge for such an audit, which, in justice to the Subordinate Lodges and individual members who contribute to its total, should embrace a careful scrutiny and comparison of all the vouchers, data, and details of the receipts and disbursements.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend, that there should be a Standing Committee of Finance and Audit appointed; that such Committees should meet annually—a sufficient number of days previous to the general meeting—to audit the Accounts; and that some practical means should at once be adopted to ensure such returns from the W. G. Lodges, as will enable the Financial Officers of this M. W. G. Lodge to close their accounts and submit them to the Committee within the period named.

Your Committee would likewise suggest, that either a Finance and Audit Committee now appointed on the recommendation above, or a Special Committee appointed for the purpose, be charged with the duty of considering the propriety of adopting some simple and uniform system of keeping the accounts of the Lodge, and of obtaining the necessary books, papers, forms, &c., for that purpose.

In F., H. and C.

THOMAS TODD, }
SAMUEL WATTS, } *Committee.*

This Report was adopted by Resolution of Lodge.

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Moved by Bro. William Savage, seconded by Bro. Mitchell, and—

Resolved, That a page be left in the printed Journals for the insertion of a short notice of the decease of any Officers of this M. W. G. Lodge, and of other leading Temperance advocates; and that a Committee be appointed at the Annual Session of the M. W. G. Lodge for filling up the same. Such Committee to be called the "Obituary Committee."

Bros. Savage, Mitchell, McLeod, and Falconer were appointed as "Obituary Committee."

Moved by Bro. Watts, seconded by Bro. Vince—

Whereas, The Rule of Order in the Constitution of this Institution, referring to the "previous question," is not in accordance with British Parliamentary practice, therefore—

Resolved, That the said Rule of Order be so altered, as to make it agree with that standard of debate, which it is prudent to recognize.

This having been ruled out of order, by the M. W. G. Chief, on the ground that *to change a Rule of Order*, it was necessary to give a *year's* notice, as in matters of *Constitution*, an appeal was made from that decision to the M. W. G. Lodge, and by them the decision was *reversed*.

On motion, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on "Constitutional" Changes.

Moved by Bro. J. S. Colpitts, seconded by Bro. J. H. Thompson, and—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of a brother from each W. G. Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. G. Lodge, to secure the passage of an Act incorporating this Body, and the Worthy Grand, and W. County, and Primary Lodges, under its rule.

The Committee appointed in accordance with the above Resolutions, were—Bro. J. S. Colpitts, J. B. Woodland, D. Montgomery, Stevens and Howell.

Moved by Bro. Falconer, seconded by Bro. C. W. Hall, and—

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee appointed by New Brunswick W. G. Lodge, be the convener of the

Committee appointed by M. W. G. Lodge for the purpose of calling a "Union Temperance Convention."

Lodge adjourned at a late hour.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

September 2d, 1869.

Lodge opened in due form. M. W. G. Chief in Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

An invitation from Mrs. L. P. Fisher to this M. W. G. Lodge, to meet on the grounds of the Mayor of Woodstock, to a Pic-Nic this afternoon, was accepted, and hour fixed at half-past 5, p. m.

The Committee on Private Work gave in their Report verbally; and on Resolution, it was taken up in items.

SECTION 1ST.—The day dialogue given, used in Initiation Services, was *done away with*, on recommendation of Committee.

SECTION 2ND.—Recommending *dispensing* with "night dialogue," was *not* adopted. This *remains* as before.

SECTION 3RD.—*Changing Primary Salutations* was adopted.

SECTION 4TH.—*Changing first Degree grip*—*not* adopted. Remains as before.

SECTION 5TH.—*Changing First Degree, Password and Salutation*—*not* adopted. Remains as before.

SECTION 6TH.—*Changing grip of Second Degree*—*not* adopted. Remains as before.

SECTION 7TH.—*Changing Working Sign of Second Degree*. Adopted on *reconsideration*—making it just *opposite* the given form in unwritten work.

SECTION 8TH.—*Changing Password of Second Degree*—*not* adopted. Remains as before.

SECTION 9TH.—*Changing Grip of Third Degree* was adopted.

SECTION 10TH.—*Changing Password Third Degree* was adopted.

On motion—Report, as amended, was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Hemeon, seconded by Bro. G. E. Foster—

That a vote of thanks be presented by this M. W. G. Lodge to the members of our Order in Woodstock, for the kindness extended to the members of this M. W. G. Lodge at this Session.

Carried.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Savage, seconded by Bro. Montgomery, it was—

Resolved, That whereas the W. G. Lodge of New Bruns-

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wick are publishing a monthly, as their organ, called the *British Templar*, and claim that the Order in that Province has been largely benefitted thereby, this M. W. G. Lodge do recommend that paper as worthy the support of every British Templar in all our jurisdiction.

On motion of Bro. J. U. Hay, seconded by Bro. J. McLeod—

Resolved, That the admirable address of Bro. Hall, as read at the Institute last evening, be published in the *Morning Telegraph*, of St. John, as well as in the *British Templar*, of Woodstock, and the *Abstainer*, of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Bro. Mitchell, seconded by Bro. Foster—

That the Election of Officers for the M. W. G. Lodge take place this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Carried.

Lodge closed.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 1st, 1870.

Lodge opened in due form, by the M. W. G. C. Templar. Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Resolved, That the Reports of Committee on Constitutional Changes, be taken up at once, Section by Section.

The following are the changes in Constitution and General Rules, as authorised by this M. W. G. Lodge, either with or without recommendation of Committee :—

No. 16—GENERAL RULES.—Amended by the addition, after "With," in last line of—"And the person elected to fill the vacancy, shall be entitled to all the honors of the Office."

No. 18—GENERAL RULES.—Amended by adding to "place" in last line—"And in the absence of the W. Chief and Vice, the Senior Past Worthy Chief Templar shall take the Chair."

No. 28—GENERAL RULES.—Amended by changing "Councillor," in 4th line, to "Officer."

No. 35—GENERAL RULES.—Amended by adding after "Constitution" in last line—"But no Lodge of the Order is obliged to recognize, or act on, any business or document sent them, unless it is properly authenticated."

On motion of George E. Foster, seconded by Bro. A. M. Hemeon, it was—

Resolved, That a new Rule—No. 36, in General Rules—be inserted after No. 35, as follows :—"No person can be a member of more than *one* Primary Lodge at the *same* time."

ARTICLE 7.—M. W. G. Lodge Constitution, amended by inserting after "Grand Lodge," in first line, "or its Executive."

The remainder of Report was now laid over until after Election of Officers.

On motion of Bro. H. B. Mitchell, seconded by Bro. Savage—

Resolved, That the salary of the Most Worthy Grand Secretary, for the past year, be \$300.

The Lodge then proceeded to elect its Officers by nomination and ballot. Bro. G. U. Hay, J. McLeod, and J. A. Thompson, appointed Scrutiny Committee.

FOR M. W. G. C. T.

Bros. Falconer, McLeod, Bell, and Todd, nominated. Bro. Bell elected on third ballot.

FOR M. W. G. VICE.

Sister Mrs. G. P. Taunton, was elected Vice, by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. SECRETARY.

Bros. Hemeon, Foster, and Flewelling, nominated. Bro. A. M. Hemeon elected on first ballot.

FOR M. W. G. TREASURER.

Bros. D. C. Fraser, T. Todd, and Whitehead, nominated. Bro. D. C. Fraser elected on second ballot.

FOR M. W. G. LECTURER.

Bro. William Savage, elected by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. COUNCELLOR.

Bros. Martin, Hall, and McLeod, nominated. Bro. Hall elected first ballot.

FOR M. W. G. CHAPLAIN.

Bros. T. Todd, and S. C. Moor. Bro. Rev. S. C. Moor elected.

FOR M. W. G. FINANCIER.

Bro. Martin elected by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. RECORDER.

Bros. Vince and Flewelling. Bro. Flewelling elected,

FOR M. W. G. MARSHAL.

Bros. Palmer, Thomson, and Craig. Bro. Palmer elected on first ballot.

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FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

September 2nd, 1870.

Lodge opened in due form, and the election of Officers proceeded with.

FOR M. W. G. DEPUTY MARSHAL.

Bro. McKeen, Sister Amanda Colpitts, and Sister Bell, were nominated. Sister Amanda Colpitts elected on third ballot.

FOR M. W. G. INNER GUARD.

Bros. Falconer, Baker, Ruttan, McLean, McLaughlin, and Murphy. Bro. Ruttan elected on fourth ballot.

FOR M. W. G. OUTER GUARD.

Bro. McLean, Barker, and McKeen, were nominated. Bro. McKeen elected on first ballot.

The Committee on the "Handy Book," then read their Report, as follows:—

M. W. G. Chief:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the "Handy Book," on the Law and Practice of Public Meetings, by James Watts Smith, Esq., LL. D., published by Walter Weldon & Co., 3, Falcon Court, Fleet Street, E. C., London, England, beg leave to report:

That we recommend the same to Lodges of our Order, as containing the standing practice and parliamentary usage; and ask further time to examine more fully said Book, with a view of pointing out any section or parts, not adapted to our purposes as British Templars, and report at the next Annual Session. Meantime we suggest, that the M. W. G. Secretary be instructed to import a sufficient number of copies to supply each W. G. S. with what he may require, in order that it may be used by our Lodges as soon as possible.

J. S. COLPITTS,
J. W. FALCONER,
WM. SAVAGE,
J. B. WOODLAND. } Committee.

This Report was adopted, and an extension of time granted.

On motion of Bro. A. Whitehead, seconded by Bro. Bridges, and—

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Secretary be instructed to furnish a digest of this Session, embracing the changes made in the Constitution, and other matters of importance, to be published in the New Brunswick *British Templar*, for the information of members of this Order.

The Committee on Revising the Ritual of Juvenile Lodges, reported progress, and asked an extension of time, which was granted them.

Moved by Bro. Savage, seconded by Bro. Mitchell, and—
Resolved, That this M. W. G. Lodge is both surprised and grieved that the Journals of the M. W. G. Lodge Session of 1868, have not yet been printed and circulated, in obedience to the mandate of our last Annual Session; and would reiterate the requirement of last year, namely, that 1,000 copies of the Journals of proceedings of that Annual Session, be printed and circulated, within three months of the close of this Session; and that the M. W. G. Secretary attend to this matter.

The Report of Committee on Constitutional Changes was again taken up, and the following changes authorized by M. W. G. Lodge:

ARTICLE 11TH.—County Lodge Constitution. Amended by having the words, "and Juvenile," struck out in fourth and seventh lines, and the following added to the Article—"County Lodges shall have power to exact dues from Juvenile Lodges, if they think proper to impose them."

ARTICLE 14TH.—County Lodge Constitution. Amended by striking out "none but" in the second line, and adding after "meetings" in last line—"And shall enroll their name as required by the higher grades of Lodges."

ARTICLE 15TH.—County Lodge Constitution. Amended by inserting after word "Lodge," in second line, from top of page 28th—"Provided always that upon the application of seven or more members of an extinct Lodge to the County Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, accompanied with satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all that were members in good standing at the time the Lodge ceased working, to unite in such application, they may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects of said Lodge, taken possession of by the County Lodge;" and also after word "Ritual," in third line of the Article insert "books, funds, &c.," and after "Lodge," in first line, insert "is suspended."

ARTICLE 4TH.—County Lodge Constitution. Amended by inserting after word "County," in seventh line—"Who have taken the first Degree."

ARTICLE 5TH, SECTION 1ST.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by inserting after "declared," in twelfth line—"But no member shall mention a person proposed for membership, to any one, except a member of the Lodge, until after the decision has been given, and not even then, if the candidate has been rejected."

ARTICLE 5TH, SECTION 3RD.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by inserting after "him," in last line—"A member suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated by paying the dues standing against him at the time of his suspension."

ARTICLE 5TH, SECTION 7TH.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by adding after "admitted," in last line—"And applicants for a Charter who do not appear within three months after the organization of the Lodge, shall be subject to the same regulations as new candidates."

ARTICLE 6TH, SECTION 5TH.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by striking out "absenting himself or," in first line, and inserting after "installation," in second line—at the time provided for in Section 4, of this Article, or "absenting himself," and striking out "after one week's notice" in fourth line.

ARTICLE 8TH, SECTION 3RD.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by striking out "the Provincial Deputy shall," fourth line, and inserting in its place, "Any Degree member may"; and inserting after "names," fifth line, "with the receipts."

ARTICLE 13TH, SECTION 1ST.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by

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removing words, "to join another Lodge," from their place in third line, and placing them after "Lodge" in second line.

ARTICLE 16TH, SECTION 1ST.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Amended by putting word "member" for "Officer" in first line.

ARTICLE 16TH, SECTION 2ND.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Whole Section expunged, and the following to take its place as Section 2nd:—"Any member, who has good reasons to believe that any member of the Order has violated his pledge or obligation, the Constitution or Laws, or has in any way been guilty of conduct unbecoming a British Templar, shall prefer a charge against him according to the form in the appendix to the Constitution, within one month after knowledge of such offence committed, has come to him."

ARTICLE 19TH.—Primary Lodge Constitution. "Have Order of Business," inserted after "Bye-Laws," in second line.

ARTICLE 8TH, SECTION 1ST.—Primary Lodge Constitution. After words "Sixteen years of age," insert "and upwards;" also after "when eighteen," insert "and upwards."

ARTICLE 16TH, SECTION 4TH.—Primary Lodge Constitution. Place at the commencement of the Section, these words:—"Any member against whom a charge of violation of obligation has been brought in open Lodge, shall be notified thereof by the Secretary; and, if after a receipt of such notice, the accused member, within seven days, shall not appear at the Lodge and plead to the charge, or demand an investigation thereof." Then read on from "The charges &c.," to end of the Section.

The June Session of County Lodges is to be considered the Annual Session; and all Sections opposed to this are to be made in conformity.

Moved by Bro. S. Watts, seconded by Bro. Colpitts, and—

Resolved, That a standing Committee, comprising one member each, from the several W. G. Lodges, within the jurisdiction of the M. W. G. Lodge, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider, and report, such changes as they may deem expedient, in the Rituals, Odes, and Ceremonies of our Order, at the next Annual Session of this Body.

Bros. S. Watts, Savage, Porter, and C. W. Hall, were appointed as standing Committee for the above-named purpose.

On motion, it was then—

Resolved, That this M. W. G. Lodge proceed to install its Officers.

All the Officers were accordingly installed, except the M. W. G. Secretary and M. W. G. Treasurer; the installation of these Officers was deferred until they should have executed the proper bonds.

On motion of Bro. F. T. Bridges, seconded by Bro. Watts—

Whereas, The duties of M. W. G. Recorder, during the

present Session, have been of an onerous character, requiring his constant presence and attention ;

Therefore Resolved, That the sum of — Dollars be presented to that Officer for his services during this Session.

The blank was filled with \$10.00, by Resolution of Lodge.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Colpitts, seconded by Bro. McLeod, and—

Resolved, That the thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to James Watts, Esquire, and lady, for their hospitality towards the Officers of this M. W. G. Lodge ; and also to Mayor Fisher and lady, and Woodstock Independent Lodge, British Templars, for the sumptuous repast kindly furnished this Body on last evening.

A bill of items of expense of M. W. G. Lodge Officers, in attending this Session of M. W. G. Lodge, was read by the M. W. G. Secretary ; and by Resolution of Lodge, was referred to a Committee to audit, composed of Bros. Barker, Basset, and Fraser.

On motion of Bro. Colpitts, seconded by Bro. Jas. Watts, it was—

Resolved, That a special Committee be appointed by this Lodge to prepare a suitable form of Quarterly Returns from W. G. to M. W. G. Secretaries, such as shall embrace totals of the several County Lodge Returns, and submit the same at next Session of this M. W. G. Lodge.

Bros. Colpitts, Thompson, and H. B. Mitchell, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. H. Stewart, seconded by Bro. J. McLeod, and—

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Secretary be ordered to publish 1,000 copies of the Journals of Proceedings of this M. W. G. Lodge Session, and have them ready for distribution within three months, if possible.

Moved by Bro. Savage, seconded by Bro. Mitchell, and—

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Secretary be empowered to obtain 100 copies of the next issue of the *British Templar*, if it contains an authorized synopsis of the proceed-

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ings of this Session of M. W. G. Lodge, and that a copy be sent to each member and officer of this M. W. G. Lodge.

On motion of Bro. C. W. Hall, seconded by Bro. Montgomery—

Resolved, That this M. W. G. Lodge offer a prize of Five Dollars (\$5.00), for the best Essay, of moderate length, on the subject, "How to make Primary Lodges interesting and instructive," and a second prize of the same value, for the best original poem on any Temperance subject. The said Essay and Poem to be read at the next public meeting held under the direction of the M. W. G. Lodge.

The Executive is to award the prize for the said Essay and Poem.

The vote by yeas and nays was called for on the above Resolution, and stood thus: *Yeas*—Savage, Todd, Falconer, Foster, Woodland, Colpitts, Montgomery, McGregor, Porter, Mitchell, McLean, Bridges, Harrison, Coperthwaite, Appleby, Stewart, C. Stewart, Hall, and F. Falconer. *Nays*—Hemeon, Craig, Fawcett, Palmer, McLeod, Smith, Thompson, Vince, J. Watts, and Freeze.

On motion of Bro. R. D. Porter, seconded by Bro. Jos. McLeod—

Resolved, That the clause of instruction, on page first, of Primary Lodge Ritual, respecting *persons* present *without* the Password, does *not* refer to *members* of the Order, but to impostors, as members, if vouched for, are privileged to remain.

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

Resolved, That the thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge be tendered to Hon. W. P. Flewelling, our M. W. G. Chief, for the efficient services he has rendered our Order, during his term of office.

Report of Committee on Convention read and adopted, with the Resolution that it do not appear in the printed Minutes.

Report of Audit Committee, on bill of expenses of the Officers of this M. W. G. Lodge, was read, and favored the cutting down of many items. It was not adopted as a whole; but the bills, as read by the M. W. G. Secretary,

were ordered to be paid, and the suggestions of Committee, that hereafter specific details, with each bill, be handed in, was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Woodland, seconded by Bro. D. M. Fraser, and—

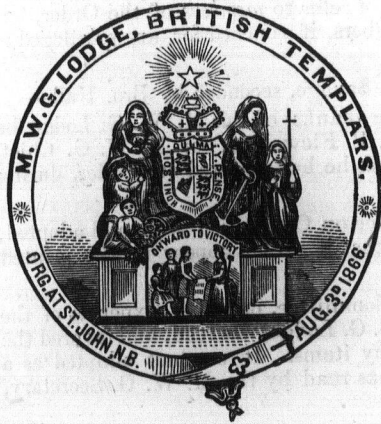
Resolved, That the thanks of the M. W. G. Lodge be tendered to the Managers and Proprietors of the various Railway lines, Steamboats, Packets, and Stage lines, that agreed to convey delegates to and from this Session at reduced fare.

The M. W. G. Secretary and M. W. G. Treasurer having executed and delivered over, the proper bonds, were duly installed into their respective offices.

Moved by Bro. Hall, seconded by Bro. Montgomery, and—

Resolved, That whereas application has been made to the M. W. G. Secretary for a Lecturer to visit the Province of Quebec, that this matter be left in the hands of the Executive, and power granted them to employ a Lecturer, if circumstances permit.

The Minutes of the present Session were then read, and approved; after which the M. W. G. Lodge adjourned, at half-past 5 o'clock, A. M., to meet again, as per Resolution, (D. V.) at Truro, Nova Scotia, on the *second* Tuesday in August, 1871, at 7 o'clock, P. M.



JOHN. P. BELL,
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NOTICES OF MOTION.

I hereby give notice, that all papers in reference to the legality of Sister G. P. Taunton and Bro. James Higgins, being Representatives to this Body, will be called for at next Annual Session of this M. W. G. Lodge.

J. W. FALCONER.

I hereby give notice of Motion at the next Annual Session of this M. W. G. Lodge, to alter Article 4, Constitution of the W. County Lodge, by inserting word "elected" immediately before the word "Officers."

C. W. S. BARKER.

I hereby give notice of Motion at the next Annual Session of this M. W. G. Lodge, of the following alteration in Article 13, Section 1, Constitution of Primary Lodges, so that it read, after the words, "another Lodge for," "any time not exceeding six months from the date thereof," instead of as at present.

J. A. THOMPSON.

I beg to give notice, that I shall at the next Annual Session of this M. W. G. Lodge, move to amend Article 2, of Primary Lodge, so as to more distinctly state at what time in the history of a Primary Lodge, the part of said article referring to composition of said Lodge refers.

J. S. COLPITTS.

I hereby give notice, that at the next Annual Session of M. W. G. Lodge, I shall move to amend Article 3, of Constitution of M. W. G. Lodges, by inserting the words, "Worthy County Secretary," after the words, "Worthy County Chief," in the same.

C. W. S. BARKER.

APPENDIX.

Most Worthy Grand Lodge in Account with A. M. Homeon, M. W. G. Secretary.

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Sept. 3.	To cash D. C. Fraser, M. W. G. T.,		\$10 00
" 3.	do. do. do.		3 00
" 5.	" Mem. Book, 15c.; Blank Letter Book, 50c.; (10th) Stationery, 62½c.		1 27½
" 10.	" Stationery, \$1.25; Stamps, \$4; (20th) Stationery, 40c.		5 65
Nov. 3.	" Stamps, \$1; Stationery, \$1; Stamps, 21c.; (17th) Copying Press, \$6.50. Book and Brush, \$2.50.		11 21
" 24.	" Stamps, 9c.; Stationery, 6c.; (25th) Cash, Clark for Lithographing, \$11.95.		12 10
" 25.	" Quarter Ream Paper, \$1.25; cash D. C. Fraser, M. W. T., \$1.75.		3 00
" 26.	" Cash D. C. Fraser, M. W. G. T., 75c.; paid for Charters, Box, Truckage, 62½c.; Stamps, 25c.		1 62½
Dec. 1.	" Expenses in Halifax attending Charters M. W. G. L. act,		17 25
" 24.	" Stamps, \$1; Stationery, 10c.; Telegrams, 60c.		1 70
1870.			
Jan. 1.	" Ledger, 60c.; Stock Book, 20c.; Blotter, 20c.; bottle Glycerine, 25c.; Copying Ink, 10c.; Ink, 10c.		1 45
" 4.	" Stamps, 25c.; do., 70c.; Stationery, 12½c.; (7th) Postage, 20c.; postage, 12c.; (Jan. 10th) Postage, 12c.		1 57½
" 14.	" Postage, 12c.; (24th) Stamps, 25c.; (25th) Postage, 19½c.; Stationery, 25c.		81½
" 14.	" Cash R. Martin, Esq., expenses at M. W. G. L., 1869.		32 50
Feb. 17.	" Cash Clark & Co., parchment, \$123.32; (Mar 11th) Printing 255 Charters, \$12 75; Telegrams, \$2.29.		148 36
" 7.	" Postage, 25c.; (14th) Postage, 54c.; Postage Charters, 90c.; (14th) Telegrams, 32c.; do., 30c.		2 31
" 15.	" Postage, 10c.; (18th) Telegram, 38c.; Postage, 9c.; (18th) Telegram, 34c.		91
" 19.	" Postage, 56c.; Telegram, 32c.; (25th) Telegram, 32c.; Freight Charters, \$1.18.		2 18
" 28.	" Mucilage, 25c.; Postage, 18c.; Stationery, 50c.		93
Mar. 11.	" Postage, \$1.75; (17th) Postage, 31c.; Stationery, 62½c.; Postage, 50c.; Postage, 36c.		3 54½
" 17.	" Bottle Mucilage, 20c.; Telegram, 30c.; (21st) Postage, 27c.; Postage, 22½c.; (22d) Telegram, 50c.		1 49½
" 23.	" Telegrams and Postage, \$1.26½; (22d) Cash D. C. Fraser, \$4.90.		6 16½
" 26.	" Telegrams, 43c.; (29th) Postage Stamps, \$1.		1 43
May 10.	" Postage to May 30th, 75c.; (June 16th) Stamps, \$1.26; Stamps, 8c.; (June 17th) Stationery, 50c.		2 59
July 26.	" Cash Rev. Jas. Howell, on account "Shifford" Lodge,		4 00
Aug. 13.	" Printing notice M. W. G. L. Session, \$1.75; Postage, 80c.;		
" 20.	" Expenses to Halifax, \$15; Cash to Wm. McNab, printing M. W. G. Lodge Reports, \$45.		60 00
" 20.	" Cash Barnes & Co., for printing for year, \$319; cash Rev. J. Howell, \$1.75.		320 75
" 30.	" Memorandum Book, &c., 90c.; Stationery, 35c.		1 25
" 30.	" Paid for Notices M. W. G. Lodge, Ontario, to P. H. Stewart, W. G. S.,		4 50
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Jan. 1.	By cash, per John S. Colpitts, on account W. G. Lodge, N. B.,.....	\$100 00	
" 5.	" cash per F. A. Lawrence, account Stock for W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia,.....	13 35	
" 22.	" cash, per J. S. Colpitts, G. L. New Brunswick,.....	100 42	
" 31.	" cash, per F. A. Lawrence, on account W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia, paid Robt. Martin, Esq.,.....	32 50	
Mar. 26.	" cash, per F. A. Lawrence, on account W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia, paid by Co. Sec. Queen's,.....	74 97	
" 29.	" cash, per R. S. A. Tucker, on account Ryan Lodge, Bermuda,.....	15 00	
May 10.	" cash, on account Ryan Lodge, Bermuda, per R. S. A. Tucker,.....	2 50	
June 20.	" cash, per D. Montgomery, on account W. G. Lodge of P. E. Island,.....	20 00	
July 26.	" cash, per Rev. Jas. Howell, "Shifford Mountain" Lodge, Quebec,.....	4 00	
Aug. 3.	" cash, per D. Montgomery, on account W. G. Lodge of P. E. Island,.....	60 00	
" 20.	" cash, per J. S. Colpitts, W. G. Secretary of New Brunswick,.....	319 00	
" 24.	" cash, per Rev. J. Howell, "Shifford Mountain" Lodge, Quebec,.....	1 75	
" 24.	" cash, per J. S. Colpitts, on account W. G. Lodge of New Brunswick,.....	183 69	
" 25.	" cash, per F. A. Lawrence, on account W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia, paid by Co. Sec. Queen's,.....	49 00	
" 25.	" cash, per P. H. Stewart, Ontario W. G. Lodge,.....	4 50	
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IN MEMORY

OF

NASSUA CHETWOOD GOWAN, J. P.,

Founder of British Templarism

IN THE

MARITIME PROVINCES,

Member of "Toronto City" Lodge, No. 216,

BRITISH TEMPLARS.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, September 21st, 1824.

DIED AT BERLIN, ONTARIO, MARCH 2, 1865.

Aged 40 Years and 6 Months.

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James Watts,	W. G. Chief Templar,	Woodstock.
W. S. Thompson,	" Vice Templar,	Deer Island.
J. S. Colpitts,	" Secretary,	Salisbury.
C. F. Clinch,	" Treasurer,	Musquash.
Rev. J. E. Reud,	" Lecturer,	Upper Gagetown.
F. T. Bridges,	" Counsellor,	Woodstock.
Rev. W. M. Edwards,	" Chaplain,	Blissfield.
M. L. McFarlane,	" Financier,	Springfield.
Orran Smith,	" Recorder,	Rusagornis,
Judson Estabrooks,	" Marshal,	Burton.
Miss A. B. McLeod,	" Dep. Marshal,	Deer Island.
S. L. Fountain,	" Inner Guard,	St. Andrews.
Alex. Campbell,	" Outer Guard,	Fredericton.
Rev. Joseph McLeod,	" Past Chief,	

WORTHY GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Robert Martin,	W. G. Chief Templar,	Sydney, C. B.
Mrs. S. A. Huestis,	" Vice Templar,	Acadia Mines.
James B. Woodland,	" Secretary,	Oxford.
Avard Longley,	" Lecturer,	Paradise.
C. E. Church,	" Counsellor,	Lunenburg.
W. B. Huestis,	" Treasurer,	Wallace.
Rev. A. C. McDonald,	" Chaplain,	Bridgewater.
A. S. Sanford,	" Financier,	Hants.
D. C. Fraser,	" Recorder,	Truro.
R. Craig,	" Marshal,	"
Sister M. T. Hamilton,	" Dep. Marshal,	Brockfield.
R. H. Brenton,	" Inner Guard,	"
Joseph Walley,	" Outer Guard,	Newport.
W. A. Porter,	" Past Chief,	Lockhartville.

LIST OF MOST WORTHY GRAND DEPUTY CHIEF TEMPLARS.

- QUEBEC—Rev. James Howell, Granby.
- NEW ZEALAND—George Cannabell, Wanganui.
- BERMUDA—R. S. A. Tucker, Esq., Hamilton.
- NEWFOUNDLAND—Rev. John Waterhouse, Brigus.

The next Annual Session of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge will be held at Truro, Province of Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, at 7 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, 2nd August, 1871.