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BRITISH TEMPLARS.

HELD IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., AUGUST, 1873.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., AUG. 30, 1873. }

The Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars met this day at 10 A. M., M. W. G. Chief, Rev. A. M. Phillips, in the Chair.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. G. Chief,	-	Rev. A. M. Phillips.
" Vice,	-	Mrs. P. H. Stewart.
" Secretary,	-	D. C. Fraser, B. A.
" Treasurer,	-	P. H. Stewart.
" Counsellor,	-	W. P. Flewelling.
" Chaplain,	-	Rev. Jas. Scott.
" Marshal,	-	D. Montgomery.

PRO. TEM. APPOINTMENTS.

M. W. G. Lecturer,	-	Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A.
" Financier,	-	Robert Martin.
" Deputy Marshal,	-	Julia A. Merrit.
" Inner Guard,	-	A. M. Harrison.
" Outer Guard,	-	Richard Craig.
" Past Chief,	-	Rev. D. I. Wetmore.

After the usual opening ceremonies the M. W. Grand Chief declared the Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business, and appointed as Committee on Credentials:

Robert Martin,	-	Nova Scotia.
D. Montgomery,	-	P. E. Island.
Jas. H. Crawford,	-	New Brunswick.

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Who then, and subsequently, reported on the eligibility of the following Officers and Representatives, who were duly obligated and admitted :

OFFICERS.

NO. OF LODGE.	NAME.	POSITION.	ADDRESS.	PROV.
	Rev. A. M. Phillips,	M. W. G. C. Templar,	Vic. Col., Coburg,	Ontario.
4	Mrs. P. H. Stewart,	" Vice,	Toronto,	Do.
64	D. C. Fraser,	" Secretary,	New Glasgow,	N. S.
4	P. H. Stewart,	" Treasurer,	Toronto,	Ontario.
7	W. P. Flewelling,	" Councillor,	Clifton,	N. B.
	Rev. Jas. Scott,	" Chaplain,	Owen Sound,	Ontario.
8	D. Montgomery,	" Marshal,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
1	J. H. Fletcher,	" Financier,	Do.,	Do.

MEMBERS.

131	Robert Martin,	Rep. G. L. N. S.,	Sydney, C. B.,	N. S.
	W. B. Huestis,	P. W. G. C. T. N. S.,	Wallace,	N. S.
7	Rev. D. I. Wetmore,	W. G. Vice, N. B.,	Clifton, King's Co.	N. B.
130	Rev. G. A. Mitchell,	W. G. Chief,	Kingcardine,	Ontario.
	Mary J. McNeil,	W. G. Vice, P. E. I.,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
64	Bessie Patterson,	G. W. D. M. & Re. N. S.	New Glasgow,	N. S.
64	Mary B. McKay,	Rep. G. L. N. S.,	Do.,	N. S.
135	Orran Smith,	G. Sec., N. B.,	Fredericton,	N. B.
1	Thomas P. Taunton,	G. W. Sec., P. E. I.,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
40	W. G. Crowson,	P. Deputy,	Kent,	N. B.
48	R. Cotton,	P. Deputy,	Richmond,	P. E. I.
20	J. D. Seaman,	Representative,	Little York,	P. E. I.
78	Samuel Watts,	Rep. G. L.,	Woodstock,	N. B.
115	Jacob R. Pidgeon,	Representative,	Portland,	N. B.
183	R. A. Morton,	P. Deputy,	Penobscuis,	N. B.
261	Wellington Wry,	Rep. G. L.,	Kingston, Kent Co.	N. B.
261	Robert Law,	W. Co. Chief,	Do.,	N. B.
383	Geo. O. Sproul,	Representative,	Penobscuis, King's	N. B.
1	H. A. Riggs,	Rep. G. L.,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
128	R. M. Barratt,	W. Co. Chief,	Do.,	Do.
3	Brown Harrison,	Representative,	Smith's Creek,	N. B.
1	Simon D. Fraser,	Rep. G. L., P. E. I.,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
232	Richard Craig,	Rep. G. L., N. S.,	Truro,	N. S.
7	Julia A. Merritt,	Rep. G. L.,	St. John,	N. B.
21	Wm. McMaster, Jr.,	Rep. G. L., Ont.,	New Market,	Ontario.
3	R. T. Babbitt,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	Gagetown,	N. B.
44	Geo. W. W. Cameron,	Prov. Deputy,	Tryon,	P. E. I.
174	Alex. Sinclair,	G. L. Rep., P. E. I.,	Georgetown,	Do.
84	Wm. McGregor,	G. W. Chap., P. E. I.,	Charlottetown,	Do.
129	D. Fraser,	Co. Chief, King's,	Lower Montague,	Do.
44	W. A. Laird,	P. W. G. Chief,	Lower Bedeque,	Do.
61	D. McLean,	W. G. Financier,	Charlottetown,	Do.
42	W. S. Loggie,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	Chatham,	N. B.
78	Wallace Hay,	Representative,	Woodstock,	N. B.
33	L. P. Farris,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	Grand Lake,	N. B.
806	John Palmer,	P. W. G. C., N. B.,	Gagetown,	N. B.
166	E. C. Freeze,	Prov. Deputy,	Fredericton,	N. B.
1	Rev. John M. McLeod,	Rep. G. L.,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
	Rev. Wm. Maxwell,	W. Co. Chief,	Lambton,	Ontario.
9	Rev. M. Robison,	Co. Rep.,	Northumberland,	Do.

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7	J. E. Flewelling,	Rep. Co. Lodge, N.B.,	Clifton,	N. B.
7	Fannie Wetmore,	Co. Representative,	Clifton,	N. B.
135	Christina Smith,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,		N. B.
30	Jas. H. Crawford,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	St. John,	N. B.
128	B. Wilson Higgs,	Prov. Deputy,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
38	John McLaughlan,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	St. John,	N. B.
128	Charles Full,	Rep. G. L., P. E. I.,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
78	J. A. Thompson,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	Woodstock,	N. B.
78	G. L. Holyoke,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	Do.,	N. B.
11	Francis McDuff,	I. G. G. L., P. E. I.,	P. T. Road,	P. E. I.
22	Robert Henderson,	O. G. G. L., P. E. I.,	Do.,	Do.
	Mrs. J. P. Taunton,	G. C.,	Charlottetown,	Do.
	Matilda M. McNeill,	Rep. G. L., P. E. I.,	Do.,	Do.
7	Mrs. G. P. Taunton,	P. M. W. G. Vice,	Do.,	Do.
	Mrs. William Dickson,	G. W. Vice, N. S.,	Truro,	N. S.
71	J. L. Barnhill,	P. D. & Rep. G. L. N. S.,	Shubenacadie,	N. S.
96	W. C. McDonald, M.D.,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	Cambridge,	N. B.
97	Rev. Thos. Todd,	G. W. C. T.,	Sussex,	N. B.
98	E. P. Flewelling,	G. Rec., N. B.,	Clifton,	N. B.
99	T. B. Smith,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,	St. John,	N. B.
373	Jas. Russell,	Rep. G. L., N. B.,		N. B.
1	Jas. Higgins,	Prov. Deputy,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
128	Jas. W. Morrison,	Representative,	Do.,	Do.

VISITORS.

3	A. A. Gosline,	Smith's Creek,	N. B.
3	A. M. Harrison,	Do.,	N. B.
1	Robert Scott,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
4	Chas. G. Grills,	Do.,	Do.
7	J. L. Flewelling,	Clifton,	N. B.
128	Mrs. M. L. Poole,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.
128	Isabella Ross,	Do.,	Do.
128	M. H. Hamilton,	Do.,	Do.
128	A. E. Cole,	Do.,	Do.
71	Mrs. J. L. Barnhill,	Shubenacadie,	N. S.
1	I. E. Lawrence,	Charlottetown,	P. E. I.

On motion of Bro. R. M. Barratt, seconded by Bro. Rev. J. Scott,—

WHEREAS, Believing it to be the duty of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge to make our influence as largely felt as possible, and with the view of increasing the public interest in the Temperance Cause; be it therefore

Resolved, That open public meetings be held during the present session, under the auspices of this M. W. G. Lodge, commencing with Monday evening, devoted to addresses from members on the subject of intemperance and the most efficient modes of dealing with the evil; and further

Resolved, That the public be invited to be present at these meetings; and further

Resolved, That a Committee of three members be appointed to make the necessary arrangement for said meetings.

M. W. Grand Chief appointed the following Committee to carry out the above resolutions:

Bros. R. M. Barratt, D. Montgomery and Simon Fraser.

On motion of Bros. Crawford and Flewelling,

Officers, Delegates and Visitors were allowed to sit in M. W. Grand Lodge without regalia.

On motion, the Minutes of last Annual Session, as printed, were approved as correct.

Moved by Bro. Rev. Jas. Scott, seconded by Bro. Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., and

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge appoint a Committee to make arrangements for holding a public prayer meeting to unitedly implore the Divine Blessing on the present session of this M. W. Grand Lodge, and the cause of temperance in this City; also, that said Committee make arrangements for holding a public temperance meeting to-morrow (Sunday), in one of the Churches, or the Y. M. C. A. Hall, said Committee to report this afternoon.

Committee appointed—Bros. Revs. J. Scott, J. McLeod and C. Full.

M. W. Grand Chief appointed the following

COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.—Bros. Orran Smith, Rev. G. A. Mitchell, R. M. Barratt, and William B. Huestis.

MAKING LODGES, &c.—Bros. Rev. McLeod, Palmer, Robinson, and Sisters Cotton and Patterson.

CORRESPONDENCE, MEMORIALS AND APPEALS.—Bros. McGregor, W. P. Flewelling, and McMaster.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.—Bros. P. H. Stewart, McLean, McLauchlan and McMaster.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.—J. P. Bell, J. E. Flewelling, D. Fraser.

DISTRIBUTION.—Bros. Pigeon, Mitchell, Harrison.

POLITICAL ACTION.—Bros. Maxwell, Babbit, Huestis, J. P. Taunton.

JUVENILE LODGES.—Sisters Mrs. P. H. Stewart, Mary McKay, Merrit; Bros. Freeze and Higgs.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—Bros. Watts, Scott, Full and Sinclair.

OBITUARY.—Bros. Maxwell, Wetmore, McLeod and Phillips.

PASSWORDS.—Stewart, Wetmore and Full.

After prayer by Chaplain, M. W. G. L. adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business in due form. M. W. G. Chief in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

M. W. G. Chief read his report which was as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Chief's Address.

To the Most Worthy Lodge of British Templars :

M. W. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS—Another year of our Order's history is completed, and we are again brought together in Annual Session to take a retrospect of its labors, and lay plans for its future. Let us sincerely unite in returning thanks to Almighty God for his many mercies to us as individuals, and for what he has permitted us as a society to do in His vineyard. It becomes my duty in accordance with the Constitution to present my Annual Address—a duty which I approach with much diffidence when I contrast the high responsibilities of my position with the experience of my years.

Permit me to congratulate you as being the representatives of the most numerous and most perfectly organized body of Total Abstainers in the Dominion of Canada; and also on the increasing growth and strength of the Order in this and other parts of the Empire.

Though we have not succeeded in our work to the full extent of our desires, yet we have accomplished much, and our principles and peculiarities as an organization have gained attention and confidence wherever they have been fully set forth. The cause of Temperance is spreading generally, and if our Order is to succeed it must keep pace with the progressive spirit of the age; we must not be content to walk in the "old beaten track," the *old ruts of the past*, except as to principles. We must have some new, prominent, distinctive features; and we have the talent, which, I trust, will be enlisted at this session, to bring out these characteristics and make our Order the institution of this age and nation.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

For the numerical and financial position of this Order I refer you to the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Financier, and I will content myself with a statement of its general condition and progress:

Ontario is still laboring under disadvantages: the Order in this Province has not recovered from the shock received by the disruption on the "Supreme question," and will not until a re-union is effected with the B. A. Order—which, allow me to say, bids fair for completion. British Templarism suffers in Ontario from the active, and too often uncharitable, opposition of older and stronger organizations; but most keenly feels the effects of financial embarrassment, under which the Order has been laboring since 1865, thus not only crippling the efforts to extend the Order, but discouraging the Lodges already existing by continual appeals for subscriptions to "Grand Lodge Debt." However, amidst all these drawbacks, the Order has made progress during the past year, and has never been able to report to this M. W. G. Lodge so large a membership, and so influential a position as at present; and which would have been largely augmented had the Lecturer of the Grand Lodge been able to spend his time, as anticipated, in the regular work. But this Province, though numerically in the rear,

is destined ere long to take the lead in our galaxy of Grand Lodges; she has the territory, and when her lecturing system becomes more fully developed, will "go up and possess the land," for the men who now man the ship "are well able to overcome it."

New Brunswick still holds her foremost position for numerical strength, although in the past year there has been a sad falling off in membership; not so much the result of pruning in active working Lodges, as these show a net gain of 1,513, or that there has been no activity in organizing new Lodges, as 23 Primary and 2 Juvenile Lodges have been added to the list, but in consequence of Lodges becoming dormant or failing to make returns. Since the introduction of the Order into New Brunswick an unbroken season of success has followed its labors; and although the present may seem a reverse, it is but the reaction which follows any new movement, and which, if survived, only adds strength and beauty; this was fully realized by the Grand Lodge of this Province; and effective measures are being taken to cause the principles of our Order to take a deeper and stronger hold upon the sympathies and support of the people. With a well organized, efficient, active lecturing agency, New Brunswick will not only regain her lost territory, but extend her borders; but without it her losses will be still greater. I trust the Executive of this Grand Lodge will look to her laurels.

Nova Scotia, like Ontario, feels the effects of disruption, and although a union was effected between the rival parties in 1867, yet, all of the bitterness and dissatisfaction was not allayed; and this being largely increased by the mismanagement of Grand and County Lodge Officers, a foreign Order of Templars took advantage of the unsettled state of affairs to establish themselves in the Province, and by means not very commendable induced several Lodges, and many members, to turn over to that Order. But notwithstanding all this opposition and rivalry, British Templarism has nobly withstood the storm, and occupies a position of influence second to none of any organization in the Province. At the union in 1867 Nova Scotia was, numerically, No. 1 on the list of Grand Lodges, and with proper management would have still occupied that proud position; but though present officials may be blameless, yet let me express the hope that such effective measures will be put forth as shall resuscitate every dormant Lodge in the peninsular Province.

Prince Edward Island. Among the jurisdictions that felt the effects of the troubles of 1865 none are freer from its results to-day than P. E. Island—in fact not a vestige remains; a proof of which is manifested in the steady increase of the Order—until now it stands the first organization upon the Island. There is scarcely a nook or corner of the whole land but has received the blessings of the Order, and in proportion to territory and population the Grand Lodge of this Province stands first in our jurisdiction; but there is need of official skill and ability to consolidate and perpetuate her present noble position; with so small a jurisdiction, the Executive should have the machinery in the most perfect working order.

Newfoundland. I am afraid our Order in this Colony does not occupy the position it should. You will remember that the late Secretary of that Grand Lodge addressed a letter to *The British Templar* complaining of neglect to that body on the part of the Officers of this Most Worthy Lodge. I had previously received a communication from Bro. Stirling, which was immediately acknowledged, and a quantity of my Tracts on the "Origin, Object, Principles, Working and Peculiarities" of the Order forwarded to his address; which he received and circulated with satisfaction. I feel

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that the charge of neglect is too true, but I had corresponded with the brethren of Newfoundland through a former Secretary, (not knowing the change), who did not acknowledge or act upon my recommendations. Bro. Stirling feared that the I. O. G. T., which had planted itself in this Island during the year, was likely to take advantage of their neglected position. I have written to his successor, Bro. Gushue, and sent another package of Tracts, and am just in receipt of a reply which fully corroborates those fears; but I am sure if the men we have in Newfoundland receive proper attention and encouragement we need have no fears as to the fate of our Order in that Colony. The state of affairs in connection with this Grand Lodge demands special legislation upon your part, as there are grievances which must be remedied, or "Ichabod" will be written over the door of our every temple in that far off land.

Quebec. In this Province our Order is confined to the peninsular of Gaspe,—consisting of three Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of New Brunswick. Being anxious to know our position in Quebec, I entered into correspondence with Bro. E. L. Strange, of Causapsal, who gave me a full account of these Lodges. Feeling that this M. W. G. Lodge should have a representative in that section, and finding Bro. Strange willing to accept the duties of Deputy M. W. O. T., I forwarded him a Commission, with the necessary instructions, and a quantity of the Tracts. The success of British Templarism in this Province mainly depends upon a union with the B. A. Order; and which has been retarded in the past by the inaction of our Delegates. But at the last session of this Grand Lodge a Committee was appointed, with full power to negotiate terms of union with that body, and from personal correspondence and interview with that Committee, I am sure of the consummation of union, if liberal concessions are made on our part.

Manitoba and British Columbia. We have been unable to raise our standard in the prairie Province or on the Pacific coast; though I have turned my attention to both of these during the past year, by the circulation of the Tract on the Order, and corresponding with Temperance workers in each. Rev. A. E. Russ, of New Westminster—a former member of our Order in Ontario—feels that the time has not come for its introduction into British Columbia, and Rev. Mr Robinson reports the same of Manitoba, yet we should keep our eyes on these Provinces, and enter when the door opens.

West Indies. As soon as I was supplied with official correspondence paper I communicated with all the Deputy M. W. C. T.'s of my predecessors. In communicating with R. S. A. Tucker, Deputy for Bermuda, I found that he had removed to Hartford, Conn., and that the Lodge had only met a few times after his removal; he not being able to return again to Bermuda, resigned his office and returned his Commission to me, but, at the same time, recommended the appointment of Rev. R. R. Morris, B. M. E. Minister, for his successor. I immediately communicated with Bro. Morris, and found him willing to accept the position; without delay I forwarded the necessary instructions, and a commission for the West Indies—Bermuda included—with authority for him to appoint Lodge and County Deputies in any of the Islands. The Lodge in Bermuda was re-organized on the 14th inst., with favorable prospects for a flourishing Lodge. A quantity of the Tracts on the Order was sent to Bro. Morris, and also to leading ministers of the Gospel on all of the British West India Islands, the colonies of British Guiana, and British Honduras. Bro. Morris says of the people in these tropical climes: "Caste and prejudice prevail to a very great extent, and we move slower than the people in the States or Canada; therefore be not

dismayed or discouraged with our long silence, and seeming disinterestedness." And I trust that by a patient and diligent attention to them, that our Order will gain a noble footing in these southern lands. And that at no very distant day there will be a Grand, and even a Most Worthy Lodge of our Order in the sunny South, with active subordinates working in all parts of every British colony of that clime.

Great Britain and Ireland. The unfurling of our Banner in the Mother Country is still pending the action of the "Free Templars of St. John," with whom negotiations for union are still kept up, and with brightening hopes of success. I, upon assuming the duties of my office, entered into correspondence with Deputy McGregor, who has acted promptly in harmony with your M. W. C. T., and too much praise can not be given to your representative in Britain—for a full account of whose labors I refer you to the M. W. Secretary. As referred to in the Report of your M. W. Secretary, at our last Annual Session, a union Committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge of "Free Templars," who adopted a Basis of Union, which was approved of by the Grand Lodge at its Session in Perth, Oct. 23, 1872. The Basis of Union (a copy of which accompanies this report) was submitted to me for my approval, but, deeming the terms impracticable and too expensive in operation, I, with the concurrence of the M. W. Secretary, drafted a more liberal and workable Basis, and submitted it to the "Free Templars" for their consideration. Bro. McGregor approves it, and writes, "The Union Committee are quite satisfied with the proposals which I have made to them, according to your suggestions, and at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge a series of resolutions is to be submitted, which, if they are carried, will settle the question in favor of Union upon the Basis which you suggested." The Tract on our Order has been sent to each of the "Free Templar" Lodges, and everything has been done that was in my power to give such information and directions as would likely bring about an equitable union of the two Orders. Besides negotiations with the "Free Templars," I have endeavoured to bring our Order before the notice of the public by the circulation of the Tracts throughout all parts of the United Kingdom; and although we are late in the field, I feel that there is a work for us to do in the Mother Country.

REPORT OF FREE TEMPLAR UNION COMMITTEE.

The Committee humbly recommended the Grand Lodge of the Free Templars of St. John to agree to Union on the following basis, if the British Templars will come to such agreement.

1. That the Free Templars of Great Britain adopt the name of British Templars.
2. That the Grand Lodge of Great Britain of the Free Templars become a W. G. Lodge of British Templars; the Provincial Lodges of the Free become County Lodges of the British, and the ordinary of the Free become Primary of the British.
3. That the Charters of the Free be exchanged for those of the British, free of charge to all Lodges in existence at the date of Union, and that the charter fee for all Primary Lodges formed thereafter in Great Britain shall be four dollars—three-fourths of which shall be paid into the W. G. Lodge treasury, and one-fourth shall be sent to the M. W. G. Lodge.
4. That the passwords, signs and emblems shall be those and none other than those recognized by the M. W. G. Lodge.
5. That the M. W. G. Lodge, in lieu of their proposal to send Rule Books, Rituals, &c., free of charge, shall grant full power to the W. G.

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Lodge of Great Britain to revise and amend the Rituals, Cards and Constitutions in such manner as they may consider best adapted for the interest of the Order in this country and within their jurisdiction; and that the M. W. G. Lodge grant such sum of money as they may deem fit, to aid the W. G. Lodge of Great Britain in the printing and issuing of the same, for their own use and the use of all Lodges under their jurisdiction.

6. That the M. W. G. Lodge constitute the W. G. Lodge of Great Britain the final arbiter in all cases of appeals or dispute arising within their jurisdiction, except when the M. W. G. Lodge meets in Britain.

7. That an annual sum of money be voted by the W. G. Lodge of Great Britain, in lieu of the per capita Tax, to be given to the M. W. G. Lodge, and that the representation which the W. G. Lodge of Great Britain shall be entitled to, shall be one representative for every ten Primary Lodges under its jurisdiction.

(Signed), J. H. WATERSTON,
Convener.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES.

Perth, Oct. 23rd, 1872.

On motion of the Grand Worthy Master, seconded by Bro. Wilson of London, the following motion was adopted:—

“That the Grand Lodge receive the Report, thank the Committee for their admirable Report, remit to the Committee to further confer with the representatives of the British Templars as to the points of agreement, and to report to the Grand Lodge.”

BASIS OF UNION SUBMITTED BY THE BRITISH TEMPLARS.

1. That the union be consummated by the Free Templars of St. John, adopting the name of “British Templars” on all their stock now in use and on hand, excepting Charters, which will be exchanged for those of the British Templars, free of charge to all Lodges of Free Templars now in existence, but all Lodges formed thereafter shall pay the actual cost of the same; by adopting a seal which shall have the title and impress of British Templars, and by using the same quarterly and travelling passwords as is used by the M. W. Lodge.

2. That the Ordinary Lodges of Free Templars become Primary, and the Provincial become County, that the Executive Council of the Grand Lodge of Free Templars become a Most Worthy Grand Lodge for the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with all the powers of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars, as defined in Art. 2 of the Constitution of said body, excepting to alter or amend the constitution, rituals, ceremonies, insignia, forms, signs, passwords, symbols, mysteries, or lectures, or to originate the quarterly and other passwords, and that as soon as convenient, such M. W. G. Lodge shall organize W. G. Lodges in each of the divisions of the Kingdom, as England, Scotland, etc., being constituted as, and in lieu of, the present Grand Lodge of Free Templars.

3. That for the present the existing constitution, rituals, ceremonies, insignia, mysteries, etc., of the Free Templars shall remain in full force, with the necessary alteration of terms, excepting such Articles as may be affected by any of the proposals for accomplishing the union, subject, however, to any improvements or amendments which may hereafter be mutually agreed upon; and with the impression that in order that the future union may be complete, cordial, and practically efficient, the Free Templars shall send one or more delegates to the next session of the M. W. G. Lodge, each Lodge bearing half of the expenses, who shall, with a proportionate number from that body, form a Committee to adopt a constitution, rituals, forms,

insignia, emblems and private work for the united Order, which shall not afterward be altered but by mutual agreement, under certain limitations, restrictions, conditions and regulations, then to be agreed upon and defined.

4. That upon the final consummation of union, by the Report of the above Committee, each M. W. Lodge shall superintend and be at the expense of printing all the stock that will thus be required within its jurisdiction, and shall receive and retain for its own use all the profits arising from the sale of stock and from any per capita. tax that may be levied.

5. That the present Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars shall be the parent body; and as such, shall retain the right of issuing the passwords for the Order, and certain other privileges to be mutually agreed upon, unless these be delegated to a National Quadrennial Council that may hereafter be established by representatives from the Most Worthy Grand Lodges.

6. That immediately upon these terms of union being adopted, the Grand Worthy Master of Free Templars shall become the M. W. Chief Templar of British Templars for Great Britain and Ireland, and the other Officers shall take the corresponding names of the British Templars, the two remaining Officers, viz: Lecturer and Financier, to be filled by election. The M. W. Chief Templar shall call a meeting of Delegates in each of the great divisions of the Kingdom where Primary Lodges exist, and proceed, personally or by Deputy, to organize a W. G. Lodge for each division. The M. W. G. Secretary, in exchanging the Charters, shall number them according to date of original Charter, beginning with "one" in each W. G. Lodge jurisdiction.

A. M. PHILLIPS,
M. W. Chief Templar.

Australia. Among the noble works for our Order, of our late P. M. W. C. T., Mitchel, was the bringing of our peculiarities and principles before the notice of the public in the mother country by a circular letter to the "Alliance News," of July 7, 1871, which is resulting in a union with the Free Templars; a copy of that paper reached the Island continent of Australia, and elicited a call for our Order from a leading temperance man in Ballarat, Victoria, and had that been attended to by sending the necessary instructions to him with the authority to organize, instead of waiting for a regular Deputy to reach those distant Colonies from these Provinces, 30,000 British Templars would now be united with us in Australasia. At our annual session in 1871, Bro. Jos. Verey, formerly of Toronto, then on his way to Australia, was appointed Deputy for the Island, but was never apprised of his appointment until since my coming into office, hence his inactivity. Whilst we have thus been allowing opportunities to pass, the I. O. G. T. has entered that field and established itself in every Colony, and now if our Order does her duty in establishing herself there she must be stigmatised as a rival of the I. O. G. T. Notwithstanding these hindrances, Australia has not shut her doors to British Templarism, but on the 26th March I received, through the M. W. Secretary, an urgent application from a number of leading gentlemen and ladies in Ballarat, for the establishment of our Order there, accompanied by a letter from Rev. F. L. Wilson and Wm. Dale, Esq., leading active temperance workers, both in England and Australia, of many years standing, who state that the "I. O. G. T. is not at any point satisfactory to the working Tectotal Leaders;" they further state, "we have seen your Constitution and also a first-class letter from a British Templar, in the 'Alliance News,' of Manchester, England, and like the name of British Templars well. The institution of the Order

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of British Templars is earnestly desired by a great many in this Colony, and I cannot withhold from your Worthy Grand Lodge the conviction that if you will grant the necessary dispensation we shall, before twelve months pass away, number thousands under your banner. And I believe that the institution of your Order here will effect great good amongst the temperance members in this Colony, and tend more than anything else to save our glorious cause from decay, if not death, in this and the other colonies." I felt now was the time for action as regards Australia, but I had not yet heard from Bro. Vercey, and, through Bro. Stewart, understood that he had returned to England; being impressed that such an opportunity should not slip because of any tenacious attachment of formality, I took advantage of the power given me in Sec. 1 of Art. 5, Most Worthy Lodge Constitution,— "He shall make such arrangements for the proper opening of the Lodges authorized by him, as in his judgment circumstances may demand,"—and appointed Rev. Francis Lawson Wilson, Congregationalist, Minister of Ballarat, Victoria, who was recommended by the applicants as Deputy for the Colony of Victoria, a Deputy M. W. C. T. for Australasia, with authority and instructions to take the superintendence of the Order in those colonies, appoint Deputies in each of them, and otherwise promote the interests of the Order in behalf of the Most Worthy Lodge. With the commission I enclosed a written obligation, taking in the Primary and Degree obligations, to be signed in the presence of witnesses before the separate envelope containing the Private Work was opened, which was sent in a registered letter. I also ordered the Secretary to carry out the recommendation of the Committee on the Extension of the Order in 1871, by sending 25 sets of stock free, the proceeds to be used in the extension of the Order there; and although returns are not yet received, sufficient time not having elapsed, I have no doubt the banner of British Templarism is unfurled today in Australia, and I leave my informal course of action in your hands for judgment. A quantity of the Tract was also sent Bro. Wilson, and I mailed a few copies to the leading ministers and periodicals in each of the Australasian Colonies, and in reply, applications for the introduction of the Order have already been received from Rev. Frank Frith, Sydney, J. Kemp Penney, Adelaide, and Hon. Jos. Wearne, Sydney, whom I have appointed Deputies for Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales, respectively.

New Zealand. Our Order was established in this Colony in 1867, by Bro. Geo. N. Cunnebell, of St. John Lodge, No. 2, N. B.; in 1869 he reports 85 members, the next year 30, and the following year no mention is made of our position there; but last year your Secretary says in his report, "the Lodge in New Zealand has gone down." I am unable to state why the Order did not spread and flourish in New Zealand, but have done all in my power to revive it. I entered into correspondence with Bro. Cunnebell and W. R. G. Samuels, M. D., the latter being appointed by this body a Deputy M. W. C. T. in 1871, but who seems not to have received a commission or notice of his appointment. Bro. Samuels immediately acknowledged my letter, accepting his appointment and requesting stock, &c. to be forwarded to him, without delay. I forwarded him a commission and instructions, and ordered the Secretary to forward ten sets of stock in accordance with the recommendation of your Committee on the Extension of the Order at the Truro session. He was supplied with a quantity of the Tract on the Order, and although sufficient time has not elapsed for returns, yet I confidently expect that the Order is revived with greater vigor and brighter prospects than ever.

Other Colonies. During the past six months the Tract on the Order has been circulated in every land where the red cross flag of Old England triumphantly waves; on the coral strands of India, the burning sands of West Africa, the military stations throughout the world, and the new but growing Colonies of South Africa. From Gibraltar I have already received a response. John C. Bundy, a military officer, and D. D. G. W. C. T. of the I. O. G. T., writes as follows: "I never heard of such a body as the British Templars appear to be; on reading the paper I was pleased to find a clause which removes the difficulty about the perpetuity of the pledge, which has been the cause of many keeping out of the I. O. G. T., as also the undertaking being purely British, and if at any future period I should see my way clear, and thought that it would prove a success to introduce your Order here, I will (D. V.) put myself in communication with you."

I have been thus particular to refer to the state of the Order that all may more fully understand what has been done, what may be done, and what is to be done; never, perhaps, in our Order's history was its position better and prospects brighter. The past year has been spent not only in strengthening our stakes but lengthening our cords, never was the Order so well known as at present, and perhaps there never was more being done to make it a truly national society. So far as I have been able to ascertain, peace and harmony reign throughout our borders, and the Worthy Grand Lodge meetings have been seasons of profit and rejoicing. Of course local irritations, which are common to all associations, have transpired, but not to seriously affect the Order or call for the interference of your Executive. The experience of the past shows a continual drain upon our membership by Lodges becoming dormant and members being suspended and expelled for non-payment of dues; legislation on this subject is worthy the attention of this body, as also upon the subject of finances in general; monies squandered by Lodges or unsatisfactorily accounted for by officials, has contributed to the downfall of many an institution. We need more vigilance in this respect to produce a healthy state of the Order.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.

This subject should engage your most serious attention and deliberate action; growth is a necessity to life. Except we grow, we die. And this growth should be both internal and external. By the internal growth of the Order, we refer to the planting New Lodges and strengthening old ones in present Grand Lodge jurisdictions; and to my mind there are but two ways to accomplish this end with much success—viz., Lecturing Agency, and Tract distribution; and under this head, would recommend the establishment of a Fund for these purposes. Thousands of dollars are being spent every year by our Primary Lodges without any practical effect upon the Temperance Reform. Why not utilize these funds by bringing them into a central systematic fund. I offer, for your consideration, the following plan:

1st. Adopt the plan of donations and subscriptions the same as Bible, Tract, and Missionary Societies.

2nd. Levy a special tax on the membership of the Order; each Lodge to receive Tracts, &c., in return in proportion to the amount paid in; and

3rd. Collections at meetings of regularly employed Lecturers; each of which shall have a circuit, and visit the various localities as frequently as possible, at least once per year.

By external growth, we refer to planting the Order in unoccupied territory; and the means employed in the internal are as applicable to the external. But experience proves that our lack of growth externally has been

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principally because of our Order being unknown beyond our own shores—and even not well known within our own borders. We need to adopt a business principle and advertise. In proportion as our Order becomes known it is appreciated and extends itself. And the fact was never more apparent, that British Templarism is the Order for the Empire.

We need more individual effort; every British Templar should feel the Order is mine, and I, not *they*, (officials, &c.,) am interested in its extension. We need to be "all at it and always at it," not for the mere sake of building up our Order, but to "raise the fallen, strengthen the weak, save the young, and deliver the country from the curse of intemperance." Deeds, not words, tell upon the pages of history and show their lasting effect upon society; shall we run up a noble record? Shall we extend our borders till our philanthropic achievements are as national as our name? Shall we add to our strength till our power is felt not only in the Legislative halls of this Dominion, but in those of the Mother Country and every colony of the Empire? Shall we add to our numbers and increase the agitation of our principles till Prohibition becomes a realized fact; when the royal assent is obtained to the Emancipation Bill for the drink-fettered slaves of the British realm? Who can look forward and see our Sovereign with pen in hand, attaching the royal signature, without responding in the affirmative, and saying "Victory or death."

Let me give a hint for individual effort in extension of the Order. Send 50 cents to P. H. Stewart, Toronto, Ont., for 100 Tracts on the Order, and mail a copy to personal friends in our own and other lands, and thus, with a few cents and a few minutes, we may be the means of establishing many Lodges and saving many precious souls. Also, let each member add one member to the roll of members, and each Lodge add one more to the list of Lodges, and who could tell the result of thus doubling our strength.

APPEALS AND DECISIONS.

No Appeals have been submitted to me during the year, but I have been called upon to decide the following questions:

1st. A member in good standing, having all the Degrees, resigned from the Lodge and Order, but in a few months came back and was initiated. Can he attend Degree meetings?

Ans. No. He must first be re-obligated in the Degrees. (See Sec. 16 of Art. 16.)

2nd. Can an Officer, whose Lodge has not made returns, vote in the Co. or Grand Lodge of which he is a member?

Ans. No. Except by permission of his Grand or County Lodge. (See Rule 25.)

3rd. Can a Grand Lodge Officer hold his position after the Lodge of which he is a member ceases to exist?

Ans. Yes, provided he procures a Primary or Grand Lodge clearance card. (See Sec. 4 of Art. 13.)

4th. Can a Grand Lodge Officer remain out on Card for 3 months without forfeiting his position?

Ans. Yes, if Card be available for that time. (See Sec. 1, Art. 13.)

5th. Does a member violate his obligation by going behind a bar and serving liquor?

Ans. Yes, he gives and countenances. (See Art. 3.)

6th. Can the son of a liquor-seller become a member of our Order?

Ans. Yes; but Lodges should be cautious in receiving such members.

7th. Can Lodges fix the age at which persons shall be received as members?

Ans. Yes, provided none are admitted under fourteen years of age. (See Art. 2.)

8th. Is it a violation of Art. 3 for a Bro. to buy whiskey for his wife to use as medicine?

Ans. No, it not being used as a beverage.

9th. Can more than one candidate be balloted for at once in a Lodge?

Ans. Yes, provided not more than four black balls appear, but if more than four appear the ballot shall be taken for each separately.

10th. Can a Lodge rent its hall for dancing parties?

Ans. No; the Order does not countenance dancing or other vain amusements in any way, but most emphatically insists that Lodges only permit their halls to be used for religious and moral purposes, being set apart for no other use by our Dedication Rituals.

11th. If a member is present when a charge is preferred against him and demands an immediate investigation, and the Lodge proceeds to investigate and refers it to a Committee; should the accused agree to meet said Committee without a written notice, but fail to do so, could the Committee report him guilty of contempt?

Ans. Yes, the spirit of the law was fulfilled.

12th. How can a member, with an expired card, be restored to membership in his own Lodge?

Ans. By re-obligation and payment of dues.

Besides these, I have answered a great many questions that are too well settled to be noticed here. Well-informed members often propose questions, that disputes in Lodges may be settled by the authority of the M. W. C. T. A course which is highly commendable.

MEMORIALS.

The following Memorials will be submitted for your consideration: From Ontario Grand Lodge, asking that an "Open Department" may be established in connection with our Order. From Haldimond County Lodge, to amend Sec. 16 of Art. 16 so that Lodges have the power to fine, reprimand or suspend for violation of Art. III; and from New Brunswick Grand Lodge and Northumberland County Lodge respecting the changes in Constitution passed and recommended at the last Annual Session.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

The past has been one of the most laborious and anxious years in my experience; my ministerial duties were unusually onerous, and the duties of this office were far more than I had anticipated, but by the help of God I have been enabled to do promptly and cheerfully, and "with all my might, whatsoever my hands found to do," and have reason to believe that it has been the most useful year of my life; to His great name be all the praise. By request of the Executive I prepared a Circular on the Origin, Objects, Principles, Working and Peculiarities of the Order, which appeared in the "Ontario" and "British Templar," and 10,000 copies of which were struck off and circulated throughout the empire, which I believe will be seed sown from which I trust in future years we shall reap an abundant harvest. Aside from official decisions, my correspondence has been extensive in the interest of the Order, particularly into new territory, having received and answered over 100 letters, and written nearly as many more; also signed and mailed the circular on the Order to about 300 persons, besides signing 150 charters, commissions, &c., and preparing the circulars on the Organ and Book-room, and Temperance Union.

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POLITICAL ACTION.

Among the principles afforded us by Christian legislation are these: "society has a right to protect itself in everything that would promote good order, its safety, its prosperity, and its existence; society should not undertake to regulate evil by law, but to remove it; and society has a right to prevent or remove evil by destroying private property, or rendering it valueless if necessary." With these principles before us, the righteousness and constitutionality of a Prohibitory Liquor Law is quite apparent. Already the liquor traffic has assumed a political aspect, not because of the agitation of temperance organizations, but because the friends of intemperance have legalized the traffic in strong drink, for so long as men are licensed to make and sell intoxicating beverages the evil of intemperance is entrenched by political action and political power, and cannot be met as a purely moral question any more than honest men could cure theft by moral suasion if stealing was made legal. Temperance men, generally, feel that the only hope for success is in prohibitory legislation, and politicians are beginning to admit our right to withdraw legal protection from the Traffic. We do not propose to legislate men moral or sober, but we do claim that the shield of the law be removed from the body-killing, soul-destroying traffic, that we may strike it with moral weapons; we do hold that no government has a right to protect any thing that is injurious to the morals, wealth, peace, happiness or prosperity of the subject, or that is contrary to the word of God. We wish to raise no political party cry, but bring every government of whatever stripe in politics to admit and act upon the principle of prohibiting what is morally, physically or politically wrong. At your last session a platform was adopted which is "briefly summed up as *Total Abstinence* from using or giving; *No License* for the sale or disposal; and *Legal Suppression* of the manufacture and importation of all kinds of intoxicating drinks as a beverage." This commits us to the principles of Prohibition, and year after year this body, as well as the different Grand Lodges, have defined it as a Templar's duty to vote the temperance ticket, yet there is not that living political power in connection with the Order that success to our principles requires. I have long felt that there was need of consolidating the temperance political power of the country, and particularly of our Order, for while the work of moral suasion is being carried on, and the seeds of total abstinence are being sowed, there is not a husbanding for legal prohibition; therefore, I offer for your consideration the advisability of establishing, in connection with our Order, a separate degree or department for members of the full age of 21 years, who have been tried in our ranks, and will take a life-long pledge, whose main duty shall be the obtaining and enforcing Prohibitory Legislation.

I cannot close this section of my report without referring to the powerful influences in favor of prohibitory legislation brought to bear upon the last Ontario Legislature and Dominion Parliament through the influence of the Ontario and Quebec Prohibitory Leagues, in conjunction with the Temperance Orders in these Provinces, and I trust our sisters on the sea-board will form Leagues and join with us in the west in petitioning the Government at Ottawa for Prohibition. Never was the country so ripe for such legislation. Let us all unite in one importunate prayer that will not cease until our petition is granted.

JUVENILES.

It has been universally admitted in the past that this most important department of our Order does not receive that attention that its importance demands. The press of my other duties has not enabled me to give that attention to the Juveniles that my heart could wish, but by the amendment of the Constitution at your last session the care of this branch was placed in the hands of the Counsellor, and I am relieved from reporting upon their progress, but will refer you to that Officer. I would say, however, that a Ritual for Juveniles has been prepared, which, I think, will be more conducive to their working; and I would recommend certain amendments to the Juvenile Constitution in order to harmonize with the present Ritual. I would also recommend the publication of a "British Templar Catechism," embracing the Juvenile Templar principles in question and answer form, and divided into lessons for recitation, containing, also, the Juvenile Constitution, Bye-Laws, and Rules of Order for their government; the Odes and responses might also be put in the same book. For the strengthening of Juvenile Lodges I would suggest that where Juvenile Lodges exist, Primary Lodges do not admit members until they are 15 years of age; the Certificate of membership should be published, and more done for this department. It is easy to say "train up a child, &c.," but who engages in it with the heart? Many good things have been said on the importance of this branch, but where are the Juvenile workers among us? I hope that at this session Juvenile Templarism will receive its requisite attention.

DEGREES, REGALIA AND PRIVATE WORK.

These are appendages which many tried and true workers feel as useless material in the Temperance Reform, while some, upon the other hand, cling to them as being almost life-giving. We will not discuss the question here, but would say that the settlement of this question has to be met by you at this Session. The conviction is being strengthened in all minds by practical observation and experience that the more fundamental principles and the less machinery you put into a Temperance Society in these days the better; the more money and time are utilized for the promotion of the Cause the more likely is the Order to succeed.

Is it possible for us to arrive at any conclusion which will give satisfaction to all parties concerned? Would it not be an equalizing of the matter of Degrees and Private Work, and meeting each party half way, by adopting the recommendation of Ontario Grand Lodge? Would it not settle the matter of Regalia by leaving it optional with Lodges whether Regalia was worn or not?

BRITISH TEMPLAR LITERATURE.

You will have before you for consideration and action the establishment of a newspaper organ and Book-room, one of the important questions of the session, and I hope you will take hold of it and act upon it in that practical way that its importance demands. If our principles are to prevail the public must be educated in them and thoroughly convinced of their righteousness—the pen and the press must be utilized as well as the pulpit and the platform. We should not only seek to circulate the excellent Temperance Literature already published, but to establish a literature of our own; this might be used not only as a means of helping Lodges and extending the Order, but raising a revenue. We want official tracts on the Order and the temperance question in circulation, and hymn and recitation books for our Lodges. I would ask your attention to this, and also to the desirability of publishing blank books for Secretary, Treasurer, Financier and Ass. Secretary, in subordinate Lodges; also, a Templar's Manual

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for business and instruction, giving decisions on points of order, how to do business in Primary Lodges, containing also the public ceremonies and Constitution, &c., of the Order; that the Constitution, &c., of Primary Lodges, with the odes and responses, containing a certificate of membership, be published, and that a hymn book for public meetings be compiled.

Besides these we should also avail ourselves of the local press to make our Order and principles known. Let Primary, County and Grand Lodges send reports of their meetings and prepared articles to leading journals in their jurisdiction, and thus keep our Order prominently before the public.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

We should not make changes for the mere sake of change, neither oppose proposed amendments because they are such, but consider well the best interests of the Order, free from personal or sectional feelings. The constitutional changes referred to this session, from the last, I trust will receive your unbiased consideration; and believing that these changes would be for the good of the Order, I trust they will be adopted. I would also recommend that in Sec. 1 of Art. 16, Primary Lodge Constitution, "year" be changed to "term," and amend Art. 3 of Juvenile Constitution, so that it will correspond with pledge in Ritual; erase Art. 14, 15, 16 and 17, and all of Sec. 2, Art. 4, after December, being provided for in the Ritual. Amend Sec. 2 of Art. 4, so that Juvenile Officers be elected quarterly and Adult half yearly. Add to Sec. 2, Art. 6, "each Lodge shall regulate its own dues, all surplus funds to be used for literary improvement and the spread of the cause." Change "officers," in Sec. 2 of Art. 13, to *members*, add after "Lodge," "and elected at the first regular meeting in each quarter," and erase Sec. 2 from the Art.

I would further recommend that a Committee be appointed to draft an improved edition of Bye-Laws for the use of Primary Lodges. And now that British Templarism is becoming consolidated and perfected in its working I would bring before you the propriety of making the sessions of this body bi-ennial.

TEMPERANCE UNION.

Being desirous that the resolution on the Union of the Temperance Orders of this Empire into one Grand National Organization, should not be a matter of form, I drafted a circular, on the subject, containing the resolution, which I forwarded, with a copy of the Tract on the Order and the Proceedings of the last Annual Session of this body, to the chief Officers of all the organizations in this and the Mother Country, with directions that all correspondence on the subject be addressed to Rev. G. A. Mitchell, Kincardine, Chairman of the Union Committee, to whom I refer you for a fuller report on this subject. I find a growing feeling in favor of Union among the organizations in this Dominion, and respectfully submit; would it not greatly increase that feeling if the *bona fide* members of the Secret Temperance Societies were admitted as visitors into each others Primary organizations after the ceremony of initiation was over, upon signing a pledge of secrecy?

Also, I would respectfully submit the propriety of opening negotiations with the National Division, S. of T., and the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., with a view of forming a Reciprocity Treaty with these organizations by which the clearance or withdrawal cards of each will be acknowledged by the other, and persons bearing them received into membership the same as members of the respective Orders would be, by taking in addition the obligation of the Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In this connection I would suggest the propriety of specifying in Clear-ance Cards the honors gained, if any, by the bearers of such cards. It has seemed to me that some ceremony for re-obligation of those members who have violated Art. II, and for reception of Card members, was much needed, therefore I would call your attention to the preparation of these ceremonies.

Your attention has previously been directed to the subject of Life Insurance, but without any practical effect, I would still keep it before your minds; there seems a lack of fraternal ties in our organization, and I would ask you to consider whether the formation of a department with the principles of mutual benevolence and insurance would not greatly strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in our Order, and add to the permanency of the institution.

That our Primary Lodges may be more interesting and instructive, I would suggest the appointment of a Committee to draft a programme of entertainment for every evening in each quarter.

Prayer meetings, in connection with the sessions of this body, and some of the subordinate grades, have already been inaugurated, and I would most respectfully ask you to consider the propriety of perpetuating these exercises in all grades of Lodges in our Order.

The Financier, in the higher grades of Lodges, is, constitutionally, the auditor of accounts in these bodies, but hitherto the office has been merely nominal, and I would recommend that steps be taken for a more careful investigation of finances in all our departments.

There should also be steps taken by which the real and personal property of dormant Lodges, and funds that may be in hand at surrender of Charter, should be retained in the Order.

IN MEMORIAM.

The sable necrological page must appear in our printed proceedings this year, and contain the names of P. M. W. C. T., H. B. Mitchell, Lec. of this Lodge and Trea. of Nova Scotia Grand Lodge; Sister Bell Pettet, M. W. Dep. Marshal, and Past W. V. T. of Ontario; and Justus L. Wetmore, formerly Treasurer of this body and also of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Bro. Mitchell was among the first and warmest friends of our Order in Nova Scotia, his time and means were freely sacrificed in the interests of the Supreme Lodge during those perilous times in our history, and when the present system was established he was elected first C. T. of this M. W. Lodge. Never did this body meet without being cheered by the manly form, honest face, and genial countenance of Bro. Mitchell; we all know his devotion to our Order, and the prominent part he took in shaping its policy and its legislation, therefore eulogy from me is unnecessary, but I would say one of our noblest Brothers has gone.

Sister Pettet was only initiated into this Body at our last session, but has served faithfully and well her own jurisdiction for the last eight years, in Primary and Juvenile County and Grand Lodges. It would not be saying too much of her that she was among the most earnest and indefatigable sisters in connection with our Order in Ontario. Her modesty and affection gave her a peculiar influence over children, which was successfully used among the Juveniles, a department of our Order in which she took particular interest.

Bro. Wetmore was among the earliest and most steadfast friends of our Order in New Brunswick. He was present at the "Basis of Union" meet-

ing in 1866, and elected its Treasurer (85 years) teetotal abstinence; he left New Brunswick, and finally died like a martyr in the Cause.

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More than half a century ago, organized Temperance has been accomplished. It has been reclaimed, and its part in this work is not complete. It is not capital, and money combats all such societies. It has respite from the only have to fight, and money combats, and this, doubtless, our clergy and Church.

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ing in 1866, and at the first regular session of this Most Worthy Lodge was elected its Treasurer. He was in truth a veteran, having been a life-long (85 years) teetotaler, and a worthy representative of the blessings of total abstinence; he fought the battles of the early temperance reform in New Brunswick, and helped build up the Order of Sons of Temperance, and finally died like a soldier; "he fell at his post," one of the oldest laborers in the Cause.

They are gone but their works remain, and it is for us to practice their virtues and perpetuate their memories.

CONCLUSION.

More than half a century has passed since the warfare began between organized Temperance effort and the drinking customs of society; much has been accomplished; the tide of sympathy has been turned and thousands have been reclaimed; and we believe our own youthful Order has performed its part in this great work. Although so much has been done, our great work is not completed, alcohol and his friends still live, fortified by millions of capital, and many, who like to be called our friends, would be pleased if all such societies as ours would cease their labors, and give the country a respite from the perpetual din against the drinking customs. Thus we not only have to fight against the principalities and powers of political parties and money combinations, but fashionable society is against our principles, and this, doubtless, accounts for the evasive conduct and silence of some of our clergy and Christian workers.

By some our work is not considered respectable, or that it is low and childish to be actively identified with the Temperance Reform, dubbing us fanatics, and refusing to associate with those whose social standing may have been comparatively low. But let us not be daunted, we have the public ear and shall yet have the public heart; we are not spending our time and money for naught, nor for puerile gratification or fancy; when it is well known that the use of strong drink develops an appetite which jeopardizes reputation, estate, health, comfort, respectability and family, is it fanaticism to entirely forego the use of it? Did Joel Strattan or Jesse Goodrich degrade their social standing by associating with John B. Gough? Was the Hon. Neal Dow engaged in a low or childish work when delivering his native State from the slavish power of the liquor traffic? If we were only persuaded that the drunkard would abandon his habit, the moderate drinker cease to court the tightening folds of the serpent, the youth believe that wine is really a mocker, and strong drink actually raging, and all come to feel the woe pronounced upon the drunkard and the drunkard make any sooner and more effectually by our non-action, we would gladly turn our attention to other paths of usefulness or to the fruitful fields of science and flowery paths of literature. We only aim at one end, the salvation of the drunkard and the utter annihilation of the liquor traffic, and when shown a more excellent way than that which we now pursue, we will not hesitate to follow it.

In giving a reason for our principles as Total Abstinents and Legal Prohibitionists, never let the world understand that we are such through any expediency, but as a duty founded on right. Science shows all intoxicants to contain poison, and injurious to a healthy body and mind, it is therefore physically wrong to use them, and what is physically wrong is morally wrong, and an open violation of what our holy religion makes right; and what the Bible holds as morally wrong no government can make legally right; hence we are what we are, because it is right, and to be anything else is wrong, and, it is not too much to say, sinful in the sight of God. I put it to the good sense of all, is not the man that uses intoxicating beve-

rages in this day and age of the world sinning against light and knowledge? When the universal Christian Church so views it, then will the victory be ours. British Templars, feel the responsibility of your high position, and go forth to duty as worthy of your name and calling. I trust that those of us assembled at this session are actuated by the purest and noblest motives in coming here, let the promotion of our cause and not the election of Officers be our main business. Questions will come before you that will excite a variety of opinions, meet them with the liberality, impartiality and candor that should characterize legislative deliberation. I trust that nothing may occur to mar the harmony of the session, but that all may be conducive of the best interests of the Order.

I cannot close my too lengthy address without tendering you my sincere thanks for the honors you have conferred upon me in the past; I can assure you that I do not lightly esteem your confidence; the trust reposed in my keeping has been jealously guarded as my own private right—and, may I hope, my official course has given you no cause to regret your selection. I assumed the office much against my inclination, but if I have proved worthy, I am more than repaid for the time and talents used in the discharge of so onerous a duty, and retire praying that the blessing of Almighty God may be more abundantly poured out upon our labors. All of which is respectfully submitted in F. H. & C.

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS,
M. W. C. T.

The Most Worthy Grand Secretary's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, British Templars:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,—Again, as your Secretary for the second time, I beg to report. I am sorry that in many respects the work of the year has not been everything I should have liked. I know that continued changes—easy action on the part of some of us—the old system of credit, has materially helped on such a state of things. I can understand how Grand Secretaries who got no Returns or Tax for the whole year from Primary Lodges, aye, from whole Counties, should not be able to give satisfactory Reports to this M. W. G. Lodge. Still there is something wrong. We began this year with a debt due us of nearly \$700.00, and owing something like the same. How do we stand to-day? Receipts for whole year, \$526.35; nearly \$200 less than our debt or dues last year, including bills paid. Expenditures, \$739.90; or, I have had actually to pay out of my own pocket \$213.55. And this, though the expenses of my office is \$20 less than last year, making no mention of expenses of M. W. G. Chief, or the salary of your Secretary for the present year. I know many may feel aggrieved that I do not pay old bills. How can I? I have attempted, so far as in me lay, to pay for all that we ordered for the year, and this to save our credit. Our debt was never so small as at present. Permit me to take the several divisions of my office work for the year in order.

1. During the year we have purchased a Charter stone, which, I hope, will forever make the delays in issuing Charters to Primary Lodges an impossibility. Charters have been issued for Ontario, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island and Newfoundland; according to resolution, of last M. W. G. Lodge, these have been on paper. This stone is our own, and, let me add, is paid for.

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2. M. W. G. LODGE JOURNALS.—I regret exceedingly that the Journals should have been so late in being issued. I fully expected to have them in the hands of the Primary Lodges in eight weeks after our meeting at Montreal. Sickness on the part of the printer, P. H. Stewart, in whose hands the manuscript was at an early date, he tells me, was the cause. I know this may not be deemed sufficient excuse, I merely give the facts.

STOCK.

The amount of Stock sold will appear from the bills and Stock book. I have on hand still the following: 700 Constitutions; 1,500 Juvenile M. Cards; 250 D. R.; 250 P. D's; 500 Officers Cards; 6,000 Blanks, together with all the old Stock.

With the exception of a balance to Bro. Stewart and \$34.50 to Barnes & Co., all our Stock bills are paid.

OUR ORDER.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Membership, - - - - -	10,071
New Lodges, - - - - -	17
Greatest No. of Lodges returned for any quarter, - - - - -	187

FINANCE.

Balance due at Settlement, - - - - -	\$149 88
1st quarter, - - - - -	100 71
2nd do. - - - - -	82 67
3rd do. - - - - -	93 32
4th do. - - - - -	85 57
Stock as per Bills, - - - - -	28 13
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	\$540 28
By cash, - - - - -	266 10
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Balance due, - - - - -	\$274 18

Since coming to the M. W. Grand Lodge I have received \$100 on the above. The Returns from New Brunswick, as usual, are fuller and more satisfactory than those from any other Province. Without doubt it is the back-bone of Temperarism.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Greatest No. of members returned, - - - - -	6691
Greatest No. of Lodges returned in any quarter, - - - - -	125
New Lodges returned, - - - - -	none.

FINANCE.

• October 1, 1873—Old Bill 1869, - - - - -	\$275 00
Monies credited, but in hands of G. T. of Nova Scotia, - - - - -	191 75
Cap. Tax 1st quarter, - - - - -	66 91
2nd do. - - - - -	61 96
3rd do. - - - - -	54 79
4th do. - - - - -	36 15
Stock as per Bills, - - - - -	40 81
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	\$727 37
By cash, - - - - -	260 25
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Balance, - - - - -	\$467 12

In this Province we have lost one of the most faithful and devoted of our workers. H. B. Mitchell was a good and true man, unselfish in his actions, patient to his brethren, true to his principles, and always the same. We mourn for as good a Templar as ever worked in the ranks, without doubt the "noblest Roman of us all."

ONTARIO.

Returns for three Quarters.		
Greatest No. of members returned,	- - -	3,220
" " Lodges reported,	- - -	82
Lodges new and resumed,	- - -	26
FINANCE.		
Cap. Tax—1st quarter,	- - - - -	\$28 49
2nd do.	- - - - -	30 03
3rd do.	- - - - -	32 20
Stock as per Bills,	- - - - -	30 07
		\$120 79
By Stock sent as per Bill, and printing of Journals,		183 90
		\$63 11

P. E. ISLAND.

Partial Returns.		
Greatest No. of members returned,	- - -	1422
" " Lodges,	- - -	37
New Lodges,	- - -	2
FINANCE.		
October 1, 1872—Old Bill,	- - - - -	\$116 39
1st quarter,	- - - - -	8 79
2nd do.	- - - - -	10 28
3rd do.	- - - - -	10 21
4th do.	- - - - -	14 22
Stock as per Bills,	- - - - -	10 98
		\$176 87

It is but right to say that there are two bills due Bros. Montgomery and Barratt, both amounting to \$70, which would reduce the amount to one hundred dollars. Bro. Montgomery has given me a receipt, to-day, for thirty-five dollars, which reduces the amount to \$141.87.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

From Newfoundland I have received neither returns nor tax for the year.

FINANCE.		
October 1, 1872—Old Bill, 1869,	- - - - -	\$16 97½
Stock (1872),	- - - - -	9 02
Charters (1873),	- - - - -	15 00
Grand Lodge Seal,	- - - - -	19 00
		\$59 99½

Besides all the per Cap. Tax of the last two years, and yet they grumble.

Bro. MacGregor

To D. C. Fraser

DEAR BROTHER,
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GREAT BRITAIN.

Bro. MacGregor's report will speak for itself, so I will read it:

London, August 19th, 1873.

To D. C. Fraser, Esq., B. A., M. W. Secretary, British Templars :

DEAR BROTHER,—I am exceedingly sorry that the Report which, through you, I have to submit to the Most Worthy Lodge, must, owing to the present state of negotiations and my own circumstances, be somewhat vague and unsatisfactory. It has hitherto been customary among the Free Templars to hold a meeting of Grand Lodges in Spring as well as in Autumn; and at the time of the last meeting of M. W. G. Lodge I hoped that our negotiations for union might, before this, have resulted in a resolution to unite. The Spring meeting, however, was not held this year; and hence the resolution has not yet received a formal discussion. While, however, I cannot transmit in my report any formal decision on the subject of union, I think I can with safety say that the end of our year finds us much nearer the consummation for which we hope than its beginning did. The negotiations which have been carried on by the Union Committee of the Free Templars, the deep interest which they had taken on the subject, and the many discussions which we have held, have resulted in the formation of a basis of union, to which, I think, we can both agree.

It may be remembered that at the time of the last session of our M. W. G. Lodge it was expected that the Free Templars would resolve that their Grand Lodge should become a Grand Lodge of our Order, and with certain modifications, accept our Constitution. To this proposal, however, some objections were raised at the last meeting of their Grand Lodge; and though I do not think them such as would likely have interrupted negotiations, they had sufficient force to cause me to accept, and immediately to act upon, a suggestion which was made by our M. W. Chief, and has resulted in the formation of such a Basis of Union as, I think, will commend itself to both Orders.

When I left Edinburgh the Union Committee had agreed substantially upon the basis which they were prepared to submit to their Grand Lodge; but they had not embodied their opinions in a Report. Their convener promised to forward to me the report whenever it was completed; but as he has not yet done so, I conclude that it has not yet been drawn up. I am, therefore, unable to tell you exactly what will be submitted to the Grand Lodge; but I can give you the substance of what the Committee hopes and expects to be passed. It is as follows:

“The Free Templars of St. John are to give up their present name and to adopt that of British Templars; using it on their Regalia, Seals, Stock, &c., and beginning to use it at a time to be specified. While, however, they adopt the name, they do not adopt the Constitution and Bye-laws of our Order. The Committee agree with our M. W. Chief, our M. W. Secretary, and myself in the opinion that there is no reason why a great body such as the British Templars are to become, should have a Constitution going so minutely into details as the one which we at present possess does; that the fact of its having this character is likely to impede our progress and prevent us from attaining to the imperial nature which we desire; and that a Constitution of a more general nature, which would leave minor questions to be settled by inferior courts, and to occupy the position of Bye-laws of those courts, would enable us to spread our principles much more rapidly and to attain much more nearly to universality than we had ever done heretofore. These considerations have led the Committee to ad-

wise their Grand Lodge to determine that a Lodge be formed in Great Britain of equal rank and of equal powers with the M. W. G. Lodge of Canada, to be called the M. W. G. Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland; and while the M. W. G. Lodge of Canada is to use their present Constitution, that of Great Britain will also use the present Constitution of the Free Templars, only making such changes as are rendered necessary by their adopting the names of the different grades of Lodges, Officers, &c., which at present hold among us, and by any other of the terms of the basis. It is advised, also, that a new grade of Lodges, or a General Council, be instituted, to consist of representatives or delegates sent from the various M. W. G. Lodges and to meet at stated intervals of time. The functions of this Council will be entirely legislative, no appeals being carried beyond the M. W. G. Lodges, except those on Constitutional questions. The Constitution, as before stated, is to be of a general character, and its amendment will be entirely in the hands of the Council. It will, however, be quite competent for a M. W. G. Lodge to pass any Bye-law which violates no article in the Constitution; but such Bye-law shall, of course, be binding only on the constituents of the Lodge which passes it. As the general Constitution will necessarily consist only of articles to which both of the negotiating Orders agree, it, with the Bye-laws which each M. W. G. Lodge will make, will be tantamount to the Constitutions which they now respectively possess. By this plan that objection is met which was urged against the former basis of negotiations, namely, that the granting of special powers and special privileges to a Grand Lodge, was the establishment of an Order within an Order, and was likely to produce dissention and feud. According to the present proposal there will be certain principles to which it will be necessary for all to adhere; but outside this central ground there will be a wide field on which diversity of opinion and diversity of action will be allowed. The Constitution, which is to bind the whole Order, will be drawn up by a committee, of whose members equal numbers will be appointed by each of the negotiating Orders; and until it is completed both Lodges are to act according to the provisions of the present Constitutions, the M. W. G. Lodge of Great Britain, however, making those changes in the present Constitution of the Free Templars already referred to.

Until the General Council holds its first session the M. W. G. Lodge of Canada is to determine passwords, and to exercise the functions which will afterwards necessarily fall to the General Council to perform.

There are other minor points, but they are mere details, and the statements which I have made will enable you to understand the general principles of the basis which the Union Committee are to submit for consideration, and probably for approval, to the Free Templars.

I have expressed to the Committee my firm belief that my opinions, as given above, are those, also, of our M. W. G. Lodge. It remains with the M. W. G. Lodge to substantiate that statement, and if, at its next session, it pass a resolution stating its adhesion to the above, as the principles of a basis on which it is prepared to unite with the Free Templars, and empowering the Executive to settle finally the details, I have little doubt that before its succeeding meeting is held, the two Orders shall have become one; and one of the breaches in the ranks of the Temperance army shall have been healed.

I am, my dear brother,
Yours very faithfully,

J. GORDON MACGREGOR,
Dep. M. W. C. T.

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P. S.—During the year I have circulated among the Free Templars all the copies of our Constitution, Reports, &c., which have been sent me, in order that they may know who, and of what manner of men we are.

J. G. M.

THE PROPOSED ORGAN.

According to resolution of M. W. G. Lodge, a circular was issued looking toward an Organ for the whole Order. The following are the answers to the questions as far as returned to me.

ONTARIO.

No. of answers to questions.
 Style of do. 15 Lodges. 1st, yes—2nd, 145—3rd, 1st—4th, yes—5th, no—6th, 31—7th.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

31 Lodges. 1st, yes—2nd, 256—3rd, 1st—4th, yes—5th, yes—6th, 13—7th.

NOVA SCOTIA.

23 Lodges. 1st, yes—2nd, 86—3rd, 1st—4th, yes—5th, both—6th, 2—7th.

69 Lodges. 1st, yes—2nd, 489—3rd, 1st year—4th, yes—5th, both—6th, 46.

Many others, if the paper were started, were willing to do much more. I have no doubt myself but the proposed plan would work well. Let the paper be in a central province, and the work well done, and I do not fear the result. We want a Templar house badly. There is at present no good way of advertising a meeting of the Order. I would like to see all our Stock and Reports published in one place. To this publishing house might be attached the proposed Book Room, from which as a centre all the Templar Literature might emanate. I strongly press the matter on the attention of this M. W. G. Lodge.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Membership as returned.

New Brunswick,	10,071
Nova Scotia,	6,891
Ontario,	8,220
Prince Edward Island,	1,422
N. E. L. estimate,	500
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There is about 200 more than last year, but our returns are very meagre this year. On the whole we have gained materially, as the returns for P. E. Island and Nova Scotia are only estimates. I am sorry G. L. Records are not more full, as our Order is never represented as well as it ought to be.

FINANCE.

Due M. W. G. Lodge.

New Brunswick,	\$274 18
Nova Scotia,	467 12
Ontario over paid,	\$68 11 one qr. no returns.
P. E. Island,	176 87
Newfoundland,	60 01
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Total,	\$978 18

Bills unpaid,	
J. N. Freeman,	\$72 28
Rev. Wm. Savage,	50 00
D. Montgomery,	35 00
R. Barratt,	35 00
W. B. Huestis,	12 00
J. B. Woodland,	25 00
Barnes & Co.,	34 50
P. H. Stewart, (order in favor of O. G. L.,)	63 11

Cash paid by M. W. G. Sec. in excess of receipts, 213 55

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Making our credit, if all bills due to us and by us were paid, \$439.63 to begin the present year, as far as I know, minus salaries of officers for past year. I hope ere we part something will be done to enable us to make a settlement of all our past accounts, as soon as possible, with the Grand Lodges.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, we must curtail our expenses, too much paying of delegates, too little paying of debts. We have in the face of creditors been as flush as if our coffers were overflowing; this little weakness on our part has been productive of large debts. Now let us start afresh—pay fewer officers their travelling expenses; let us give all our money to a first-class newspaper and to the circulation of temperance literature. I know that among us are as good and true hearts as ever beat responsive to the calls of true philanthropy. I have felt personally that the influence of the Sisters and Brothers of our Order has done me good, and I hope will continue to do so. I have to acknowledge the able assistance, fatherly counsel and unselfish labor of our M. W. G. Chief during the past year; whoever halted he did not, his faith and works always abounding. Yet amid all our trials we have much to cheer us. Faithful ones are doing all that in them lie to promote our noble principles. Weekly is sung "Friends of temperance, &c.," in country and town, by stalwart sailor and honest farmer, by rosy lassies and city belles. From among the poor and depraved are raised up those whom vice may have marked but not conquered. Heart answers to heart as the cause of humanity becomes the leading motive in our actions. While men in high estate quaff their cups and smile at the efforts of the poor and lowly—with what pride must we read that so strong have become our principles felt that even Parliament is forced to be troubled about this great question. Earnestly let us hope and work—correct our abuses and renew our efforts—firmly trusting in the great future that will reward honest toil; with our eye on God and our hands working for Him, let us do all the good we can, whenever we can and in every place we can.

Submitted in F., H. and C.,

D. C. FRASER, M. W. G. S.

On motion—Reports of Chief and Secretary were given to Committee on distribution.

On motion of Bros. Watts and Freeze, and

Resolved, That a Committee of five members be appointed as a Committee on publication, to whom shall be referred all matters touching the proposed publication of an Organ by or under the contract of this M. W. G. Lodge.

The Committee appointed were Bros. Watts, Stewart, Fraser, Wetmore and Riggs.

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Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisdictions, and the Publication Committee of these sessions, as appointed by the officers.

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On motion of Bro. Maxwell, seconded by Bro. J. A. Thompson, and

Resolved, That the distribution Committee refer to the several Committees the portions of the officers reports coming under their respective jurisdictions, subject to the resolution of this Lodge pertaining to a "Publication Committee," and that all subjects not coming within the jurisdiction of these several committees be reported upon by the distribution Committee, as appointed by M. W. G. C. in lieu of Committee on reports of officers.

On motion of Bros. Flewelling and Freeze, and

Resolved, That the changes in our Constitution, suggested by last M. W. G. Lodge, lay on the table till we hear the report of the Committee on Constitutional Changes.

On motion the vacancy in the Union Committee appointed at last session of M. W. G. L. was filled up as follows:

NOVA SCOTIA.—Bros. D. C. Fraser and Robert Martin.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Bros. E. C. Freeze and John Palmer.

P. E. ISLAND.—Bros. Rev. Jno. McLeod and D. Frazer.

ONTARIO.—Bros. P. H. Stewart and A. M. Phillips.

The Committee on Prayer Meetings reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom the matter of Prayer Meetings and Sabbath afternoon Temperance Meeting was referred, beg to report as follows: That we have waited on Mr. Palmer, President Y. M. C. A., and that he has kindly tendered the use of their Hall to this M. W. G. L., for its meetings. Your Committee propose:

1st. Prayer meeting to-morrow (Sabbath) morning, at 9 A. M.

2nd. " " each week day morning for remainder of session, at 7 A. M.

3rd. Public Temperance Meeting, Sabbath evening, at 8 P. M.

The Prayer Meetings to be held in Zion (Presbyterian) Church, and the Temperance Meeting in Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

(Signed)

JAMES SCOTT,
JOHN McLEOD.

The Committee on Public Temperance Meetings reported:

That a Public Temperance Meeting be held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., on Monday evening, at 8 P. M.

Subject: "The evils of Intemperance and their source."

Speakers: Rev. John McLeod, E. C. Freeze, D. C. Fraser and John Palmer.

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On motion, adjourned till Monday morning.

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

M. W. G. L. opened in due form; M. W. G. C. T. in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on Juvenile Lodges reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted:

Most Worthy Grand Chief:

Your Committee on Juvenile Lodges beg leave to report, having had the subject under their consideration.

Your Committee regret to find, from the best information they can secure, that but little attention has been given to similar reports of Committees of Juvenile Lodges, and especially that of last year; a Report which should not only be carefully read, but prayerfully put in practice in every section of our jurisdiction.

It has occurred to your Committee that something practical touching this subject should be aimed at by this M. W. G. body at once, to convince the friends of Temperance in this Dominion and elsewhere that we possess executive ability as well as legislative. Too much of our time, strength, talent is spent in preparing plans and measures, rather than putting them in force—we legislate, but too seldom do we execute.

So far as your Committee can learn the subject of Juvenile Lodges is more and more neglected each year until at the present moment, almost nothing is accomplished. We therefore recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to report at this session, whose duty shall be to enquire into the causes why Juvenile Lodges have not flourished, and to recommend some remedial measures.

Your Committee cannot believe that this branch of our labors should be allowed to wither and become fruitless without at least some additional efforts being made to resuscitate it. They would recommend that in every locality in which a Primary Lodge exists, that by Committee or otherwise the children of the place be massed and the subject of Temperance pressed upon their attention, and that the pledge, or a pledge of Temperance be administered to them.

In order that this may take a practical effect, your Committee recommend that a mass meeting of the children of Charlottetown be held on some afternoon during this session, and that the aforesaid Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements, and procure suitable speakers to address the children on that occasion.

We quite agree with the Chief that it is time some measures were taken to bring the children of this country under early and effective training in the principles of Total Abstinence. Let us have the children, and in a few years we will have the men and women of the country. We are of the opinion that a remodeling of Rituals, Pledge, Cards, &c., is required for the Juvenile Order, and suggest that immediate measures be taken to revise the literature of this department.

Your Committee cannot close their Report without again referring to the Report on Juvenile Lodges of last session—a Report deserving the attention of every member of the Order. And while we feel constrained to commend it as a whole, we think we cannot do better than close our Report by again urging the following recommendations, taken from last year's Report:—

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1. Your Committee would recommend the appointment of a committee of adult members by each Primary Lodge, to specially interest themselves in the Juvenile Lodge; to adorn and beautify the Juvenile Lodge-room, and provide a suitable entertainment for each Lodge night, and report once a month to the Primary Lodges.

2. That each Primary Lodge appoint for W. Guardian of its Juveniles the most earnest, able and devoted of its members; and strive by this and all other means to influence a religious spirit in our Lodge meetings.

3. That a public meeting in connection with each Juvenile Lodge be held once a month, to be addressed by the ministers of all Evangelical denominations and other friends of Temperance and religion.

4. We would recommend, and most earnestly entreat, each Primary Lodge having no Juvenile Lodge under its jurisdiction to take immediate steps to organize, not only one, but as many Juvenile Lodges as there are different neighborhoods under its jurisdiction, and give special attention to them as the most important field of Temperance enterprise.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,

C. ADDIE FLEWELLING,
E. C. FREEZE,
JULIA A. MERRITT,
B. WILSON HIGGS.

The Committee appointed in pursuance of the above report were Bros. Watts, Pidgeon, Martin and Cotton.

Committee on Correspondence, Memorials, Appeals, &c., reported:

MASONIC HALL, CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 30, 1873,

M. W. G. C. Templar, Officers and Members:

Your Committee on Correspondence, Memorials and Appeals, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. In the first place we are happy to report our entire satisfaction with the manner in which the correspondence of the M. W. G. Lodge has been conducted, having examined eighty four letters handed to us as samples by the M. W. G. Secretary.

2nd. Your Committee having had referred to them a Memorial from the County Lodge of Haldimand to the W. G. Lodge of Ontario, asking an alteration in the Primary Constitution, Sec. 16, Art. 16, allowing Primary Lodges to fine, suspend, or otherwise punish those members who after violation are retained in the Lodge by vote, and only reobligated. Your Committee cannot recommend the above change in this section of the Constitution, the necessary notice of twelve months not being given, and would therefore leave it for the consideration of this M. W. G. Lodge, or to the Committee on Constitutional Changes.

3rd. The County Lodge of Northumberland, King's, York and Sunbury, (the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick) requests the continuation of one cent per capita tax. Your Committee recommend the same.

4th. The Province of Ontario recommends that the M. W. G. Lodge be memorialized to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an open department (by admitting the public) in connection with the Order. Your Committee recommend this also.

5th. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick most forcibly memorializes the M. W. G. Lodge not to make the sweeping changes in the Constitution noted upon pages 20 and 21 in last M. W. G. Lodge Journal, as New Brunswick is working successfully under the present Constitution, and

needs only the changes recommended in a former part of this report. Your Committee desire that the request of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be granted them.

6th. We are gratified to learn that there are no cases of appeal to be submitted to us.

7th. Your Committee have also had a memorial from "Lavinia Lodge," Sydney, Cape Breton, highly recommending the adoption of a proposal made by Bro. Robert Martin, P. W. G. Chief of Nova Scotia, for the purpose of establishing a "Benefit Fund" in connection with our Order of British Templars. Your Committee very highly recommend the utility of such an action, and believe, if practically put into operation, that a very great deal of benefit would accrue therefrom. It is unnecessary for us to lengthen this report by uncalled for remarks, as it is to be submitted to this M. W. G. Lodge for their consideration, believing that it merits, and will elicit, a good deal of discussion.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. H. & C.

W. MCGREGOR,
W. P. FLEWELLING,
W. McMASTERS, JR.

When the clauses were adopted as follows :

- Section 1 adopted.
- " 2 referred to Committee on Constitutional Changes.
- " 3 " " "
- " 4 " " "
- " 5 " " "
- " 6 adopted.
- " 7 " "

On motion, report as a whole was adopted.

Obituary Committee reported—(see obituary page).

Committee on Political Action reported, which, on motion, was adopted :

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

We, your Committee on Political Action, most respectfully submit the following Report :—

WHEREAS, The licensed traffic in intoxicating liquors is by us considered, and by all acknowledged, to be the great curse of our country, blighting and destroying social pleasures, financial prospects, moral and religious benefits. Further, that the grievances arising therefrom are no longer bearable, and will continue to be so as long as self, home, country and Heaven finds an honored place in our true Canadian hearts.

1st. We consider that patience with this traffic has ceased to be a virtue, inasmuch as scientific researches and medical discoveries are daily casting in their quota of evidence against it. That respectable press productions, together with leading members of the medical, legal and clerical professions, together with common public sentiment, are all enlisted in the cause of right, hence—

Resolved, 1st. That the time has arrived when Prohibition principles should have a place among our fundamental rules and principles, and not as it has long been, among our miscellaneous exercises.

2nd. That Scripture teachings and humanity's interests are parallel, and provide for the total prohibition of all systems, laws or usages that

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are not promotive of the best interests of our common humanity for time and eternity.

3rd. That this Scripture provision be the basis of our plans for future action.

4th. That the protection of the traffic by the cover of legislation is a wide-spread attack on the lawful rights of society.

5th. That we, as British Templars, agitate, and on all possible occasions create, a feeling in favor of—1st. A Prohibitory law for our Dominion; and with a view to obtain that object we recommend the present licensing system in the meantime. 2nd. The maintenance or re-enactment of all clauses in the present license system of the Provinces, which are Prohibitory in their nature. 3rd. That dealers in intoxicating liquors be excluded from civic offices where practicable. 4th. That sufferers may claim damages from the venders of intoxicating liquors. 5th. That public offices, for the transaction of business, be held in other buildings than those used as buildings in which liquors are sold.

6th. That we, as British Templars, assert our rights and manifest our desires, by sustaining in, and electing to, offices of trust and honor, those to whom we could safely commit these our interests, and pledge themselves to their support.

7th. That we will not allow present party politics to stand between us and the object we desire to gain. And would heartily recommend the petitioning of the several departments of our Canadian Legislature from every Province, County, City, Town, village and hamlet. Let this work be done heartily and unitedly, not too hastily, but with that decision that will eventually do our noble body honor.

8th. We do most heartily concur with that section of the Report of the M. W. G. C., which was committed to our charge, and would recommend the establishment of a Prohibitory degree in connection with our Order, for which course we think there are good and sufficient reasons.

Signed in F., H. and C.,

REV. W. J. MAXWELL,
R. T. BABBIT,
W. B. HEUSTIS,
MRS. P. TAUNTON.

Committee on Making Lodges More Attractive, &c., reported as follows; which, on motion, was adopted:

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

Your Committee on making Lodges more attractive, profitable and stable beg leave to recommend to the consideration of this M. W. G. Lodge the Report submitted by a similar Committee last year, with the following additions:

1st. That in view of the unpleasantness arising from the presentation and discussion of grievances in our Subordinate Lodge meetings, a standing Committee be appointed in each Subordinate Lodge to whom all grievances shall be submitted.

2nd. That a Committee be appointed by this M. W. G. Lodge to prepare a programme of entertainment for all Subordinate Lodges.

Submitted in F., H. and C.,

REV. J. McLEOD, *Chairman*,
REV. R. COTTON,
BESSIE PATTERSON,
REV. M. ROBISON.

The following Letter was read by the Secretary :

GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T. OF P. E. ISLAND,
OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE, CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 30, 1873.
To Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., M. W. G. C. T.

WORTHY BROTHER,—I have much pleasure to inform you and, through you, the most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars, that a deputation having been appointed from the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, of this Island to convey the fraternal greetings of the Order of the Sons of Temperance to your Most Worthy Grand Lodge, at its annual session, now being held in this city, will be happy to do so at whatever time you may please to appoint to receive the said deputation.

With fraternal regards, dear Brother,

I am yours in L., P. and Fidelity,

WM. C. TROWAN, *Grand Scribe S. of T.*

Three o'clock, P. M., was appointed as the time for receiving the deputation.

After prayer by Chaplain, M. W. G. Lodge adjourned.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business in due form. M. W. G. in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on extension of the Order reported, which, on motion was adopted, except the part relating to finance, which was referred to Finance Committee :

Worthy Chief, Officers and Brethren :

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the necessity of immediate extension, in view of the fact that the harvest is ripe, and work for all so plenty. It behoves us, however, to be cautious as well as active, and while we view with pain the evil results flowing from the liquor traffic, we must also recognize the fact that the sober part of the community have been, and are, heavily taxed, not only to keep the temperance machinery in order; but to support and maintain those who have been made poor by the use of intoxicants. It is not wise, we consider, for the M. W. G. Lodge to impose a greater per centage on Primary Lodges, but we can earnestly ask every working County Lodge in our jurisdiction to adopt one or all of the suggestions of our M. W. Chief for the purpose of employing a Lecturer in their own County, until every such division in its borders has had a lecture delivered, and, if possible, a Lodge organized. Where there are no County Lodges working we would refer the same suggestions to Grand Lodges for their consideration, more especially asking them to make arrangements for supplying literature of the proper character for distribution. If these views are adopted our Province will, naturally view it as their work; and then arises the question, how are new colonies or weak sections to be aided? According to all our financial statements we observe a large fund already

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provided for extension purposes or other work of the Order. We would recommend that as soon as the debts have been collected from delinquents, or even a part thereof, a sum not exceeding \$300 be placed in the hands of our M. W. G. Lodge Executive for the purpose of employing Lecturers, sending delegates to, or supplying stock and printed matter to new or weak localities. Your Committee are fully convinced that if this sum is wisely expended it will be productive of the best possible results.

Your Committee would further recommend all Primary Lodges to advertise their nights and places of meeting in their local papers, especially asking all who are favorable to the Order and desirous of joining, to hand in their names to the Worthy Chief or some other member. Another plan which your Committee would recommend is to have cards, about 6x10, printed, and get business men, connected with the Order, or merchants favorable to the cause, to place the same in their windows or other conspicuous places; and also providing them with a pledge-book for signature by all so inclined. And, also, especially in towns and villages, a transparent light with name of Lodge, be displayed outside the Lodge-room on evenings of meeting.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,
(Signed) P. H. STEWART, Chairman Com.
WILLIAM McMASTER, Jr.,
JOHN McLAUCHLAN,
D. McLEAN.

Charlottetown, Sept. 1, 1873.

The hour for receiving the Delegates from Grand Division of P. E. Island having arrived, the Brothers were announced and received with the usual honor by the M. W. G. Chief.

Bro. W. C. Trowan, W. G. Scribe.
" John Jury, G. W. Associate.
" Geo. W. Milner, P. G. W. Patriarch.
" Rev. D. D. Currie, P. G. W. Patriarch, New Brunswick.

Who all addressed the M. W. G. Lodge in most brotherly terms. Short replies were made by Bros. Mitchell, Watts, Palmer and Fraser.

Moved by Rev. W. J. Maxwell, and seconded by Hon. W. P. Flewelling, that

WHEREAS W. C. Trowan, John Jury, Geo. W. Milner and Rev. D. D. Currie have presented themselves as a deputation from the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, and encouraged us by their friendly greetings,

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the feelings of brotherly kindness shown by them and those whom they represent, and while we cordially thank them we further resolve that we will do all in our power to further the good work of Temperance and Temperance Union in our Grand Dominion so nobly begun, and earnestly hope that soon one name will include us all and that for ever.

Passed unanimously.

Committee appointed in pursuance of recommendation of Committee on Juvenile Lodges reported, as follows:

Your special Committee on Juvenile Lodges, fully alive to the importance of educating the young in Temperance principles, and yet aware that there

exists a wide diversity of opinion as to the utility of separate organizations for Juveniles, not only among adult members of our own Order, but among parents generally, whose feelings, as to the associations of their children, must be respected. Your Committee therefore recommend that the matter be left entirely with the Primary Lodges, and that they each be allowed to encourage the formation of Juvenile Lodges, as at present provided for, (or to receive children of any age into their Lodges as visiting members as under local circumstances may be most desirable). This M. W. G. Lodge meanwhile is recommended to press upon the members of our Order generally the importance of having the youth instructed in our principles, so that they may be prepared, at the proper age, to enter into full and useful connection with our Order in the way suggested by the Committee on Juvenile Lodges in these words, "They would recommend that in every locality in which a Primary Lodge exists that, by Committee or otherwise, the children of the place be massed and the subject of Temperance pressed upon their attention, and that the pledge, or a pledge of Temperance be administered to them."

Your Committee propose to make arrangements for, and hold, a mass meeting of the children of Charlottetown on Wednesday afternoon, if found practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WATTS,
J. R. PIDGEON.

Motion to adopt.

Amendment to adopt by striking out clause beginning "or to receive children at any age" * * * may be most desirable."

Amendment carried.

M. W. G. Lodge closed in F., H. and C., to meet at 7, P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business in due form, M. W. G. Grand Chief in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., reported as follows on Union with the B. A. O. of G. T.:

Being your Committee to meet the W. G. Lodges of B. A. O. G. T., on the subject of Union, I beg to report that I, in company with Brothers Phillips and Stewart of Ontario Grand Lodge, attended the last session of the Ontario Order, held in Guelph, October 5th, 1872, and reported our object. A Committee was appointed to meet us to consider the subject of Union. Since that time we have met their Committee twice on the same subject. The result was that a basis of Union was agreed upon by all the members of the Committee. The purport of that basis is that the Order of British Templars be simplified in its working; that the M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars have a much smaller representation, and that its duties be far less burdensome; that the degree system be abolished, and

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that the name of the new Organization, so formed, be agreed upon by both organizations. At the time of the meeting of the W. G. L. of B. A. O. G. Templars, of Quebec Province, it was impossible for me to attend, but by a correspondence on the part of your M. W. G. Chief and myself we have learned that they will accept the same terms as their Ontario brethren.

I am happy to report a growing desire for union among all parties concerned, and a perfect willingness for immediate union on an honorable and satisfactory basis. Hoping that this may very soon be accomplished, this is respectfully submitted in F., H. and C.

Motion to adopt. G. A. MITCHELL.

Amendment to consider the question of Union with B. A. O. of G. T. in Committee of the whole Lodge.

Amendment carried. Committee constituted.

Chairman, John McLaughlin. Secretary, J. E. Flewelling.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business. Committee reported progress and asked for further time.

M. W. G. Lodge closed in F., H. and C.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

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

Committee on Constitutional Changes reported as follows:

Masonic Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 1st, 1873.

Most Worthy Grand Chief Templar.

Your Committee on Constitutional Changes beg leave to report that they have had laid before them, for consideration, the following recommendations of alteration in the Constitution, from the W. G. Lodge of New Brunswick:

1st. Asking this M. W. G. Lodge to repeal the change made at its last annual session in Art. 11, County Lodge Constitution, in reference to the amount of per Capita Tax to be paid to the County Lodges.

We recommend that the prayer be complied with, and that the entire section be made to read as before the alterations were made.

2nd. Recommending that No. 7 of General Rules be transferred from the Constitution Book, and placed in the Ritual.

We are in favor of the change.

They also have had laid before them those portions of the M. W. G. Chief Templar's Report referring to Constitutional Changes and Decisions.

1. Your Committee deem it expedient to withhold their opinion, at this time, as the changes proposed therein cannot be constitutionally legislated upon at this session. (See Art. 2, M. W. G. L. Con.)

2. The recommendation to appoint a Committee to draft an improved edition of Bye-laws.

Committee endorse the views of M. W. Chief, and that said Committee be required to report at the next session.

DEGREES, REGALIA AND PRIVATE WORK.

As the consideration of these subjects will come before this body in that portion of the Report of Committee on Constitutional Changes of last year, which was laid over to the present session, your Committee feel that as the difference of opinion held by the representatives of this M. W. Lodge, as to the importance of these appendages, are so wide, we leave the subject to be dealt with by the Lodge, without expressing an opinion.

DECISIONS.

1. Decision correct—but reference only applies to members who have violated the pledge.

2. Your Committee cannot find that the Constitution has any bearing on the question, but are of opinion that the decision given by the M. W. G. Chief is in accordance with the spirit of our institution.

3 correct, 4 do., 5 do., 6 do.; 7 decision sustained, 8 correct, 9 incorrect, as it conflicts with Art. 5, Sec. 1, Primary Lodge Constitution; 10 not a Constitutional question, 11 correct, 12 not in accordance with Art. 13, Sec. 4, Primary Lodge Constitution.

Respectfully submitted in F. H. & C.,

JOHN P. BELL,
J. E. FLEWELLING,
D. FRASEL.

On motion, report was taken up section by section.

Section 1—Left with Grand Lodge to decide the amount of tax and the manner of collecting.

Section 2—Adopted.

M. W. G. Chief's Report, Constitutional Changes.

Section 1 adopted.

DECISIONS.—1 correct, 2 do., 3 do., 4 do., 5 do., 6 do., 7 do., 8 do., 9 do., 10 do., 11 do.

On motion, report as a whole was then adopted.

M. W. G. Lodge adjourned.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business; P. M. W. G. Chief, J. P. Bell, in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

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The M. W. G. Treasurer presented a report, which owing to the miscarriage of his baggage in which was his true report, was incomplete.

On motion, Bros. J. P. Bell, T. B. Smith and Jacob Pidgeon, were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Report and present their report on the same to the M. W. G. Secretary before the publication of the Journals, to be therein inserted.

Committee on Mass Juvenile Temperance Meeting reported :

That a Mass Meeting of the Children of Charlottetown be held on Wednesday afternoon ; Chairman of this Committee to be Chairman of Meeting. Addresses will be delivered by Bros. Pidgeon, Frenze, Todd, Robinson, and others.

S. WATTS, Chairman.

Committee on Rituals reported, which report, on motion, was referred back to the Committee to be amended.

Committee on Officers' Reports presented their report, which was as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Chief :

Your Committee on Distribution beg leave to report, that they have distributed to the several Committees that portion of the reports belonging to each Committee to report thereon, and after doing so there yet remains in your Committee's hand Nos. 17 and 28 of the M. W. G. Chief's Report. We cannot close the report without calling the especial attention of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge to the arduous and responsible duties which our M. W. G. Chief has had to perform during the past year, as per M. W. G. Chief's Report, and while we feel that the results of his efforts and labours have been crowned with success, your Committee would therefore recommend that something more than mere complimentary words should be rendered our Worthy Brother by this M. W. G. Lodge for the very valuable service rendered by him for the advancement of our noble cause ; not only in this Dominion but throughout the Empire.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

BROWN HARRISON,
J. R. PIDGEON.

Masonic Hall, September 2nd, 1873.

On motion, \$100 was voted the M. W. G. Chief for his valuable services rendered during the past year by order of the Executive of this M. W. G. Lodge.

On motion, the time for election of Officers was fixed at 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

M. W. G. Lodge adjourned till 7, P. M.

Chief, J. P.
approved.

THIRD DAY--EVENING SESSION.

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

Committee on Finance reported:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: That they have examined the books and accounts of the M. W. G. Sec. and are pleased to find them correct.

We find, by reference to the Report of the Committee of Finance and Audit last session, that there remained a balance of \$284.27 in the hands of the M. W. G. Sec. at that time, included in this balance was an order on W. G. Treasurer of Nova Scotia for \$191.75, which has been paid only in part. The whole amount of this order has been charged to Nova Scotia, and the amounts paid thereon have been credited to that Province, therefore the real amount in M. W. G. Secretary's hands at last session was but \$92.52, instead of \$284.27, as there stated.

The following are the cash receipts for the year

From N. B. Grand Lodge, - - - - - \$266 10
 " N. S. Grand Lodge, - - - - - 260 25

Total cash receipts, - - - - - \$526 35

Add to this the amount on hand at beginning of year, - - - - - 92 52

Total, - - - - - \$618 87

EXPENDITURES.

Printed Gazette and Star newspapers for advertising meeting in Montreal, per vote of M. W. G. Lodge, - - - - - \$2 50

Printed J. W. Falconer, - - - - - 20 00

Expenses to Halifax, M. W. G. Sec., - - - - - 7 66

W. P. Flewelling, - - - - - 19 00

H. B. Mitchell, (old acct.), - - - - - 87 56

Rev. D. I. Wetmore, Newfoundland Seal, - - - - - 19 00

Clarke & Co., stone and Charters for N. S., N. land, and Ont., - - - - - 71 00

Barrie & Co., do. for P. E. Island, - - - - - 11 00

J. G. McGregor, - - - - - 37 10

J. W. Falconer, - - - - - 25 00

M. W. G. Secretary's expenses to M. W. G. L. session 1872, - - - - - 64 48

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mitchell, - - - - - 29 40

Books and Circulars, - - - - - 50 50

Circulars and Certificates, - - - - - 2 50

M. W. G. Secretary's salary 1872, - - - - - 2 75

Stationery, - - - - - 800 00

Express charges, - - - - - 18 69

Telegrams and postage, - - - - - 25 84

Miscellaneous, - - - - - 51 23

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Expenditures, - - - - - \$832 42

Receipts, - - - - - 618 87

Balance due M. W. G. Secretary, - - - - - \$213 55

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In addition to the above receipts we find that stock to the amount of \$183.90 has been received from the Grand Secretary of Ontario, while \$120.79 has been paid on that account, leaving a balance due Ontario of \$63.11. We find that returns and Cap. tax for April quarter have not yet been received from the Ontario Grand Lodge.

The accounts between this M. W. G. Lodge and the various Grand Lodges stand as follows:

NEW BRUNSWICK
 To balance due at last Session, \$1407 88
 Cap. Tax and Stock for year, 390 40

By cash, \$540 28
 Balance, 206 10

NOVA SCOTIA
 To balance due at last session, \$372 18
 Cash Cr but in hands of W. G. Treasurer, \$275 00

Cap. Tax and Stock for year, 191 75
 Total, 280 02

By cash, \$277 37
 Balance, 260 25

ONTARIO
 To Cap. Tax and Stock for year, \$120 79

To balance due at last session, \$116 36
 Cap. Tax and Stock for year, 60 48

Due M. W. G. Lodge, \$176 87

NEWFOUNDLAND
 To balance due at last session, \$24 90
 Charters and seal, 3 00

Due M. W. G. Lodge, \$50 94

We find no returns or Cap. Tax from Newfoundland for the last two years. We recommend that this debt due by Grand Lodge of Newfoundland be cancelled.

RECAPITULATION.

New Brunswick, - - - - -	\$274 18
Nova Scotia, - - - - -	467 12
P. E. Island, - - - - -	176 87
Newfoundland, - - - - -	60 99 1/2
Total	\$978 26 1/2

Less the amount voted to Newfoundland at this session, \$978 26 1/2

In the present state of our finances it is absolutely necessary that those W. G. Lodges that are in arrears should make immediate payment, especially those that have been in arrears for years.

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We cannot endorse the recommendations made by the Committee on the Extension of the Order, "that the sum of \$300 be placed in the hands of M. W. G. Lodge Executive for the purpose of employing lecturers, sending delegates to, or supplying stock and printed matter to new or weak localities," as we believe the several Grand Lodges could better perform this work.

We find that 8 new Lodges in Ontario, organized during the quarter ended July 1872, have not yet given this M. W. G. Lodge credit for the usual Charter fee. We would recommend that the Ontario Grand Lodge be requested to give this M. W. G. Lodge credit for the same.

We also find that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has paid Charter fees on 15 new Lodges, organized during the last three quarters of the year ending April. We would recommend that the amount of fees for these Charters be credited to that Province.

Taking into consideration the finances of this Lodge, we would recommend the expenses thereof be reduced, and therefore we would recommend that in future travelling expenses, exclusive of board, be paid to the M. W. G. Chief, M. W. G. Secretary and M. W. G. Treasurer only, for attending the sessions of this M. W. G. Lodge.

We would further urge on the Officers of this Order the necessity of a system of the most rigid economy in all departments of finance.

In future we would recommend that the salary of the Secretary of this M. W. G. Lodge be fixed before the election of Officers.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,

ORRAN SMITH,
G. A. MITCHELL,
J. H. FLETCHER,
R. M. BARRATT, } Committee.

Charlottetown, Sept. 2, 1873.

On motion, \$300 was voted the M. W. G. Secretary, for his services for the past year.

The M. W. G. Secretary's salary for the coming year was fixed at \$200.

On motion, M. W. G. Lodge went into Committee of the whole house to consider Basis of Union with the B. A. O. G. T. On M. W. G. Chief taking the chair progress was reported and further time asked for to sit again.

M. W. G. Lodge closed.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

M. W. G. L. opened in due form; M. W. G. C. T. in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on the State of the Order reported, which, on motion, was adopted:

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MASONIC HALL, Charlottetown, Sept. 1, 1873.

Most Worthy Grand Chief:

With devout feelings of gratitude to the Great Father whose blessing has rendered this organization a joy to many hearts; a light to eyes redeemed from the blinding influences of vicious indulgence; a refuge to long out-cast wanderers, and a tower of protection to weak and weary ones, your Committee on the State of the Order congratulate this M. W. G. Lodge on the encouraging experiences of the past and the hopeful indications of the future as justified by the facts and figures contained in the reports of your M. W. G. Officers.

Without recurring further to items of detail, as regards the state of our Order, its progress and prospects in those portions of our jurisdiction where the Order has secured a firm establishment, it is sufficient to recognize the encouraging certainties and pass on to the consideration of some more speculative but not the less important matters. But before doing so it is but just to record that while all the Provinces within our jurisdiction on this continent have done well, preserving, amid much of difficulty and opposition, the onward march, New Brunswick still maintains her claim to the motto, *Dirige*.

Newfoundland has been sadly disappointed and the growth of our Order restrained owing to unexplained causes. In correspondence with your M. W. G. C. by officials in Newfoundland, complaints have been made as follows: Under date March 5, 1873, W. G. Secretary, Stirling, presents charges of neglect against past and present M. W. G. Secretaries, and complaints of not having received any satisfactory communications. That the neglect has grown from bad to worse until, owing to this fact, British Templars, disgusted, have gone over to the I. O. G. T. That they had paid for a G. L. Charter and have not received it; ordered a seal and no notice taken.

August 10. D. M. W. G. C. T., Gusher, reiterates the charges of neglect, states that two years had elapsed since money for Charter was sent and Charter not yet received; that they had received no passwords or any other word for 7 months. That the present M. W. G. Secretary, in the *British Templar* newspaper, directed all who wished to open new Lodges to apply to Mr. Stewart, who had then been successfully engaged for some time in establishing Lodges of I. O. G. T., and, by misrepresentation, inducing British Templars to desert that organization for the former, and charges upon the M. W. G. Secretary, to a great extent, the present unfortunate position of the Order.

In reply to these charges and statements the M. W. G. Secretary says: He has had but one letter from Newfoundland since last meeting of the M. W. G. Lodge: this letter is dated 23rd May, 1873, and contains no charges or reflections.

He never received any Charter fee from Newfoundland, and knows nothing as to that matter.

The seal was obtained as soon as possible after the order was received, and was forwarded in March, 1873. The passwords he had sent regularly, including that for the present quarter.

The statement that he directed parties to apply to Mr. Stewart when they wanted to open new Lodges, he positively denies, and refers to the correspondence in the *British Templar* to prove the charge unfounded.

Whatever the causes, we meet the evident fact that, in Newfoundland, we have forfeited the opportunity of entering as pioneers, with glowing prospects of great success upon a most inviting field of temperance labor, and your Committee recommend that those who shall be elected the chief

Officers of this body for the coming year be charged with the duty of promptly putting themselves into correspondence with influential friends in that Island, conveying to them the deep regret of this body for the circumstances alluded to, making what amends they can, and taking advantage of any opening that may happen to offer for the establishment of our Order there.

Deploring as we must the fact that, in Australia we "miss'd the chance" for a splendid occupancy of Temperance territory in that "other continent," and that the earnest call did not receive a timely answer, your Committee can but approve of the action by the M. W. G. Chief which, a stretch of authority, we regard as justifiable under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

We rejoice in the probabilities suggested, that slowly yet surely our principles are extending among the people of the British West Indies, and anticipate the time when, perhaps, some of those now here present may meet in M. W. G. Session in the delightful Island of Bermuda.

Your Committee commending the zeal and wisdom displayed by the M. W. G. Chief, as relates to the Order and its extension in New Zealand, joins with him in the expectation that greater vigor and brighter prospects are the associates of the cause in that Island.

In Great Britain our future, it would appear, depends largely if not solely upon the action of this session; to secure a future of success, union with the Free Templars of St. John is desirable. Your Committee agree with the M. W. G. Chief that the proposition from Great Britain could not, in some respects, be entertained by this M. W. G. Lodge, but at the same time it is cheering to be informed by the M. W. G. Chief that there is a probability of the union referred to being consummated on terms that will involve the surrender of no important principle and little more than the abridgement of our constitutions in such a way as will leave it less arbitrary on non-essential points, by expurgating provisions of this kind and leaving them to be enacted in Bye-laws, as exigencies of occasion and locality may require.

It becomes necessary, in this connection, and your Committee recommend that the papers explanatory of the proposed terms of union be referred to a standing Committee of five members on Constitutional Changes; they to report to this M. W. G. body, such changes as are required in the Constitution to adapt it to these terms.

Late though we be in going "up to possess the goodly land" presenting such an inviting aspect to the eye and sympathy of the philanthropist, your Committee feel assured that a combination of moral and numerical force, such as will be effected by the union proposed, will assert speedily for our principles a commanding and triumphant position.

Your Committee cannot too warmly appreciate the missionary spirit that has been evinced by the M. W. G. Chief and the work done by him to introduce Temperance principles and British Templarism to the wide brotherhood of man. Over the whole earth has gone forth the genius of our cause, and the day of its redemption draweth nigh.

There are two questions affecting the state of our Order now prominently agitating the minds of members.

The "signs of the times" are propitious for, and seem to point to, union among the several Temperance organizations. Long discovered by imaginary rather than real differences, distinctive organizations have been laboring for one common result. The time seems to have arrived when, affilated, their efforts shall be as the effort of a giant an irresistible force, and when united in common bonds directed by common feelings they shall go forth to

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The public mind seems ripe for Prohibition. Measures are being organized to secure such a popular verdict in favor of the measure as must ensure its adoption. To earnest work in the direction of Prohibition the individual members of our fraternity are invited.

Your Committee might enlarge this report by a recapitulation of the figures submitted that show the financial and numerical state of the Order, but this would be unnecessarily to burden the Journals; sufficient is it to point to the official reports as showing, on the whole, a healthy state in these respects. Your Committee would simply say that it is not only undesirable, but unnecessary that balances against Provincial Grand Lodges should appear on the financial records.

With a testimony to the zeal, faithfulness and ability that have characterized the labor of your several Officers in the past, and commending their successors to an imitation of the same, we remain, in the bonds of our Order,

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL WATTS, *Chairman.*

M. W. G. Lodge took up the order of the day, the election of Officers.

M. W. G. Chief appointed as scrutineers Bros. Martin, Watts and Freeze.

FOR M. W. G. CHIEF TEMPLAR.

Bros. Rev. A. M. Phillips, John Palmer, R. T. Babbit and J. P. Taunton.

Bros. Babbit and Taunton declined.

Ballot—Palmer 31; Phillips 25.

Bro. Palmer declared elected.

FOR M. W. G. VICE.

Sisters P. H. Stewart, Mary McNeil, Mrs. J. P. Taunton and Mary McKay.

Sisters Taunton and McKay declined.

Ballot—Mary McNeil, 36; Mrs. Stewart 24.

Miss McNeil declared elected.

FOR M. W. G. SECRETARY.

Bros. D. C. Fraser, E. P. Flewelling and D. Montgomery.

Ballot—Fraser 35; Flewelling 16; Montgomery 8.

Bro. Fraser elected.

FOR M. W. G. TREASURER.

Bro. P. H. Stewart, by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. LECTURER.

Bros. Maxwell and Cotton.

Ballot—Maxwell 48; Cotton 12.

Bro. Maxwell elected.

FOR M. W. G. COUNCILLOR.

Bros. McLeod, Babbit, Martin, Huestis and McLean.

Bros. Huestis and McLean declined.

First ballot—McLeod 30; Babbit 24; Martin 7.

Second ballot—McLeod 30; Babbit 30.

On motion, a third ballot was taken. McLeod 29; Babbit 29.

M. W. G. Chief declining to use his privilege—on motion, a fourth vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

McLeod 33; Babbit 32. Bro. McLeod elected.

FOR M. W. G. CHAPLAIN.

Bros. Robinson, Scott, Todd and Mitchell.

Bros. Scott, Todd and Mitchell declined.

Bro. Robinson elected by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. FINANCIER.

Bros. Martin and Full.

Ballot—Martin 35; Full 25. Bro. Martin elected.

FOR M. W. G. RECORDER.

Bro. E. P. Flewelling, by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. MARSHAL.

Bros. Huestis, McMasters, S. Fraser, Morton, Pidgeon, Higgins and Full.

First ballot—Pidgeon 12; Full 11; Morton 6; Higgins 3; Huestis 2; McMasters 18; Fraser 3.

Second ballot—Pidgeon 24; Full 9; McMasters 24; Morton 5.

Third ballot—McMasters 31; Pidgeon 26; Full 3.

Bro. McMasters declared elected.

On motion, the time was extended to complete the election of officers.

FOR M. W. G. D. MARSHAL.

Sister Merritt, by acclamation.

FOR M. W. G. I. GUARD.

Bros. D. Fraser, S. Fraser and Sinclair.

Ballot—S. Fraser 26; D. Fraser 5; Sinclair 19.

Bro. S. Fraser declared elected.

FOR M. W. G. O. GUARD.

Bro. R. Law, by acclamation.

On motion, adjourned.

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FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business; M. W. G. Chief in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee on Union reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted:

Your Committee on the Union of Temperance Organizations beg leave to report that the following circular was issued and copies sent to all organizations in the British Empire:—

TEMPERANCE UNION.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Permit me to bring before you the important question of Temperance Union. At the last session of the M. W. G. Lodge, British Templars, holden in the City of Montreal, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That, whereas, it is most highly desirable, for the advancement of the temperance movement, that all efforts be concentrated and consolidated; and more particularly among those laboring in the same Nation or Country; therefore, be it

Resolved—That this M. W. G. Lodge, in order to accomplish so desirable an end, express its willingness to make judicious and liberal concessions whereby those nearly allied by Constitution and Government may be united into one Grand National Organization for this whole Empire.

Further, be it Resolved—That a standing Committee on union, consisting of Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., Chairman, J. F. L. Parsons, B. A., J. H. Fletcher, and J. P. Bell, to act in conjunction with two to be appointed by each W. G. Lodge, who shall make all possible efforts to bring about this object.

Believing, as we do, that the principles and objects of all the different Temperance Organizations are identical, and that their present position tends to moral and financial weakness, we are convinced that such a union is desirable, and believe it would prove beneficial to all the Temperance Organizations in the Empire. Such union could be easily brought about by mutual concessions on the part of all. We therefore bring this matter before you, and hope it will receive both the attention and immediate action of your Order. Pending the action of your Order, we shall be glad to know your own views, and so far as you are able to tell, the feeling of your Organization on the subject. All communications to be addressed to Rev. G. A. MITCHELL, B. A., Kincardine, Ontario.

Yours truly in the bonds of Union,

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS, M. W. G. C. T.
D. C. FRASER, B. A., M. W. G. S.

N. B.—I should like to have an answer by the first of August, that the Union Committee may present their report at the coming session of the M. W. G. Lodge.

REV. G. A. MITCHELL, B. A., *Chairman.*

During the year the Free Templars of St. John, in Britain, have expressed themselves, as a body, very favorable to union with us, and in their correspondence make very favorable proposals. (See Report of M. W. G. Chief and Secretary.)

The B. A. O. G. Ts. of Ontario, at their last session, held in Guelph, the 5th of October, 1872, appointed a Committee on Union, which was met by the Ontario members of your Committee with the result as reported by your special delegate to meet that body on Union. (See Report of Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A.)

The B. A. O. G. Ts. of Quebec have corresponded with your Committee expressing the same sentiments as their Ontario brethren.

The Sons of Temperance, of Quebec, in answer to the Union circular, have expressed themselves in warm sympathy with the movement, and have appointed a Committee to meet yours, or any other, on the subject.

From P. E. Island we have a communication from the Sons of Temperance, through their Grand Scribe, cordially reciprocating the sentiments expressed in our circular, hoping the day is not far distant when the proposed Union shall be effected.

Your Committee feel convinced that the signs of the times plainly indicate a deep and growing interest on the subject of Temperance Union, and being convinced that the steps you have already taken are very important, as being the means of initiating a very desirable movement, would recommend that a standing Committee on the subject of union be appointed for the next year, with Bro. Rev. A. M. Phillips as Chairman.

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E. C. FREEZE,
D. C. FRASER,
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JOHN M. McLEOD,
JOHN P. BELL,
DUNCAN FRASER.

Moved by Bro. E. C. Freeze, seconded by Bro. Dr. McDonald, and

Resolved, That the Committee on Union be composed of two members from each Grand Lodge, and that the Chairman, Bro. Phillips, be authorized to appoint two from each Province, Colony or Kingdom within the jurisdiction having no Grand Lodge at present.

Committee from Grand Lodges were appointed as follows:

New Brunswick.—Bros. R. T. Babbit, E. C. Freeze.
Nova Scotia.—Bros. D. C. Fraser, W. B. Huestis.
Ontario.—Bros. Rev. G. A. Mitchell, P. H. Stewart.
P. E. Island.—Bros. Duncan Fraser, Wm. McGregor.

Committee on publications reported as follows, which, on motion, was adopted:

MASONIC HALL, Charlottetown, Sept. 1, 1873.

Most Worthy Grand Chief:

Your Committee on Publications having considered such portions of the reports of the W. W. G. Chief and M. W. G. Secretary, as were placed before them, and which make reference to the subjects of "An Organ, Publishing House, and Book Room" for the Order, beg to report—

They have found the subject one vast in its scope, and involving serious considerations.

Sensibly impressed with the importance of the recommendation and suggestions made, your Committee endorse them and turn their attention to a

consideration of the query, how

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consideration of the present practicability of giving effect thereto, and of the query, how can this be done?

Action, with which all present are probably familiar, was had at the last session of this body with the object of ascertaining the views of the brethren within this jurisdiction scattered over the Dominion, upon the subject now under consideration. It was anticipated that, in response to the circulars directed to be addressed to, and presumably received by, every Lodge in the Dominion, such a general expression would be given as would afford strong encouragement.

The extent and character of the answers returned may be briefly stated. 69 Lodges have made returns. In these all are favorable to the publication of an organ, and a large majority prefer that it shall be published by the M. W. G. Lodge. Nearly all express themselves in favor of a book room. 489 subscriptions are guaranteed, with the promise that the number shall be doubled on the actual commencement of the publication; of these, 256, or more than one-half, come from New Brunswick. There are 46 proposals to take shares in a Joint Stock Publication Company.

Your Committee must frankly state that these few responses do not, of themselves, indicate the existence of that general sympathy with the movement, on the part of British Templars, which is absolutely necessary to ensure success or afford a reliable basis upon which the enterprise may be undertaken. Your Committee, however, believe that there is a broader and fuller sympathy alive though unexpressed, while they are without a tangible evidence of its existence with which to deal.

Having said this much your Committee would, for convenience sake, reverse the order of the suggestions in the reports, and—

1st. As to a "Book Room," your Committee do not feel justified, as at present advised, to recommend any further immediate action, unless it be the action of inquiry as to the probable expense that will be involved, and the probabilities of such an establishment becoming self-sustaining; at the same time they would suggest that a "Book Room" might, as a natural consequence, follow or grow out of the establishment of an organ or a publishing house.

2nd. With regard to a "Publishing House," by which term is meant an establishment at which all printed matter of whatever kind, required by or for the organization and its members, literary, social, moral, or official, may be produced, your Committee suggest that if this M. W. G. body decide that all such matter shall be printed at one establishment—that establishment to be the same from which the proposed organ is issued—it would form an important item in the calculations of those who may propose to undertake the work of printing such organ. It will remain for the M. W. G. Lodge to determine whether they can control Grand and Subordinate Lodges so far as to ensure their patronage to such an establishment for official documents; whether, so far as they can exercise control, they are disposed to do it in the direction suggested, and to what extent they are prepared to enter upon or encourage the publication of matter not merely official.

And, 3rd. As relates to an organ for the whole Order, your Committee would premise that an essential feature in warranting the success of a paper for the Order is the character of permanence. With the support that may reasonably be expected from members of this Order, without reference to the outside support that a properly conducted sheet would command, the paper, after its character became established and its continuance assured, would, your Committee think, prove self-sustaining. But meantime it has to be brought into existence and its character shaped.

There are different ways suggesting themselves for choice in determining upon a plan of publication.

The M. W. G. Lodge may assume not only entire control but entire responsibility connected with the paper, and simply secure the printing by contract; or they may relieve themselves of all responsibility connected with the publication except in exercising a *surveillance* over its contents, by paying a bonus, or guaranteeing to make good any deficiency from subscriptions, short of a fixed sum to be determined upon, until such time as it became self sustaining; or again the publication may, possibly, be secured, though on this point the Committee are doubtful, as an independent enterprise on the part of some brother who is prepared to run the risk and make an organ for the Order, receiving in return whatever support, moral or financial, the M. W. G. Lodge and members of the Order generally can influence.

In either of the cases suggested the printing of other matter, as before referred to, to be considered in the bargain made.

Your Committee are of opinion that the second method proposed, paying a bonus or guaranteeing a definite sum will prove the most manageable and satisfactory, and they believe that in that way the publication could be secured for a comparatively small expenditure of our funds, or by an earnest expenditure of effort on the part of our members.

It was suggested last year that there should be one general Editor, and a sub-Editor for each Province, engaged. The suggestion seems reasonable, but it is one likely to prove embarrassing to the prompt issue of one general organ and to involve considerable additional expense.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the publication Committee be instructed to enquire further into the general subject of a Book Room, and report such information as they can obtain at the next annual session of this Body.

Lastly, that a Committee on Publication be appointed to obtain information respecting the publication of an organ for this Order; said Committee to have power, should it appear to them practicable, without the expenditure of money by this M. W. G. Lodge, to arrange for and carry into operation the establishment of such an organ, otherwise to report at the next session of this M. W. G. Lodge. And that the Committee be composed of the following Bros.:—Fraser and Martin, Nova Scotia; Stewart and Phillips, Ontario; Barrett and Morrison, P. E. Island; Freeze and S. Watts, N. B.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,

SAMUEL WATTS,
P. H. STEWART,
D. C. FRASER,
D. I. WETMORE,
W. N. RIGGS.

Bro. Bell asked the following question: "Has a member the right and privilege of visiting other Lodges save the one of which he is a member?" *Answer*—He has.

Bro. Bell then moved the following resolution:

"That a Primary Lodge has the power to refuse admittance to a visiting member." *Lost*.

Bro. D. Montgomery asked the following question: "Can a suspended member attend the meetings of his own Lodge?" *Answer*—He cannot.

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Committee on Rituals presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

CHARLOTTETOWN, September 3, 1873.

M. W. C. Templar, Sisters and Brothers:

Your Committee on Rituals would recommend that owing to the probable union with the Free Templars and B. A. O. G. T., during the ensuing year, that the new Primary Rituals be not published until after the next Annual Session, and that the Rituals remain in the hands of the Committee for further amendments.

GEO. A. MITCHELL, B. A.
A. M. PHILLIPS.
W. P. FLEWELLING.

On motion of Bros. Phillips and Mitchell, the first fourteen sections of Report of Committee on Constitutional Changes, in last report of M. W. G. Lodge, pages 20 and 21, were referred to the Standing Committee on Constitutional Changes, viz.: Bros. S. Watts, D. C. Fraser, John N Morrison, and Rev. A. M. Phillips, and the part relating to degrees lay over pending Union with B. A. O. G. T.

On motion, adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

M. W. G. Lodge resumed business; M. W. Grand Chief in the Chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion, the time and place of next Annual Meeting of this M. W. G. Lodge was fixed.

Time—last Friday in August, A. D. 1874.

Place—Fredericton, N. B.

On motion, 1500 copies of Journals of present session were ordered to be printed.

On motion, M. W. G. Lodge went into Committee of the whole on Union with the B. A. O. G. T., and reported finally to M. W. G. Lodge. The report was adopted.

On motion, and unanimously

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge, B. T., be given to the W. Master, Officers and Members of Victoria Lodge, F. & A. M., for their kindness in giving the use of their elegant Rooms to this M. W. G. Lodge, during all its sessions, free of charge.

The following motion was carried:

I move that when the question is asked, "Have all members kept their pledge?" every Member and Visitor in Lodge be compelled to rise and answer according to the usage of the Lodge.

D. C. FRASER.

On motion of Bros. Fraser and Martin, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge be given to the proprietors and Managers of Railway Lines and Steamboat Companies who have kindly carried Delegates to and from this M. W. G. Lodge, at reduced fares.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the members of Confederate and Standard Lodges, B. T., and to the inhabitants of Charlottetown, for the kind manner in which they entertained the members of this M. W. G. Lodge.

Also, the Y. M. C. A. and the members of Zion Church, for the use of their Rooms.

On motion, representatives of the press present at our meeting were permitted to publish reports of proceedings.

Moved by Bro. Barnhill, seconded by Bro. Freeze, and

Resolved, That this M. W. G. Lodge petition the Dominion House of Commons for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and that we enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Lodges to support Temperance and Prohibitory Leagues.

Committee on Finance reported on Bills presented, as follows:

CHARLOTTETOWN, September 2nd, 1873.

Your Committee on accounts have had the following bills placed in their hands, and beg leave to recommend that the same be paid:

G. A. Mitchell, attending session and meeting Committees of B. A. O. G. Templars,	\$7 95
A. M. Phillips, M. W. G. C. T., expenses of the office for the year,	35 10
Travelling expenses attending this session,	28 10
P. H. Stewart, travelling expenses attending this session,	29 18
Mrs. P. H. Stewart, " " " " " " " "	29 18
D. C. Fraser, " " " " " " " "	5 30
W. P. Flewelling, " " " " " " " "	5 50

We also find the following old accounts unpaid:

J. N. Freeman,	72 20
Rev. Wm. Savage,	50 00
R. Barrett,	35 00
J. B. Woodland,	25 00
Barnes & Co.,	34 50
W. B. Huestis,	29 60

We have also had placed in our hands a bill of \$16, by Bro. Craig, for rent of Hall at Truro, in 1871. We find that the M. W. G. Lodge voted to Gowan Lodge the sum of \$20, to pay expenses for Hall, &c., at that session, and we find that this amount has been paid to the said Lodge. We also find that Gowan Lodge offered Bro. Craig the sum of \$1 per session, or at the rate of three dollars per day, for the use of said hall during

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the session. Your Committee believe that Gowan Lodge offered Bro. Craig a sufficient sum for the use of the hall, and as he did not accept the amount we believe he has no claim upon this Lodge.

We also find a note placed in our hands, due Rev. James Scott, signed by J. W. Falconer and Dr. McNeill, which we refer to this M. W. G. L.

ORRAN SMITH,	} Committee.
R. M. BARRATT,	
G. A. MITCHELL,	
W. B. HUESTIS,	

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to Bro. Rev. James Scott, and that the note held by Bro. Scott from James W. Falconer and Roderick McNeill, late officers of the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island, be collected from Mr. McNeill, and a Committee be appointed for that purpose, and when received be paid over to the Treasurer of this Body.

Committee: Bros. Morrison, Barratt and Higgs.

A special vote of thanks was given to Bro. Higgs for his unwearied attention to the wants of the members of this M. W. G. Lodge during the present session.

P. M. W. G. C., J. P. Bell, on motion, installed the Officers:

John Palmer, Esq.,	M. W. G. Chief Templar,	Gagetown, Queen's Co., N. B.
Mary J. McNeill,	" Vice,	Charlottetown, P. E. Island.
D. C. Fraser, Esq.,	" Secretary,	New Glasgow, N. S.
P. H. Stewart, Esq.,	" Treasurer,	Toronto, Ontario.
Rev. Wm. Maxwell,	" Lecturer,	Lambton, Ontario.
Rev. John McLeod,	" Counsellor,	Charlottetown, P. E. Island.
Rev. M. Robinson,	" Chaplain,	Northumberland, Ontario.
Robert Martin, Esq.,	" Financier,	Sydney, Cape Breton.
E. P. Flewelling,	" Recorder,	Clifton, N. B.
William McMasters,	" Marshal,	Newmarket, Ontario.
Julia A. Merritt,	" Dep. Marshal,	St. John, N. B.
Simon Fraser,	" Inner Guard,	Charlottetown, P. E. Island.
Robert Law,	" Outer Guard,	Kingston, Kent, N. B.
Rev. A. M. Phillips,	" Past Chief,	Coburg, Ontario.

On motion, the M. W. G. Lodge adjourned to meet at Fredericton, N. B., on the last Friday of August, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN PALMER,

M. W. G. Chief.

D. C. FRASER, B. A.,

M. W. G. Secretary.

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1872.		AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE.		
September 8.	No. 1.	Hall, &c., in Montreal,	- - -	\$20 00
"	3.	R. M. Barrett, to Belleville,	- - -	7 00
"	3.	" on account M. W. G. L.,	- - -	18 20
"	5.	4. Rev. W. Savage, for 1872,	- - -	14 00
"	5.	" on account 1871,	- - -	6 00
"	5.	6. P. H. Stewart, for 1872,	- - -	13 25
"	5.	7. Rev. A. M. Phillips, for 1872,	- - -	19 00
December 3.	" 8.	Hon. W. P. Flewelling, for 1872,	- - -	19 00
August 31.		Balance on hand, as per vouchers,	- - -	178 90
				<u>\$295 35</u>

Annexed will be found the Report of the Treasurer.

Submitted in the Bonds of our Order.

JOHN P. BELL, }
T. B. SMITH, } Committee.
J. R. PIDGEON, }

P. H. Stewart, M. W. G. Treasurer, in account with M. W. Grand Lodge, British Templars, 1872-3.

1872.		RECEIPTS.		
August 30.		Cash on hand as per Report, 1872,	- - -	\$96 72
Dec. 3.	3.	Receipt from M. W. G. Secretary,	- - -	19 00
" 3.	3.	Ontario Grand Lodge, July returns, 1872,	- - -	26 71
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Feb. 28.	"	" October returns, 1872,	- - -	28 29
May 1.	"	" by Odes,	- - -	6 72
" 8.	"	" January returns, 1873,	- - -	25 00
June 16.	"	" back returns,	- - -	3 40
" 16.	"	" April returns, on account,	- - -	30 00
" 16.	"	" on account,	- - -	5 00
August 21.	"	" in full of returns to date (Ap. 30, '73)	- - -	10 44
" 21.	"	" Stock account to date,	- - -	30 07
" 21.	"	" 7 new Lodges, to July 31, 1872,	- - -	14 00
		1 resuscitated,	- - -	102 36
Due P. H. Stewart, M. W. Grand Treasurer,				<u>\$897 71</u>

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December 3.	" 8.	Hon. W. P. Flewelling, for 1872,	- - -	19 00
1873.		Stock and postage to M. W. G. C., com., &c.,	- - -	1 50
January 8.	" 9.	920 Circulars on Paper and Book Room—postage on same,	- - -	9 14
" 8.	" 10.	4½ reams Circular on Order, postage on part,	- - -	28 00
April 14.	" 11.	Freight on Stock from D. C. Fraser,	- - -	2 10
May 1.	" 12.	Commissions, Envelopes and Paper,	- - -	12 78
Carried forward,				<u>\$169 97</u>

		<i>Brought forward,</i>			
May	16.	Charges, freight, boxing, &c., on Reports to D. C. Fraser, O. Smith, and D. Montgomery,		189	97
"	"	4 1/2 reams of Circular on Order,		3	75
"	"	1200 Odes,		22	50
"	"	100 Commissions and Private Work Key,		6	72
June	16.	P. H. Stewart, on account printing,		5	00
"	"	Charges for boxing stock to D. C. Fraser, De. Rit.,		40	00
"	"	50 Circulars to Geo. Gushue, and postage,		1	25
August	2.	100 Circulars to Ontario Delegates for M. W. meeting, and postage,		1	12
"	2.	Telegrams to D. C. Fraser,		2	50
"	2.	P. H. Stewart, on account printing,		1	00
"	21.	P. H. Stewart, in full of printing acc. to date,		100	00
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Submitted in the bonds of the Order,

P. H. STEWART, M. W. Treasurer.

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Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to recommend that a page
in our Printed Minutes be devoted to the following :

In Memory

OF

Bro. JUSTUS L. WETMORE,

Late Treasurer of New Brunswick, and late Treasurer of this M. W.
Grand Lodge,

WHO DIED APRIL 12TH, 1873 ; AGED 85 YEARS.

Bro. H. B. MITCHELL,

W. G. Treasurer of Nova Scotia, and P. C. T. and Lecturer of this
Most Worthy Grand Lodge,

WHO DIED AT CHESTER, MARCH 12, 1873 ; AGED 40 YEARS.

Sister BELL PETTET,

P. W. G. V. Templar of Ontario, and Deputy Marshal of this Most
Worthy Grand Lodge,

WHO DIED MAY 27TH, 1873 ; AGED 29 YEARS.

They Slumber, but their Works remain.

We would sit on the banks of yon river,
With the dear ones who've gone on before ;
Our loved ones, Oh ! how we do miss them,
Let us press on and meet them once more.

Signed in F., H. & C.

Rev. W. J. MAXWELL,

" A. M. PHILLIPS,

" JOHN McL. McLEOD,

" D. I. WETMORE.

List of Most Worthy Grand Deputy Chief Templars.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.—J. G. McGregor, B. A., 12 and 13 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

AUSTRALIA.—Rev. F. L. Wilson, Ballarat, Victoria; Hon. Joseph Wearne and Rev. Frank Frith, Sydney, N. S. W.; J. Hemp Penny, Esq., Adelaide, South Australia.

NEW ZEALAND.—W. R. G. Samuels, M. D., Wanganui.

WEST INDIES.—Rev. R. R. Morris, Hamilton, Bermuda.

QUEBEC.—E. L. Strange, Cansaspical.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—George Gushue, Brigus.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

I give notice that I shall, at the next session of this M. W. G. Lodge, move to change Article 2, M. W. G. L. Constitution, so that at and after such change is made it may be competent for the M. W. G. L. to make changes in the Constitution without previous notice of such change having been given.

S. WATTS.

I give notice that I shall move, at the next session of this M. W. G. L., to adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws that may be then submitted.

S. WATTS.

Bro. Watts gave notice that he will, at the next annual session of this M. W. G. L., move for such a change in the Constitution of Primary Lodges as to enable them to admit Juveniles under the age now prescribed.

I hereby give notice that I will move, at the next Annual Session, to alter Constitution of Primary Lodges so as not to admit persons to membership under 18 years of age.

JOHN P. BELL.

I hereby give notice that I will move, at the next annual meeting, that Art. 8 of County Lodge Constitution shall be amended to read thus: That the County Secretary of all County Lodges give security in the sum of \$400 to the Worthy Grand Chief, who shall hold him responsible for all monies received by him from Primary Lodges.

R. MARTIN.

Officers of Worthy Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, 1873.

- W. G. Chief, B. J. Maxon, Walton, Hauts County.
- “ Vice, Mrs. Wm. Dickson, Truro.
- “ Secretary, D. McDonald, New Glasgow.
- “ Treasurer, Alex. Sinclair, J. C. Goshen, Guysborough.
- “ Lecturer, Robert Martin, Sydney, C. B.
- “ Counsellor, J. L. Barnhill, Shubenacadie.
- “ Chaplain, R. Craig, Truro.
- “ Financier, J. H. Treen, Oxford, Cumberland.
- “ Recorder, D. C. Fraser, New Glasgow.
- “ Marshal, W. F. Hamilton, Brookfield, Colchester.
- “ Deputy Marshal, Bessie Patterson, New Glasgow.
- “ Inner Guard, T. E. Smith, Shinimicus, Cumberland.
- “ Outer Guard, G. M. Lambert, Halifax.
- “ Past Chief, Robert McNeil, Little Harbour, Pictou.

Officers of Worthy Grand Lodge, New Brunswick, 1873.

- W. G. Chief, Rev. Thomas Todd, Sussex, King's County.
- “ Vice, Rev. D. I. Wetmore, Clifton, King's County.
- “ Secretary, Orran Smith, Rossignois, St. John's County.
- “ Treasurer, J. McLaughlan, Carleton, St. John.
- “ Lecturer, Brown Harrison, Smith's Creek, King's County.
- “ Counsellor, J. P. Bell, St. John.
- “ Chaplain, Jas. McNutt, Chatham, Northumberland County.
- “ Financier, R. Beers, Richibucto, Kent County.
- “ Recorder, E. P. Flowelling, Clifton, King's County.
- “ Marshal, H. M. McManus, Richibucto, Kent County.
- “ Deputy Marshal, Sister H. R. Beers, Richibucto, Kent County.
- “ Inner Guard, Geo. Stothart, Chatham, Northumberland County.
- “ Outer Guard, R. Thompson, Mauers-Sutton, York County.
- “ Past Chief, John Palmer, Esq., Gagetown, Queen's County.

Officers of Worthy Grand Lodge, P. E. Island, 1873.

- W. G. Chief, D. Montgomery.
- “ Vice, Mary J. McNeil.
- “ Secretary, J. M. Sutherland, Box 71, Charlottetown.
- “ Treasurer, W. J. Scaman.
- “ Lecturer, John B. Tanton.
- “ Counsellor, Mrs. J. P. Tanton.
- “ Chaplain, Wm. McGregor.
- “ Financier, D. McLean.
- “ Recorder, J. D. Scaman.
- “ Marshal, C. C. Proudfoot.
- “ Deputy Marshal, T. Abbott.
- “ Inner Guard, Alex. McDuff.
- “ Outer Guard, Robert Henderson.
- “ Past Chief, W. A. Leard.

Officers of Worthy Grand Lodge, Ontario, 1873.

- W. G. Chief, P. H. Stewart, Toronto.
- “ Vice, Mrs. P. H. Stewart, Toronto.
- “ Secretary, A. M. Phillips, Coburg.
- “ Treasurer, M. H. Fieldhouse, Codrington.
- “ Lecturer, Rev. M. Robinson, Cobourg.
- “ Counsellor, Thos. Eflson, Sarnia.
- “ Chaplain, Rev. J. Jacobs, Sarnia.
- “ Financier, D. C. Ferguson, Belleville.
- “ Recorder, L. R. Garratt, Stockdale.
- “ Marshal, Rev. C. B. Morrow, Confield.
- “ Deputy Marshal, Jennie Brandt, Oil Springs.
- “ Inner Guard, Susan Leake, Toronto.
- “ Outer Guard, I. Grant Hughes, Newmarket.
- “ Past Chief, Rev. G. A. Mitchell, Kincardine.