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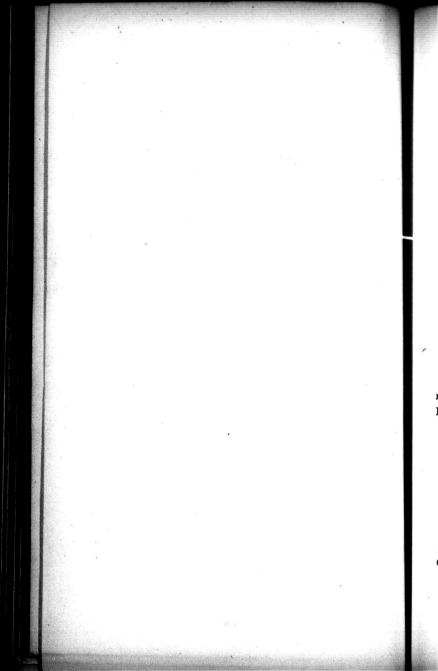
Half-Pearly Session and Third Annual Meeting.



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GRAND DIVISION

OF THE

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

OF

Canada East.

LACOLLE, June 21, 1854. Wednesday, half-past 10 o'clock, A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Division of Canada East met for the Semi-Annual Session, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Lacolle, the following officers being present:

A. McEachern, G.W.P.
C. P. Watson, G.W.A.
John S. Hall, G.S.
John Gordon, G.T.
J. T. Dutton, G. Chap.
J. B. Cliff, G. Con.
R. Kneeshaw, P.G.W.P.

The G.W.P. appointed Rep. Easton to fill the vacant office of G. Sentinel.

The Grand Division was then opened in due form.

On motion, Order of Business suspended, that Candidates in waiting might be introduced and initiated.

The G.W.P. appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz., Representatives Mathison, H. Rose, and McLeod.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following to be correct, viz.:—

Representatives A. SMITH, H. S. LIGHTHALL, ANDREW MACCALLUM, WM. W. FORTUNE, and J. S. LEWIS, P.W.P.'s of Perseverance Division, No. 4.

John McIntosh, James Vosburgh, and David Sandilands, of St. Michael's Union, No. 14.

WM. VANVLEIT, ALONZO FORCE, A. BACHANT, W. B. VANVLEIT, and P. O'CONNOR, of Lacolle Division, No. 17.

M. WHELAN, of Cameron Division, No. 24.

JOSEPH STANIFORTH, of Samaritan Division, No. 25.

JOHN C. BECKET, CHARLES P. WATSON, WM. HODGSON, WM. EASTON, and WM. SCOTT, of Neal Dow Division, No. 27.

The following Candidates being present were then introduced by the Grand Conductor and initiated, viz.:—

WM. SCOTT, ALONZO FORCE, JAMES VOSBURGH, WM. W. FORTUNE, JOHN McIntosh, Andrew Smith, Joseph Staniforth, David Sandilands, M. Whelan, Wm. B. Vanvleit, Arthur Bachant, Wm. Vanvleit.

Committee on Charter of Incorporation submitted their Report.

On motion, discussion deferred to next sitting of Grand Division.

Rep. Cliff, in the name of Clarenceville Division, gave an

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invitation to the Grand Divison, to attend a Celebration to be held there, to-morrow afternoon.

On motion of Rep. H. Rose, the invitation was accepted.

On motion of Rep. H. Rose, Grand Division adjourned to meet at half-past 1 o'clock.

June 21, 1854-Half-past 1 o'clock, P.M.

Officers present same as morning sitting.

Read Report of Committee on Act of Incorporation, and Draft of an Act accompanying the same.

Moved by G.W.A. Watson and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Division be given to the Committee appointed to draw up an Act of Incorporation for the Grand Division of C.E., for their able Report, and that the same Committee be requested and directed to take charge of the proposed Act till its final issue, with the power to exercise their judgment whether the Bill should be presented during the present Session of the Legislature or deferred.

The G.W.P. read his Report as follows:

G. W. P.'S REPORT.

LACOLLE, June 21, 1854.

Officers and Representatives,

It is with feelings of pride, slightly mingled with regret, that I have now the pleasure of presenting to you my first Semi-

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Annual Report. With feelings of pride, as I see the steady and increasing advancement and progress of our noble order, not only in Canada East, but also in every Province and State around us, where its radiant star has shone. But while we feel thus proud, let us feel humble and grateful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for what He in his infinite goodness has done, praying that the time may soon come when Intemperance with all its concomitant evils will be forever banished from the world, and truth and righteousness reign triumphant.

It was certainly feared by many well-wishers to our cause, that as more than ordinary exertions had been used by the friends of Temperance during the past year, a reaction would take place, and consequently great falling off in the Temperance ranks and in our Order would be the natural result; but experience has shown that these fears were false and groundless—and there is at present a better disposition, not only by Temperance men, but by all others, to forward the cause and to cry out for the Maine Law. As to the assertion that our Order is on the increase, allow me to refer you to the Grand Scribe's Report, and for finances, to that of the Grand Treasurer's.

I have to regret that I am unable to furnish any sufficient information upon the working of the Constitution, and new ritual, and usages of the Order, in consequence of not having received reports from the D.G.W.Ps., who generally, (with two honorable exceptions,) have not displayed that zeal in the fulfilment of their duties in this respect, which their Commissions and the requisitions of the Order require. These two honorable exceptions are D.G.W.P. Easton, of Montreal, and D.G.W.P. Clauson, of Aylmer, who deserve much credit for their zeal, capacity, and promptness in their reports, and their constant endeavors to promote the interest and maintain unsullied the reputation of the Sons of Temperance. As to the new Ritual, from personal experience I can only say, that I am convinced that the more strictly it is followed in all its parts, newer and more harmonious will it appear, until the whole is blended together in beautiful and lofty proportions, like unto some beautifully chiselled and sculptured monument of ancient art.

Brother D.G.W.P. Clauson, in his Report mentions, that a representative of the Grand Division has violated Art. 2. Brethren, what circumspection should we manifest to the world, we who, by our actions, and high positions in the Order, are liable, after preaching to others, of becoming ourselves cast away.—Let the disgrace of the Order, attending upon this brother's fall, be present to us in the hour of temptation, so that we may then be strong, and let Fidelity then be the safeguard of Purity and Love.

It has pained me much to learn, that there is no little dissension and ill feeling among some of the brethren of the City of Montreal, by the opening of a new Division there. As I understand, the matter will be brought up for your action on the proceedings, and I will refrain from comment thereon, only adding, that I am prepared to show all documents I have received in the matter, and I hope to be able to vindicate my conduct to the satisfaction of the Grand Division when the proper time arrives.

With respect to the recommendation regarding the British American League, I had not the means to organize it in any effectual manner, or so that it would beneficially co-operate with any of the other Temperance organizations in this part of the province, and consequently have to regret that nothing has been done in the matter.

It is with feelings of pleasure that I mention the very valuable and praiseworthy efforts of brother F. W. Kellogg, during the past fall and winter, especially in the District of Montreal, under the auspices of the Montreal Temperance Society, which have had the effect of winning many a deluded inebriate from the error of his ways, and added large numbers, not only to the Temperance ranks, but to our noble Order. But while I bear testimony to his capacity and efficiency, I would not forget that a kind Providence over-looks and directs these efforts of the Montreal Temperance Society, and to His name be the praise and glory.

Allow me, brethren, in conclusion, to mention, or rather suggest, two things which have already occupied somewhat the time and attention of previous Sessions of this Grand Division,

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and which I conceive to be of the utmost importance to the good and welfare of this Grand Division. I mean, first, with respect to the obtaining of an Act of Incorporation of the Sons of Temperance in Canada East, which, as the Legislature is now in session, would be well to move in at once; and second, the giving by the Grand Division every assistance and encouragement to the passage of the Maine Liquor Law, the agitation of which, I conceive, at the present moment would be productive of the best results to the community, and would insure its passage into a Law with the least trouble, and then the importation of alcoholic and intoxicating liquors would be almost a moral impossibility, for in another year, Lower Canada would be fenced in by all the Lower Provinces, the States of Maine, of Vermont. and I may safely add, that of New York. What a glorious prosnect is thus held out to us in the future, the inhabitants of our land enjoying peace and plenty-freed from the reign and power of the tyrant King Alcohol. Intemperance, drunkenness, crime, misery, shame and degradation, no more to be found, and peace, faith, virtue, love, purity and fidelity, reigning everywhere triumphant.

I remain yours in L., P. and F.,

A. McEACHERN, G.W.P.

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The Grand Scribe read his Report as follows :-

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

Office of the Grand Division, S. of T., of C. E. Montreal, June 20, 1854.

Officers and Brothers,

It is now my duty to lay before you a Report of the tran sactions of this office since our last meeting.

Lhave to report the establishment of one new Division, located at Point Levi, near Quebec, under the name of Point Levi Division, No. 26. I have also had an application for a Charter for a new Division to be located at St. Laurent, in the Island of Montreal, but which has as yet proceeded no further.

[Paragraph relating to the establishment of Neal Dow Division, Montreal, omitted.—See Report of Committee on G. S.'s Report, page 14.]

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vi er of An appeal from Brother McEachern, against the decision of the St. Lawrence Division, is herewith laid before the Grand Division.

Although the Grand Scribe cannot congratulate the Grand Division upon any great increase in the number of divisions, yet there is considerable room for congratulation in the fact, that the Returns for the last quarter show a very considerable increase in the Order, and renewed energy apparent in the greater number of our existing Divisions.

The following is an abstract of the returns for the last quarter:

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In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

JOHN S. HALL, G.S.

On motion of Rep. H. Rose, the Reports were referred to Committees on Good and Welfare and Finance.

Read communication from Howard Division inviting the Grand Division to meet in their Rooms at their Annual Meeting.

On motion, received and fyled.

Read communication from Howard Division, asking for the payment of the loan granted by them to the Grand Division.

On motion, received and fyled.

Read communication from Howard Division, in regard to the withdrawal of several of their representatives from their Division.

Read remonstrance from Howard Division, against the establishment of Neal Dow Division.

On motion, consideration deferred.

Received communication from Lacolle Division, notifying that Rep. Jackson, Grand Sentinel, had been found guilty of violating his pledge.

On motion was fyled and the Office of Grand Sentinel declared vacant.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the nomination for the Office of Grand Sentinel, when the following were duly nominated:

Representatives Lighthall, Gillman, O'Connor and Howell.

The election was then proceeded with—Representatives Kneeshaw, Easton and McLeod being named by the G.W.P. as scrutioneers.

Upon the vote being taken, Rep. Lighthall was declared duly elected, and was thereupon installed into office.

Moved by Rep. McLeod and adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be forthwith appointed to draft Petitions to the Provincial Parliament for an Act of Incorporation of the Grand Division and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance of Canada East, said Committee to report at next sitting of this Grand Division.

On motion of Rep. Mathison, the Remonstrance of Howard Division was referred to a Committee of the whole.

The Grand Division thereupon resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

The Grand Division then resumed.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

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June 21, 1854-8 o'clock, P.M.

Officers present, same as forenoon sitting, with the exception of Grand Conductor, who was absent.

The G.W.P. named Rep. Easton to supply the vacancy.

On motion, Grand Division again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Grand Division resumed.

Chairman of Committee of the whole, presented the Report of said Committee, which is as follows:

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

We, the Committee of the Whole, in the matter of Remonstrance of Howard Division, beg to submit the following resolution as our

REPORT:

Resolved, That the Grand Worthy Patriarch of this Grand Division was justified in granting a Charter for the formation of Neal Dow Division, and that this Grand Division now authorizes the Grand Seal to be appended to the Charter of Neal Dow Division, and that the Grand Scribe be requested to sign the same as required by law.

R. KNEESHAW, Chairman. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

On motion, Report received and adopted.

Brother Hungerford, Grand Conductor, of Grand Division of Eastern New York, being present addressed the Grand Division, and requested their attendance at a demonstration to be held at Rouse's Point, on 13th July next.

Good and Welfare Committee, reported as follows:

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

The Committee on the Good and Welfare of the Order, to whom have been submitted the Reports of G.W.P. and the G.S., beg to

REPORT:

That of the G.W.P. comes first under review, and your Committee are glad to note the steady and increasing advancement of our noble Order, not only in C. E., but also in the other Provinces, and unite with him in praying that the time may soon come, when Intemperance and all its concomitant evils will be forever banished, not only from this Province, but from the whole world.

In common with the Grand Worthy Patriarch, your Committee deeply regret the existence of unpleasant feeling between some of the members of the Order in Montreal, and sincerely hope that this Grand Division will come to such conclusion in the premises, as may tend to the removal of those feelings, and to the restoration of that harmony and brotherly love, which has so long prevailed among them, and which are so essential to the success of the Order.

Your Committee cannot overlook, and regret to observe a reference by the G.W.P. to the remissness of so many of his Deputies, and suggest that the Grand Division should take such steps as may tend to a more prompt and faithful discharge of duty by the Deputies.

The subject of some effective means being taken for the organization of a British American League, in Lower Canada, for the purpose of securing the Prohibitory Liquor Law, we respectfully submit, may be deferred at present, as we are of opinion that the same object may be gained through the several Subordinate Divisions, in connection with the Grand Division.

We cordially concur, in the merited praise bestowed upon the recent efforts of Brother F. W. Kellogg, in the District of Montreal, and other parts of the Province, and would hope, that this

Grand Division will soon be in a position to keep him or some other able Temperance advocate constantly in the field.

The efforts of the Montreal Temperance Society, in this matter, are also deserving of all praise.

We are glad to observe, that the two recommendations with which the G.W.P.'s Report concludes, are already being acted upon by this Grand Division.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

With respect to that part of the above Report, which properly comes under the consideration of your Committee, we feel there is but little in it which requires special notice at our hands, we may congratulate the Grand Division on the establishment of a Subordinate Division at Point Levi, and an application for a Charter to open a Subordinate Division in St. Laurent.

Your Committee would respectfully submit that the Third Paragraph in the Grand Scribe's Report be entirely omitted, as it contains no official information.

All which your Committee respectfully submit,

GEORGE MATHISON.
JOS. B. CLIFF.
JOHN C. BECKET.

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Lacolle, 21st June, 1854.

On motion, adopted.

Committee on Appeals, Reported as follows:

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

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined the Documents in appeal, by P.W.P. McEachern, of St. Lawrence Division, against the decision of that Division—in deciding that the W.P. has full powers to pay

benefits out of the funds of the Division, without consulting or getting a vote of the Division.

The Constitution of Subordinates, Article 4, Sections 1 and 3, makes it the duty of the W.P. "to draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits," &c., and the duty of the R.S. "to attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other." Section 4, of the same Article, makes it the duty of the T. "to pay all orders drawn on him by the W.P., attested by the R.S., and none other."

Under these provisons, this Committee are clearly of opinion, that the Appeal of Bro. McEachern be sustained.

The whole, nevertheless, submitted in L., P. and F.,

JOHN GORDON. HENRY ROSE, P. O'CONNOR.

Lacolle, 21st June, 1854.

On motion, adopted.

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Committee named to draft a Petition to the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, presented the same, which was adopted.

On motion, Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow, 22d instant, at 9 o'clock.

June 22, 1854-9 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Division met, according to adjournment.

Officers present:

G.W.P., G.S., G.T., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sentinel.

The G.W.P. named Rep. Mathison to fill the the office of G.W.A.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings, read and approved.

Finance Committee made the following Report:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of C.E. Your Committee of Finance beg leave to

REPORT:

That the Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, laid before this Committee, have been examined, and found to be correct. In reference to the Communication from Howard Division, asking the return of a loan made to the Grand Division, this Committee recommends the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be empowered to borrow a like sum from some other Subordinate Division, or Divisions, and pay the amount to Howard Division as soon as practicable.

The whole submitted, in L., P. and F.,

WILLIAM SCOTT. C. P. WATSON. R. KNEESHAW. D

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On motion adopted.

The invitation of Brother Hungerford, in name of Grand Division of Eastern New York, to the Grand Division to attend a Celebration at Rouse's Point, on 13th July, next, being brought up, it was moved by Rep. H. Rose, and adopted, That the invitation be accepted, and that as many of the members of the Grand Division attend as possible.

The Grand Scribe stated, that he had not procured Emblems for the Officers of the Grand Division, as directed at last meeting, in consequence of the high price of the same, viz., £14. It was then moved by Rep. H. Rose, That the procuring of Emblems be delayed for the present.

Rep. Mathison, brought under the consideration of the Grand Division, the provision in the last clause of Sec. 1, Art. viii., of Revised Rules of National Division, by which it is provided, "That the Resignation of a brother from the Order shall not take effect until the expiration of the Quarter in which such Resignation is tendered." After considerable discussion, it was moved by Rep. Lighthall, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Division recommend to the National Division, to alter the last clause of Article viii., Sec. 1, in respect to the Resignation of members at the expiration of the Quarter, and make it so, that the Resignation shall take effect whenever demanded, and that the Recording Scribe shall give notice of the Resignation to other Divisions in the locality.

The subject of Benefits, was next brought under the consideration of the Grand Division, by Rep. Gordon, when it was moved by Rep. H. Rose:

Resolved, That the Grand Division ask the National Division to so alter the Constitution of Subordinates, that Divisions which wish to do away with, or organize without, the benefit system, can have the power of fixing the Initiation Fee and Dues at such a rate as will be sufficient, in their opinion, to accomplish their object in paying expenses, and extending the cause of Temperance.

Moved in Amendment, by Rep. McLeod:

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That the following words be added: And that Subordinate Divisions may adopt both systems.

Further moved in Ammendment, by Rep. Scott, and carried:

That the Resolution and Amendment, do lie on the Table until next meeting of the Grand Division.

Rep. Dutton asked the Grand Division, to have a D.G.W.P.

for Howard Division, in room of Bro. Easton, which was, on motion, granted.

Moved by Rep. H. Rose, and adopted:

Resolved, That 'the Thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby presented to the Brethren of Lacolle Division, for their excellent arrangements in providing for the Members of the Grand Division who have come from a distance, and that the Grand Scribe forward a copy of this Resolution to Lacolle Division.

Moved by Rep. H. Rose, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Division, when it adjourns this Semi-Annual Session, do adjourn to meet in Montreal, on the Third Wednesday in October, at half-past 10 o'clock, in the Jonadab Division Room.

Moved by Rep. H. Rose, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Members of the Grand Division do meet at the Division Room, at 1 o'clock, to form in procession to the end of the village, on their way to Clarenceville.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned, to meet in Jonadab Division Room, in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, 18th October, next, at half-past 10 o'clock.

JOHN S. HALL, Grand Scribe. Ro

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ANNUAL MEETING.

Montreal, October 18, 1854. Wednesday, half-past 10 o'clock, a.m.

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

Officers present:

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John S. Hall, G.S.
Joseph T. Dutton, G. Chap.
Joseph B. Cliff, G. Con.

The following Representatives were named, by the G.W.P., to fill the vacant offices:

REP. MATHISON, G.W.A.

- " H. Rose, G.T.
- " WANLESS, G. SEN.

The Grand Division was opened in due form.

On motion, Order of Business suspended, so that the Candidates in waiting might be now initiated.

The G.W.P. appointed Rep. Hitchcock, Ballard, and G. M. Rose, the Committee on Credentials, who Reported as follows:

Howard Division, No. 1—P.W.P.'s Brodie, Clare, H. Rose, J. S. Hall, G. M. Rose, J. T. Dutton, D. McGregor, W. Mac-Bride, and W.P. W. G. Slack.

Gough Division, No. 3-P.W.P. HAY.

Aylmer Division, No. 8-P.W.P. ALLAN.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9-P.W.P. WANLESS.

Victoria Division, No. 10-W.P. REV. T. W. CONSTABLE.

Lancaster Division, No. 11-P.W.P. K. Ross.

Jonadab Division, No. 12—P.W.P. BIRCH, HOWELL, BAWDEN, Moor, Cooper, Rogers, and W.P. Watkins.

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Lochaber Division, No. 13-P.W.P. CAMPBELL.

Lacolle Division, No. 17—P.W.P.'s BACHANT, FORCE, W. B. VANVLEIT, and W. H. VANVLEIT.

Clarenceville Division, No. 19—P.W.P.'s CLIFF and GILLMAN. Cameron Division, No. 24—P.W.P. WHELAN and W.P. DUFFY. Samaritan Division, No. 25—W.P. GROUT.

Neal Dow Division, No. 27—P.W.P.'s Watson, Hodgson, J. C. Becket, Easton, Ballard, and W.P. Rev. W. Scott.

Credentials correct.

Victoria Division, No. 10-P.W.P. Kneeshaw without Credentials.

St. Lawrence Division, No. 16-P.W.P. Mathison without Credentials.

Cameron Division, No. 24-P.W.P. HITCHCOCK without Credentials.

On motion of Rep. H. Rose, it was Resolved, That the Candidates without Credentials be admitted as members, their Credentials to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe.

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

James Hay, P.W.P., Gough Division, No. 3. Kenneth Ross, P.W.P., Lancaster Division, No. 11. J. A. WATKINS, W.P., Jonadab Division, No. 12.

W. Whelan, P. W.P., P. Duffy, W.P., Cameron Divison, 24.

E. P. Grout, W.P., Samaritan Division, No. 25.

On motion of Rep. H. Rose, Grand Division adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock, P.M., precisely.

October 18, 1854—Half-past 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Division met, pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present, same as morning Session.

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Rep. W. G. Slack, W.P. of Howard Division, being announced in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Conductor, and initiated.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the nomination of Officers, when the following nominations were made:

G. W. P.-G. Mathison, No. 16.

G. W. A.—J. Ballard, No. 27.

J. B. Cliff, No. 19.

G. Scribe—H. Rose, No. 1.

J. S. Hall, No. 1.

G. Treas.—J. B. Cliff, No. 19.

E. S. Howell, No. 12. (declined.)

J. Ballard, No. 27.

E. P. Grout, No. 25.

G. Con.—J. H. Gillman, No. 19. T. Wanless, No. 9.

G. Sen.—T. Wanless, No. 9.

W. Whelan, No. 24.

G. Chap.—T. W. Constable, No. 10.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the election of Officers.

Representatives Hitchcock, Becket, and Campbell, were appointed Scrutineers.

The following is the result of the several ballots:

G. W. P .- G. Mathison.

G. W. A.-J. B. Cliff.

G. Scribe—H. Rose.

G. Treas.—E. P. Grout.

G. Chap.—Rev. T. W. Constable.

G. Con.-J. H. Gillman.

G. Sent.—T. Wanless.

G.W.P. read his Report as follows:

G.W.P.'S REPORT.

Montreal, October 18, 1854.

Officers and Representatives,

Another year of labor has passed, and we, through the guardian care of The Great Patriarch above, are again permitted to assemble, to discuss, and adopt measures for the promotion and advancement of the Temperance cause.

The great Ruler of the Universe, has seen fit, in His wisdom, to afflict our land with epidemic, which has carried many of our fellow mortals to the tomb; and among those who have been taken from our midst, I cannot but make mention of two of our number, by name, Brother Scholfield and Brother O'Connor. The latter, you will remember, met with us in his own Division Room, in Lacolle, at our last meeting, and manifested the deepest interest in the promotion of our beloved cause; but to-day his place amongst us is vacant—he is gone—he will no more occupy a place among us on earth; but may God grant

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terms the d I l maki that he with us may occupy a better and a happier place around our Heavenly Father's throne in heaven.

It is to be lamented, that many have had a mistaken notion with respect to the using of intoxicating liquor as a preventative for *cholera*, and thereby have again become the victims of the glass.

Since we last met, the printed proceedings of the National Division have come to hand, and some important alterations have been made, which will require your consideration at this time.

I would suggest, for your consideration, the necessity of collating, compiling, and publishing, in a convenient form, for the use of Subordinate Divisions, and members of this Order, the Decisions of the National Division, and the Decisions and By-Laws of this Grand Division, together with the Constitution as amended.

I have to regret to inform you, that defection, desertion, luke-warmness, neglect of stated meetings, non-payment of dues, laxity of discipline, disregard of moral and civic duties, as well as neglect of the great principles of our Order have existed in some sections to a fearful extent, while in others, amid fearful discouragements, our band have stood up manfully to the contest.

The Order has arrived to that period in its history, when it is incumbent upon it to act, and to act efficiently. It is the only organization, outside the Christian Church, that is calculated to promote the work to which it is engaged, and if the great heart of the Order can be brought to consider its position, its responsibility, and its duty, the day is not far distant, when we shall have a Prohibitory Liquor Law for this Province; when thousands who are now oppressed, will rise up and call us blessed.

It gives me pleasure, to be able to speak in the most favorable terms of the manner in which your Grand Scribe has performed the duties of his office.

I have again to recur to the neglect of my D.G.W.P.'s in making their official reports, in consequence of which, I am un-

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able to give you a full particular account of the working of our Order. I would recommend, that something be done this Session to oblige those who may fill the important office of D.G.W.P. to be particular in sending to the G.W.P. their official reports.

I have been pleased to see, how much public opinion has been drawn towards the Maine Liquor Law. Throughout this Province, a large proportion of the people, if not a majority, are in favor of abolishing the Liquor traffic.

Since we met last, a petition has been forwarded to our Legislature, asking for an Act of Incorporation for this Grand Division and Subordinates.

The Grand Scribe's Report will contain a more statistical account of the Order, showing, with other information, its strength in numbers and Divisions, also, what Divisions have made their Quarterly returns, and those that have failed in that all important duty.

The Grand Treasurer's Report will show the financial state of the Grand Division.

In conclusion, the remarks ought not to be withheld, that the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this Province is destined to go down, unless its members shake off their sloth, and determine that, abandon it they never will; but this one thing they will do, work with it, and for it, and by it, until it shall have done its part in achieving the victory. In a word, they must devise such measures as shall put into it new life and vigor, and that speedily, or its days are numbered.

Having served the constitutional term, for which I was elected, and being about to retire from this elevated and honorable station, and this being my last communication, I will take this occasion to tender my sincere thanks to the Grand Division, for the unexpected and unsolicited honor conferred on me, at the last Annual Session, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness I have received from the members of this Order, in all matters relating to my official duties.

Trusting whoever you may elect to fill the Chair, that I am about to vacate, will be more successful in promoting the interests of our noble and honorable Order.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

A. McEACHERN, G.W.P.

Grand Scribe read his Report as follows:

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

MONTREAL, October 18, 1854.

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The return of the period for holding our Annual Meeting, again calls upon me for a Report, and in doing so, I feel happy in being enabled to state, that harmony prevails in the Order, within our bounds no question having occurred, so far as I am aware, to disturb its peace.

Since our last meeting, one new Division has been opened at Bristol, on the Ottawa, and which bids fair to be eminently successful in disseminating the glorious principles of our Institution.

The Returns for the past Quarter, are as yet incomplete, the whole not having yet come to hand; but referring to the Returns for the Quarter ending 30th June, I find a small increase in our numbers over those reported at last Annual Meeting. The apparent smallness of this increase, must be attributed, I conceive, in a considerable degree, to the change in the mode of raising the revenues of the Grand Division, substituting a per capita tax in place of the per centage, paid on the amount of monies received, which has caused Sthordinate Divisions to strike from their Roll, all members who contributed nothing pecuniarily to the benefit of the Order. So that, in fact, there has been a considerable increase of efficient members, and a decrease in the drones of the hive.

The journals of the last Session of the National Division have

come to hand, and one copy has been sent to each Division, within our jurisdiction.

Many matters affecting the interests of our Order, were brought under the notice of the National Division, and action had thereon. I would beg to direct your especial attention to the following subjects:

The Committee on Article X., of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, report by submitting the following as a revised form of that Article, which was agreed to.—p. 38.

ARTICLE X.—Violating Article 2d.

Sec. 1.—It is the duty of every member who has evidence that another has violated Art. 2d, to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division within three weeks after coming into possession of such evidence.

Sec. 2.—The charge for violation of Article 2, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, as soon as practicable,

summon the parties and investigate the matter.

Sec. 3.—The committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

Sec. 4.—If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the member be reinstated, if they think proper, which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending member shall be notified of the character of the resolutions by the R.S. and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving an opportunity to make a defence.

Sec. 5.—If the committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

Sec. 6.—When the committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting ballot in favor thereof, the offending member shall forfeit membership, and the W.P. shall direct the name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposi-

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Sec. 7.—If two-thirds of those voting are in favor of reinstating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article 2d, such member shall be restored to membership by re-signing the Constitution. The power to reinstate shall not however, extend over the term of one month from the time of receipt of notice by the offending member that the charge has been proved. But if a member neglect to come forward to sign the Constitution for one month after receiving no ice of reinstatement, or if a member is not reinstated, the W.P. shall declare such member expelled.

Sec. 8.—The forfeiture of membership under this Article shall involve the forfeiture of all honors possessed by the member when the name was erased from the Constitution.

Sec. 9.—If a member come forward and acknowledge a violation of Article 2d, the Division, after erasure of his name, may at their option reinstate the member on the same evening, in the manner prescribed in Sec. 7.

Sec. 10.—No member against whom a charge has been brought under this Article shall be present when any vote is taken in the case, either in Committee or in Division.

The following Resolution was passed .- p. 40.

Resolved, That permission be granted to Subordinate Divisions to omit such portions of the New Ritual as they may think proper, except the forms for examining candidates, and administering the obligations of the Order.

It was resolved .- p. 41.

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Resolved, That Sec. 2, Art. V., Constitution of Subordinate Divisions be amended by adding thereto the following words:—The amount of initiatory fees and weekly dues shall be regulated by each Division.

The Committee on Constitutions submitted the following Resolution, which was agreed to.—p. 46.

Resolved, That Sec. 1, of Art. IX., be amended by striking out the words "unless he has served a regular quarterly term as W.A., nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of W.A."

 Erasure of name for violation of Article II, as per Article X., Sec. 6, is not expulsion.—An expelled member cannot be rejustated. M.W.S. Also, the following .- p. 47.

Resolved, That Rule 15, 3d paragraph, Constitution of G.D., be amended by striking out 5 and inserting 20.

The Special Committee on Degrees reported the following, which was agreed to.—p. 50.

DEGREE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—Each Grand Division may determine whether it will introduce these Degrees within its jurisdiction, and each Subordinate Division may introduce them or not at its option after its Grand Division has done so.

ART. II.—A Grand Division introducing the Degrees, shall notify the M. W. Scribe of that fact as soon as practicable, and shall procure of him the Degree Books and necessary Cards.

ART. III.—A brother expelled from his Subordinate Division shall, without further trial, be expelled from each of the Degrees.

ART. IV.—A brother charged with violating any obligation of either of the Degrees, shall be tried for that offence in the Degree the obligations of which he is charged with violating, under the regulations adopted in Subordinate Divisions. From any decision thus had, an appeal may be taken to a Standing Committee of Degree members to be appointed by the Grand Division.

ART. V.—The amount to be charged for these Degrees, together with all other necessary regulations, shall be adjusted in appropriate By-Laws in each Subordinate Division adopting them, and the necessary Regents to superintend the working of the Degrees shall be appointed by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Upon Report of Committee on Constitutions, it was

Resolved, That the per capita tax should not be assessed on suspended members.

On the recommendation of Committee on Constitutions, the following Resolution was passed.—p. 30.

Resolved, That Article 5, Sec. 1st, Constitution of Subordinate Division be so amended, s to strike out 18, and insert 16—Provided, That no youth shall have the right to vote in Divisions on any proposition, hold office, or receive the Degrees, until he shall have arrived at the age of 18 years, and to this end on the proposal of any youth under eighteen years of age, the day and year of his birth should be stated as near as may be.

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The Committee on Constitutions, likewise submitted the following, which were adopted.—p. 31.

- 1. That any Subordinate Division may, by a two-thirds vote, determine to admit females over sixteen years of age, as visitors, at such times as may be deemed appropriate, on their being proposed, reported by a committee, and balloted for under the rule observed for the admission of members; and that a form for their introduction, together with the law on the subject, be furnished on Cards by the National Division.
- 2. The visitors shall not be entitled to vote, or participate in the deliberations of the Order.
- 3. That any By-Law which shall determine the question, &c., as to the admission of visitors generally, or any one in particular, may for satisfactory reasons be suspended.
- 4. That the following shall be the Card of address to accepted visitors:—

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Having been invited by this Division to visit its Sessions and witness its Ceremonies, we would respectfully ask your assent to the following Plenge:

Do you, in the presence of these witnesses, solemnly promise that you will not, either by precept, or the influence of your example, countenance or approve the use of Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider, as beverages, or the manufacture thereof, or the traffic therein; and that you will not, in any manner, make known the private affairs of the Order of the Sons of Temperance to any person not a member thereof. If so, answer—I do.

A copy of the Initiation service to be used on the admission of females into Subordinate Divisions, has been furnished us by the M.W.S., and is herewith laid before the Graud Division.

I have also received two communications from Maryland, inregard to the requisite Paraphernalia for the Degrees, allowed to be instituted, with the expense of the same, which are likewise laid before the Grand Division.

Annexed is a synopsis of Returns, for Quarter ending September 30, and statement of Receipts and disbursements of this Office:

| Members Admitted | | | | 96 | |
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| " Suspended | | | | (9 | |
| Expelled for Violation of Article 2 | | | | 51 | |
| " Non Payment of Dues | | | | 77 | |
| Deaths | | | | 4 | |
| Violated Pledge | | | | 58 | |
| Reinstated | | | | 12 | |
| Violated Pledge the Second Time | | | | 8 | |
| Contributing Members | | | | 918 | |
| Temperance Meetings Held | | | | 29 | |
| Number of Tracts Distributed | | | | 0 | |
| " Admitted by Card | | | | 7 | |
| " Withdrawn | | | | 42 | |
| " Representatives to Grand I | Division | | | 53 | |
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| Cash received | | | £158 | 8 13 101 | |
| " Paid for Benefits | | | 18 | 8 4 0 | |
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| Cash on hand, including money Inv | vested | | 343 | 3 3 71 | |
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LIABILITIES OF GRAND DIVISION.

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| M. W. Scribe | | | 16 | 5 | 8 |
| Glengary Division | | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Loan from Gough and Howard Divisio | ns | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest thereon , | | | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Becket's Account for Printing | | | 9 | 18 | 9 |
| Messrs. Rose do | | | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| | | | £83 | 16 | 11 |
| ASSET | S. | | | | |
| Amount Cash on hand | £24 | 14 0 | | | |
| Amount due by Subordinate Divisions | 29 | 12 6 | | | |
| | | - | 54 | 6 | 6 |
| Deficiency | | | £29 | 10 | 5 |

In conclusion, I beg to tender my most heartfelt thanks to the Officers and Members, for the kindness and courtesy extended towards me in my intercourse with them during the period I have held the office of Grand Scribe.

JOHN S. HALL, G.S.

The Grand Division now proceeded to the Installation of Officers.

The G.W.P. elect, G. Mathison, was obligated according to form, and conducted to his seat.

The other Officers were then installed, in the following order:

G.W.A.-J. B. Cliff.

G.S.—H. Rose.

G.T.—E. P. Grout. G. Chap.—T. W. Constable.

G. Con.-J. H. Gillman.

G. Sent .- T. Wanless.

The G.W.P. then named on the

GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE,—Rep. Becket, Cliff and Constable.

FINANCE,—Rep. N. Campbell, Hay and Howell.

APPEALS,—McEachern, Hitchcock, G. M. Rose, J. Ballard, and W. H. Vanvleit.

ELECTIONS, RETURNS, CHARTERS, PETITIONS, CONSTITUTIONS, SUB-DIVISIONS AND PUBLICATIONS,—Rep. Hall, Dutton and Ballard.

The Reports of G.W.P. and G.S. were referred to Good and Welfare and Finance Committees.

On motion, Grand Division adjourned to meet at half-past 7 o'clock, precisely.

October 18, 1854-Half-past 7 o'clock, P.M.

Officers present-

G.W.P., G.S., G.T., G. Chap., G. Sen., and P.G.W.P.

Rep. J. Ballard acted as G.W.A., and Rep. E. S. Howell as G. Conductor.

Representatives McGregor and McBride, of Howard Division, and W. Hodgson, of Neal Dow Division, being in waiting, were introduced and initiated.

A communication from Jonadab Division, inviting the Officers and Members of this Grand Division, to attend a Soiree, in their

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On to-me Rooms, to-morrow evening, was read; which invitation, on motion of Rep. G. M. Rose, was accepted.

P.G.W.P. McEachern, informed the Grand Division, that he had omitted to mention, in his Report, that the Manningville Hope Division was in a state of disorganization.

Rep. Allen also announced that he had received information that Wakefield was in the same state.

And P.G.W.P. Kneeshaw announced the same of Chatham.

The state of the three Divisions was referred to the G.W.P. for his action.

It was moved by Rep. Easton:

Resolved, That the Resolution which appears in the printed Minutes of the Second Session of this Grand Division, in regard to the appointment of D.G.W.P.'s be rescinded.

Not agreed to.

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It was moved by Rep. J. T. Dutton, and adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to draft a Petition to the Legislature in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for Canada, as an expression of opinion in favor thereof, by this Grand Division.

Representatives McEachern, J. Ballard and H. Rose were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

October 19, 1854-10 o'clock, A.M.

Officers present—

G.W.P., G.W.A., G. Scribe, G.T., G. Con., G. Sen.

Rep. Ballard acted as Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened according to form.

Minutes of yesterday's Sessions read and confirmed.

Moved by P.G.W.P. Kneeshaw, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Division ask the National Division to grant the privilege to the Divisions under our jurisdiction, to use either the old or new Ritual as they may desire.

The following notice of Amendment to the By-Laws was laid on the table:

"We, the undersigned, give notice of a motion, to amend Art. I., Sec. 1, of the By-Laws of this Grand Division, so as to make the Annual Meeting moveable.

(Signed,) Jos. B. Cliff, Rep., Clarenceville Division.
 G. M. Rose, Rep., Howard Division.
 J. H. Gilman, Rep., Clarenceville Division.
 A. McEachern, Rep., Ormstown Bethel Division.

Peter Duffy, Rep., Cameron Division. Arthur Bachant, Rep., Lacolle Division. Wm. John Allen, Rep., Aylmer Division.

Grand Chaplain entered and took his seat.

Moved by Rep. A. Campbell, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Division recommend to the Divi-

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sions under its jurisdiction, the propriety of using their efforts to put into Public Offices, in their localities, men that will do all they can to carry out the enactments of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, should it come into force.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report, which, on motion, was adopted:

Montreal, October 19, 1854.

The Finance Committee Report as follows:

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

We, your Committee, beg leave to

Ward & Co of Hamilton

REPORT:

That we have examined the G. Scribe's and G. Treasurer's Accounts and Vouchers, and find them correct. We beg leave also to submit a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of this Grand Division, so far as we are enabled to do so from the documents before us.

LIABILITIES OF GRAND DIVISION.

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| M. W. Scribe | | 16 | 5 | 8 |
| Glengary Division | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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| ASSET | S. | | | |
| Amount Cash on hand | £24 14 0 | | | |
| Amount due by Subordinate Divisions | 29 12 6 | | | |
| | | £54 | 6 | 6 |
| | | £29 | 10 | 5 |

This statement shews a deficiency in the Assets, amounting to £29 10s. 5d.

We, your Committee, do respectfully recommend that this Grand Division take some steps to make their funds meet their Liabilities.

All which is submitted in the bonds of Love, Purity and Fidelity,

NEIL CAMPBELL. JAMES HAY. E. S. HOWELL.

The Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the G.W.P. and G.S., submitted the following:

Montreal, October 19, 1854.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of C.E. We, your Committee, to whom have been submitted the Annual statements of the G.W.P. and G.S., beg leave to

REPORT:

The sentiment expressed, and feeling manifested in the Report of the G.W.P., are alike creditable and becoming the head of this Grand Division, especially when referring to the late epidemic, by which two of our number have been removed from our midst, and your Committee would suggest, that this Grand Division, by Resolution, should express their sense of the bereavement.

Your Committee participate in the regrets expressed by the G.W.P., at any measure of defection and lukewarmness which has been experienced by any of the Divisions, and no doubt the primary cause of such defection is a want of regular attendance at the stated meetings of the Division. No Son of Temperance can put his hand to the plough and look back, without incurring guilt; for truly the Order has arrived at an era in the history of this Province, which involves immense responsibility, and in proportion, as that responsibility is discharged faithfully or unfaithfully, so will the weal or the woe of the inhabitants of these Provinces be enhanced, hence the importance and necessity of this Grand Division adopting such measures as are the most like-

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ly to ensure the efficiency and success of the Subordinate Divisions.

Your Committee are sorry to note the continued neglect of Deputies to fulfil their important functions, and feel that our very existence as an Order, depends upon the wise and prompt performance of these duties. Your Committee are of opinion, that the G.W.P. should curtail their numbers, and instead of having one for each Division, that one is enough for a City, or a given district of Country, and that this Grand Division should defray all necessary expense they may incur. If this plan was adopted, individuals filling this important office would be more likely to feel the responsibility of their position, and more satisfactorily perform its duties.

Your Committee take leave of this very excellent Report, by congratulating this Grand Division on the improved state of public opinion, with reference to the desirableness and necessity of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and as the attainment of this Law is one of the great objects of our solicitation, we should, before closing our present Session, draw up a petition to the Legislature on this important subject, signed by all the members of this Grand Division, indicating the different Divisions they respectively represent.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

From this Report, your Committee rejoice to note, that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Divisions, and that our progress as an Order is onward. With references to the changes so carefully referred to by the G.S., your Committee are of opinion, that these should be each discussed by this Grand Division, so as to elicit the opinion of the different members; but should take no special action thereon, by way of making them obligatory on the Subordinate Divisions to adopt and act upon the same; but leave it to the different Divisions to adopt any or all of these changes, as they may think it advisable for the spread of the Order, in their respective localities. With the exception of the Report submitted by the Committee on Constitutions, page 30,

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of the printed proceedings of the National Division, with reference to the admission of Females, your Committee are of opinion, that however much such a course might be advisable in other places, yet in Canada, we think, the admission of Females inexpedient, and might give the enemy cause to speak evil of us, which we should avoid. The admission of Females, as at present, on installation occasions, we humbly think will serve all the purposes of securing the favor and influence of that portion of the population.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BECKET. T. W. CONSTABLE. JOS. B. CLIFF.

The Report was discussed in Sections, and adopted.

It was moved by Rep. J. Ballard, and adopted:

That the Resolution respecting D.G.W.P.'s, adopted at the Second Quarterly Session of this Grand Division, held in September 1852, be Amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Division recommend the G.W.P. to appoint such D.G.W.P.'s as Subordinate Divisions shall recommend, and none other; provided, that where two or more Divisions exist within a circuit of five miles, that one Deputy only be appointed for such Divisions.

It was moved by Rep. J. B. Cliff:

Resolved, That the per capita Tax be fixed for next year at 4d.

Moved in Amendment by P.G.W.P. McEachern:

Resolved, That 3d. be substituted instead of 4d.

Amendment adopted:

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It was moved by P.G.W.P. Kneeshaw:

Resolved, That this Grand Division do not adopt the Degrees.

G.W.A. Cliff, moved in Amendment, their adoption.

The Degrees were adopted.

On motion, it was agreed, that the charge for the Degree Ritual Books and Cards be seven dollars, and that all orders from Subordinate Divisions for them, be accompanied by the money.

Moved by P.G.W.P. McEachern, and adopted:

Resolved, That 150 copies of the form for the admission of Female Visitors be printed, and that Divisions be supplied with them at 7½d. for the set of Four.

Moved by Grand Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Constable, and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Division, deeply deplores the loss of Brothers J. Scholefield and P. O'Connor, and that it becomes us, as members of an Order, whose bonds spring from the noblest sympathies of our nature, to tender to their families, and especially to the Widow of Brother Scholefield, as we now do, our heart-felt sympathies in their deep sorrow, and while we mingle our tears with theirs, we devoutly commend them to the mercy of that God, who alone can comfort in their time of need.

And that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Widow and families of the deceased, and to the Canada Temperance Advocate.

It was moved by P.G.W.P. McEachern:

Resclved, That when this Grand Division adjourns, it adjourns to meet at Huntingdon, on the Third Wednesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

It was moved in Amendment, by Rep. J. Hay:

Resolved, That Quebec be substituted in place of Huntingdon.