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**ANNUAL SESSION**  
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**SONS OF TEMPERANCE,**  
OF CANADA EAST,  
**BEDFORD, 9th and 10th January, 1867.**

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Bedford, 9th January, 1867.

2 o'clock, p.m.

The Grand Division of Canada East met in Annual Session this day, Wednesday, 9th January, at 2 o'clock p.m. G. W. P. presiding.

Officers Present:—W. Stevenson, G. W. P.; John S. Hall, G. S., and N. C. Martin, G. Sen.

G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows, viz.,

G. W. A., Rep. G. P. Rixford; G. Treas., Rep. J. M. M. Duff; G. Chap., Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning; G. Con., Rep. B. S. Barrett; P. G. W. P., Rep. J. M. Hall.

Services of G. Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in due form.

On motion of Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded, it was resolved that Members and Lady Visitors being duly obligated, be admitted to this session of the Grand Division.

G. W. P. named Reps. J. W. Manning, J. M. Hall, and R. Alcombrack, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following correct Howard Division, No. 1, George Perry, jr. W. P.; J. C. Becket, J. S. Hall, J. T. Dutton, D. Tees, J. Montgomery, J. M. Hall, W. Bates, G. Martin, P. H. Burton, Rev. A. Duff, B. S. Barrett, W. Brown, A. Brown, G. Smith, R. Smith, J. Jackson, T. Fessenden, J. M. M. Duff, T. Robinson, W. McCormick, T. Hutching B. Hugman, Rev. T. Gales, J. L. Massie, and J. J. Higgin P. W. P's.

Gough Division, No. 1, Wm. Moore, W. P.; Wm. Brodie, R. Brodie, T. Davidson, J. Sears, George Fitch, James Geggie, Wm. Hall, James Hay, P. Johnston, George Lamb, J. P. McEwan, John McMillan, A. Smeaton, and A. Walker, P. W. P's.

Bethel Division, No. 5, Rev. W. C. Clarke, W.P.; Rev. J. T. Wilson, Wm. McNaughton, Wm. White, P. W. P's.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, Rev. J. W. Manning, Duncan Dewar, T. Wanless, F. McMartin, John Dewar, W. D. Larmouth, T. Lamb, John McIntosh, P. W. P's.

Richmond Division, No. 38, George G. Byrant, W.P.; C. A. Tanner, G. Hamel, and Rev. D. C. Frink, P. W. P's.

Granby Division, No. 44, Roderick McLeod, W.P.; G. E. McIndoe, James Kay, R. Nicol, H. Cole, Revd. E. S. Ingalls, A. McKechnie, C. T. Miner, R. F. Hayes, S. H. C. Miner, and J. Lorimer, P. W. P's.

Adamsville Division, No. 50, M. D. Williams, W. P.; John F. Thompson, E. A. Fordice, G. W. Knight, R. Allen, Rufus Goddard, G. Adams, E. Douglass, and James Chalmers, P.W.P's.

Hungerford Division, No. 54, N. C. Martin, R. Alcombrack, W. Watson, J. Hungerford, H. Whitcomb, C. Best, G. Halcrow, E. Alcombrack, P. Bedard, and J. Edmonds, P.W.P's.

Bedford Division, No. 55, Wm. Josleyn, G. P. Rixford, M. R. Meigs, A. O. Horskin, A. Borden, M. Beck, H. Parker, John Ruiter, P. W.P's.

Cowansville Division, No. 58, James Jones, Wm, Stevenson, S. N. Smith, Henry Rose, Dennis Duffy, John Pharaoh, and John Dent, P.W.P's.

East Farnham Division, No. 59, Carmi Jewel, W. P.; C. H. Mansfield, R. W. Sanborn, A. P. Hulbert, R. Hutchins, D. Brimmer, T. Dalgleish, J. Ball, Y. T. Cameron, and Rev. A. Vilas, P.W.P's.

Shefford Mountain, No. 68, John Copeland, W.P.; G. H. Craig, Hugh Adam, and Joseph Gibbons, P.W.P's.

The following Representatives were then introduced by the G. Con. and initiated :

Howard Division, No. 1, Rev. T. Gales.

Granby Division, No. 44, Roderick McLeod.

Hungerford Division, No. 54, E. Alcombrack, James Edmonds and Peter Bedard.

Bedford Division, No. 55, John Ruiter.

G.W.P., named the following Representatives to fill vacancies in Committees.

Good and Welfare, Repr. Gales, and Duff.

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Finance.—Rep. Robinson.

Appeals.—Reps. Manning, Robinson and Rixford.

Moved by Rep. Burton, and seconded and carried :

Resolved, That the hours of meeting and adjournment be as follows :  
adjourn at 5 o'clock p.m., meet at 6:30 p.m. ; and again in the morning at 9  
o'clock, adjourn at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 11 o'clock a.m. ; meet at 1 o'clock, and adjourn at  
5 o'clock p. m.

G. S. read his report.

Bedford, 9th Jan. 1867.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Brothers, of G. D. S. of T. of C.E.

Worthy Brothers :—

By the merciful providence of a most gracious God, we are once more permitted to assemble in Annual Session to deliberate on matters tending to the promotion of the cause of Temperance, and the good of our common humanity. May He guide us in all our deliberations.

I regret that I am under the necessity of reiterating my complaint as to the irregularity, I may say increased irregularity, of Subordinate Divisions in making their Quarterly Returns to this office. Out of thirty divisions supposed to be in working order, only 22 have reported for quarter ending 30th of September last, and only 7 for December quarter. This renders it impossible for me to lay before you such statistics as would enable you to form a correct opinion of the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction.

The following is a synopsis of the Returns from 22 Divisions that have reported for quarter ending 30th September last :—

Initiated,	121
Withdrawn,	21
Suspended,	1
Violated pledge 1st time,	14
"    "    2nd time,	3
Reinstated,	5
Expelled for violation of pledge,	17
"    for non-payment of dues,	17
Contributing Members,	727
Lady Visitors,	556
Public Meetings held	9
Receipts,	\$146.01
Paid for benefits	2.00
Incidental Expenses,	162.97
Cash on hand,	75.58
Per Capita tax to Grand Division,	49.51

From a retrospect of the Returns for the past four years it will be seen that the Order in the jurisdiction has not been progressive, but rather retrograde. This should not be, and I am convinced that, were a Lecturer or Agent kept constantly in the field, our membership would at least be doubled in the course of two years. It is, therefore, in my opinion, obviously the duty of this Grand Division to devise means for the employment of such Agent, either by levying an additional per cap. tax, say 2 or 3 cents per quarter, or by voluntary contributions from the members or both. I would also recommend that a By-law be passed imposing an initiation fee and annual dues on members of the Grand Division.

There are herewith laid before the Grand Division, two circular communications from the M. W. P., as follows :—

*To the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of C. E.*

Allow me to present to you a few words of encouragement and recommendation.

The cause in which we are engaged demands of us unceasing effort, and determined, persistent agitation. The "Great Destroyer" never slumbers nor sleeps, but pursues his victims with unceasing relentlessness and with destructive results. Its victims are more numerous than ever before, and its work more quickly done.

The Order of the Sons of Temperance, for twenty-four years, has resisted the "Destroyer of Millions," with a compact organization and with combined efforts. It has carried light and comfort and happiness to households on two continents, saved tens of thousands from a drunkard's grave, and distributed its blessings among hundreds of thousands more. It is now rapidly spreading over the land, still blessing and to bless.

Having kept pace with the demands of the age, it to-day presents an unbroken front to the "enemies of our people," and is eminently adapted to help carry forward our cause to the final triumph. In the States and Provinces where it has its strong foothold, it is constantly increasing in numbers and efficiency. It recognizes the moral and religious element of society and seeks to aid the Church in the great reformation. The attention of the Clergy has been turned to the Order in many places, and finding it an efficient helper, they have rejoiced at and aided in its progress. Many of our most successful and influential Divines are found in our Division rooms and in the higher courts of our Order, exerting a most salutary influence among their associates, and receiving encouragement for their more immediate work. The Church and the Division room are becoming more and more united in the great work of rescuing and saving mankind.

I am happy to be able to state that in Tennessee, Iowa, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and Alabama, the Sons of Temperance are commencing to reorganize their Divisions, and preparing for efficient co-operation with their brethren in other jurisdictions in the great work of our Order.

Probably there has been no time during many years past when there was so much encouragement for effort as now. People are ready to listen to the voice of reason, and are easily induced to cast their influence in favor of Temperance and to become connected with our brotherhood. Shall we not improve the opportunity, and seek to extend, as widely as possible, the influence and the organization of the Sons of Temperance?

The recommendations to which I would invite the attention of Grand Divisions and Members of the Order everywhere, are—

1. That lecturers be sent out and supported by Grand and Subordinate Divisions, to awaken the public mind and arouse the community to united effort in the cause of Temperance, to circulate the Pledge and sound Temperance literature, to disseminate the principles and extend the knowledge of our Order, and to organize new Divisions in places where no Temperance organization exists.

2. That the different States, Provinces, and Grand jurisdictions be divided into convenient districts, so that a number of Divisions may meet in open delegative Convention, to receive reports from the various towns, devise aggressive measures to carry on the warfare, discuss the moral, legal, scientific, financial, and religious bearings of the subject, and organize in the various localities for public meetings and lectures, and for the formation of new Divisions.

Let us then, all, consecrate ourselves anew to work, help fill up the ranks and push on the column. Invite the ladies to come every night to our Divi-

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

Read Resolution of Howard Division.

HOWARD DIVISION ROOMS,

Montreal, C. E., January 3, 1867.

Moved by Bro. B. S. Barrett, and seconded by Bro. Allan Brown, that :

" Whereas, the members of this Division have contributed largely to the support of a lecturer, feeling as they do, the necessity of an Agent to represent our cause throughout this Province, and

" Whereas, the efforts made by this and other Divisions, have not been fully seconded and responded to by *all* the Divisions, therefore

Resolved, that we feel unwilling to pledge ourselves hereafter to contribute an unequal proportion of the funds necessary for the support of a lecturer, but we are ready at all times to furnish our just share in common with the other Subordinate Divisions.

Resolved, further, that we would strongly recommend the adoption of a law for an Initiation Fee in the Grand Division.

Resolved that our Delegates to the Grand Division of C. E. be requested to submit these Resolutions at the next Annual Session in Bedford, for their consideration.

Referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Lecture Committee reported as follows :

Montreal, January 5th, 1867.

*Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of C. E. Brothers,*

Your Committee to whom was entrusted the matter of engaging a suitable person to represent our Order in Lower Canada, as Agent and Lecturer, herewith present their Report.

Having made an effort to secure the services of Bro. Manning, without success, as it was impossible for him to withdraw from the engagement he had already made as a minister of the Gospel at St. Andrew's, and having the good fortune to find Bro. Hutchings, open to an engagement, we made an arrangement with him, to travel through Lower Canada, as a Lecturer and Agent of the S. of T. during the space of three months, for the sum of two hundred dollars; and at the expiration of this time, a subsequent arrangement was made with him to continue his labors another Month, for the sum of fifty dollars.

His first meeting was held at Lacolle on the eighteenth day of May last, under very favourable auspices, a large number being present, who contributed generously towards the Lecture Fund.

The last meeting was held at the same place (Lacolle,) on the 28th of Sept. last, nearly as many being present as at the first meeting, and the receipts were nearly as large as on the first occasion.

During the whole period of his engagement, your Committee believe that Bro. Hutchings labored faithfully and assiduously for the advancement of the cause of Temperance, and especially for the furtherance of the interests of our Order. He sent your Committee from time to time, reports of the progress he was making, together with financial statements of his receipts and expenditures, the substance we have gathered together, and now present to you.

He states that there is a prospect of new Divisions being formed at

East Hatley, Chrysostome and Kinnears Mills. He had succeeded in re-organizing Divisions at Hemingford, Ormstown and Franklin. There were also hopes that the Division would be re-organized at McLean's Corners. Fourteen gentlemen and twenty ladies had given their names to re-establish Kingsley Division, No. 41.

During the four months he held in all fifty-six meetings, being an average of three a week, and the total attendance at all these meetings was 3 115, being an average of fifty-six at each meeting. The best attendance was at Bedford, Lacolle, West Brome, Adamsville, Covey Hill, Howick and Durham, at each of which about one hundred were present. The smallest attendance was at Farnham, Athelstan, Chrysostome, Leeds and Stukely, at each of which only about twenty-five were present. The largest collections were as follows, Lennoxville, \$4.68; Lacolle, first meeting \$4.00 second meeting \$3.05; (total \$7.05); Bedford, \$2.69; Dunham \$2.05; West Brome \$2.16; East Farnham, \$2.85; Knowlton, (2 meetings) \$3.40; Magog, \$2.02; Massawippi \$3 62; Marlow \$2.21; Granby, \$2.57; Adamsville, \$2.50; St. Andrews, \$2.45; Covey Hill, (two meetings) \$2.05; Athelston (two meetings) \$3.79; Huntingdon, \$2.04; Howick, \$3.60; Inverness, \$2.80; Danville, \$2.14; Durham, \$2.25. The above are the only collections made by our agent amounting to two dollars and upwards. The smallest collections were at North Gore, 38c; and at Farnham Centre, 12c.

The last Tour was made from Farnham Centre to Lacolle, Sept. 18th to 28th during very inclement weather, so that no meetings were held at West Brome, Sutton Flats or Brome Corners, at which places it was the intention of our agent to lecture. The Receipts during the last trip were only \$4.60 while the expenditure amounted to \$9.11.

The total amount of collections made by Mr. Hutchings was \$127.28 and the total expenses \$64.37; leaving a net balance of \$62.91; towards the liquidation of his salary.

The following amounts have been subscribed by Divisions:—

Howard Division, .....	\$22 80
St. Michaels Division, .....	5 00
Hungerford " .....	5 00
Covey Hill " .....	7 00
Huntingdon " .....	5 00

All of which has been paid..... \$44 80

The following subscriptions are unpaid.—

Havelock Division, .....	\$5 00
Richmond " .....	5 00

Amount due from Divisions,..... 10 00

The following individual subscriptions have been paid in:

Geo. Martin, Montreal .....	\$20 00	Brought forward .....	\$51 75
J. S. Hall, do. ....	12 50	James M. Hall, Montreal ....	15 00
B. S. Barrett, do. ....	10 00	P. H. Burton, do. ....	10 00
A. P. Hulbert, East Farnham	2 25	T. Fessender, do. ....	5 00
Mr. Moore, Covey Hill .....	50	P. S. Armington, Dunham...	1 00
Alex. Smeaton, Quebec .....	3 50	Wm. Hall, Quebec. ....	5 00
John Sears, do. ....	2 00	John McGee, do. ....	2 00
P. W. McKnight, do. ....	1 00	Wm. Brodie, do. ....	2 00
Carried forward .....	\$51 75		\$91 75



The following subscriptions are still unpaid :—

Joseph Staniforth, Lachute. . . \$10 00	Brought forward . . . . . \$33 00
John O'Farrell, Quebec . . . . . 10 00	G. St. Pierre, Quebec . . . . . 5 00
H. F. Cairns, Quebec . . . . . 5 00	Alex. Smeaton, Quebec bal-
P. Johnston, Quebec . . . . . 4 00	ance of subscription . . . . . 1 50
G. J. Duff, Quebec . . . . . 4 00	John McGee, Quebec, balance
Carried forward . . . . . \$33 00	of subscription . . . . . 2 00
Total individual subscriptions unpaid . . . . .	\$41 50

Among the papers accompanying this Report will be found Mr. Hutchings account, showing a balance due him of \$69.72. This amount has since been reduced by the payment of \$15.00, so that we now owe our agent a balance of \$54.72, the whole of which would have been paid had our brothers sent in the amounts they had subscribed.

It is with deep regret that your Committee feel obliged to admit the apparent impracticability of keeping an agent constantly employed unless greater efforts are made to raise a sufficient fund at the outset to guarantee adequate compensation to such agent. It is not to be expected that any man will voluntarily go out with no better prospect than a subsistence on the sparse collections he may make, as though he were a supplicant for charity, nor is it fair that his salary should be contingent on the possible subscriptions and donations that may be made in the future, withholding from him, as we now are obliged to do, his just dues which may constitute the actual requirements of his family for their maintainance. It is a conceded point that we need a lecturer; and it cannot be otherwise than a reflection on our Order if we do not at once make up a fund, in whatever manner it may be deemed advisable by the Representatives here present, so that constant progressing may be the characteristic of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in every part of this Province.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Total number of meetings held by Agent	56
Total attendance at these meetings	3115
Average attendance at each meeting	56
Total new Divisions organized	3
Divisions Re-established	4
Total amount of collections	\$127 28
"    "    Individual subscriptions	138 20
"    "    Division    "	49 80
Balance of Nat. Div. Fund	35 07½
"    of individual subscriptions unpaid	41 50
"    Division    "	10 00
"    Due our Agent	54 72

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.  
Committee for Entertainment of National Division.

Montreal, January 7th, 1867.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Brothers of the G. D. S. of T. of C.E.

We, your Committee, to whom were entrusted the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the National Division of North America, at the Session held in Montreal, in June last, beg to report :—

That the aforesaid Session duly took place in said City, and that we exerted ourselves as much as possible to give them a reception worthy of our Province and as suitable as possible. We made arrangements for their accom-

modation at reduced rates at the St. Lawrence Hall and several private Boarding Houses; billeted such as we could find accommodation for, and did all in our power as far as our means would permit, to render their stay among us pleasant. The festival held in their honour was a complete success, and they enjoyed much the drive that we gave them round the mountain, especially as on our return George Winks, Esq., entertained the whole party at his residence, after which a Photograph of the party was taken in front of his residence by our Brother Martin, many copies of which were bought by the brethren, and one of which handsomely framed we presented to George Winks, Esq. After paying all dues we found a surplus of \$35.07½, which we handed over to the Lecture Fund; being as we thought the best way in which to dispose of it, we annex a statement of receipts and expenditures.

## RECEIPTS.

Howard Division Subscription.....	\$195 00
Grand Division S. of T. of Canada West.....	79 00
Receipt at Festival.....	80 00
Collection at Public Meeting.....	10 75
Eastern Star Division, bal. on hand.....	18 00
Lacolle Division Subscription.....	15 00
St. Lawrence Div. do.....	10 00
Gough Division do.....	8 00
Havlock Division do.....	5 00
Granby Division do.....	5 00
East Farnham Div. do.....	5 00
Hungerford Division do.....	8 00
Adamsville Division do.....	4 50
Lancaster Division do.....	4 00
George Hagar, Montreal Subscription.....	5 00
S. H. May, do do.....	5 00
Thos. Fitts, do do.....	2 00
J. Sears, Senr., Quebec do.....	2 00
J. O'Farrel, do do.....	2 00
Members Fees on Carriage Drive.....	9 50
Premium on Bills.....	4 00

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## EXPENDITURE.

Paid Bancroft Carriage Drive.....	\$115 00
“ “ Cartage of Piano, &c.,.....	5 50
“ Burrel for Confectionery, &c.,.....	65 40
“ Mechanics' Institute, Rent of Hall.....	60 00
“ “ “ Directory lost.....	2 40
“ Nordheimer, Rent of Hall.....	25 00
“ Samuel Wood, Omnibus hire from Cars, &c.,.....	23 20
“ Band of 2nd Batt. 17th Regiment at Festival.....	50 00
“ J. C. Becket, Printing.....	38 55
“ John Dougall & Son, advertising.....	12 50
“ J. Starke & Co., Printing.....	6 00
“ Daily Review advertising.....	2 50
“ Transcript, “.....	1 00
“ Gazette, copies of paper.....	6 25
“ J. M. Hall, Cab fare for Delegates.....	3 87½
“ P. H. Burton, “ “.....	1 50
“ W. Bates, Postage.....	50
“ J. S. Hall, “.....	2 60

Carried forward..... \$412 77½

Brought forward.....	\$412 77½
Paid J. S. Hall, Wood for Festival.....	1 25
“ “ Cartage “.....	25
“ “ Cleaning Hall, &c.,.....	1 00
“ E. Carswell, service at Public Meetings.....	10 00
“ Watson, Bill Posting.....	50
“ Frame for Picture presented to George Winks, Esq....	14 00
“ Balance on hand to Lecture Committee.....	35 07½

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The whole submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

P. H. BURTON.  
 JOHN S. HALL.  
 B. S. BARRETT.  
 J. M. M. DUFF.  
 JAMES M. HALL.  
 T. ROBINSON.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Manning, and seconded :

That the Report be received and adopted, and the Committee discharged, with the best thanks of the Grand Division for their very efficient action. Carried.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at ½ past 6 o'clock.

½ past 6 o'clock, p.m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as evening session.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Grand Treasurer Thompson now entered and took his seat.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Manning, and seconded :

That the By-Law regulating the appointment of the Good and Welfare Committee be suspended for the Session to allow of the addition of two additional members being added to said Committee.—Carried.

Rep. Joselyn and Adams were then added thereto.

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

Bedford, C.E. January 9th, 1867.

To the Grand Division S. of T. of C. E.

Brothers,

By the merciful dispensation of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to assemble in this our Annual Session of the Grand Division of Canada East, to deliberate on the means best adapted to promote the objects for which we are associated.

Since our last session nothing particularly encouraging has occurred with regard to the Temperance movement in our jurisdiction. The Temperance Act of 1864 has been adopted by many municipalities, but it does not seem to have the desired effect. Temperance men seem to depend too much on the law without making any exertion to carry it out, the consequence is that in many places where the law was adopted it has not been enforced, and there is no diminution in the use or traffic, but rather an increase of places where intoxicating liquors are sold.

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The state of our Order in Canada East is not so encouraging as we would desire. The reports furnished me by my Deputies indicate a state of apathy in the ranks in many localities; the members not being punctual in their attendance at the Division, the consequence is that in many cases the Divisions are unable to meet regularly. (This should not be the case.) Every Brother should feel that the prosperity of our Order in a measure depends on himself, and that he is occupying a responsible position, in that case they will seldom be absent from the meeting of their Division.

Like all great reforms the Temperance Cause has its time of elation and depression, of great success and apparent want of success; and I feel that we are too apt to be deceived by these appearances, either into a spirit of over confidence, or of undue discouragement. The great lesson which the earnest advocate of this or of any other great movement for the amelioration of the condition of the human race has to learn, is that of steady perseverance under all circumstances, and however, we may regret the fact, there is no concealing it, that the present is a period of depression in the Temperance movement, and that its practical influence upon the community is perhaps as little felt as during any time since the introduction of our Order into this country; but this is no reason why the true friends of Temperance should fold their arms and give up all for lost; they should rather buckle on their armour tighter and go into the great battle with a determination to conquer the worst enemy of our race. Let every Son of Temperance set himself to work to save drunkards and to impress the principles of total abstinence upon the young; and under the blessing of our Great Patriarch above, we may yet see the cause revive and its influence become greater and more permanently established in the community than it has ever yet been.

I think if this Grand Division could devise any way of raising funds to employ an efficient Lecturer during the winter, much good might be done, and our Order largely increased, I hope this subject will receive your serious consideration.

You will likewise be called upon to legislate in reference to the admission of Ladies to full membership in the Order, as the National Division at its last Session has left the matter in the hands of each Grand Division to do as they think best in their several jurisdictions. For my part I think if they were admitted to membership it would give our Order a fresh impetus and we would have many accessions to our ranks.

As to the financial condition of the Order, and other particulars, I would refer you to the Report of the Grand Scribe.

In closing this my final report, I would tender to the members of the Grand Division my thanks for their forbearance in my many imperfections, and hoping that you may elect some far more worthy Brother as my successor, and that our Order may go on and prosper until drunkenness shall no more be known in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

W. STEVENSON, G. W. P.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Moved by Rep. Burton, and seconded:—Resolved, that the Grand Scribe be instructed to issue a circular calling the attention of members to the terms of the pledge, as contained in the Code of Laws.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded:—That the Grand Division do now proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.—Carried.

The following nominations were then made:

G. W. P., Reps. Wm. Josleyn, and B. S. Barrett.

G. W. A., Reps. J. F. Thompson, Rev. J. W. Manning and R. Alcombrack.

G. S., Rep. John S. Hall.

G. T., Rep. George Adams.

G. Chap., Rep. Rev. T. Gales.

G. Con., Reps. C. H. Mansfield, and N. C. Martin.

G. Sen., Reps. N. C. Martin, and C. H. Mansfield.

The G. W. P. named as Scrutineers Reps. J. F. Thompson and Fessenden.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the election of officers for the present year: The following is the result:

G. W. P., Rep. Wm. Josleyn; G. W. A., Rep. Revd. J. W. Manning; G. Scribe, Rep. J. S. Hall; G. T., Rep. Adams; G. Chap., Rep. Rev. T. Gales; C. Con., Rep. N. C. Martin; G. Sen., Rep. C. H. Mansfield.

The installation of Officers was then proceeded with.

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

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

Revd. J. W. Manning, G. W. A., John S. Hall, G. Scribe, George Adams, G. T., Revd. Thomas Gales, G. Chap., N. C. Martin, G. Con., C. H. Mansfield, G. Sen.

Moved by G. W. A., Manning, seconded and carried:—That we do now proceed to the nomination of the time and place of meeting for annual and semi-annual sessions. For semi-annual session, St. Andrew's East Farnham and Melbourne, proposed. St. Andrews, selected. Time of meeting second Wednesday in July.

For annual-session, East Farnham, Montreal, and Quebec were named. East Farnham selected, time of meeting 1st Wednesday in February 1868.

Moved by G. W. A., Manning, seconded and carried:—That the Grand Scribe, be instructed to ascertain from the Grand Scribe of C. W. what has been the result of the action of that Grand Division in abolishing the Semi-Annual Session.

Moved by G. W. A. Manning, seconded and carried:—That the Grand Scribe inform all subordinate Divisions that in future applications for the meeting of the Grand Division in the several localities must be made in writing and signed on behalf of the Division offering such invitation by the W. P., and R. S.

Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m

January 10th, 1867,  
9 o'clock, A.M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

All the officers present.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Finance Committee reported as follows;

Bedford, January 19th, 1867.

*To the G. W. P., Officers and Brothers of the G. D. S. of T. of C.E.*

We your Committee on Finance to whom were referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and Financial statement of the G. S., beg to report that we have examined said papers and found them correct; we are sorry that the returns for the last two quarters are so meagre, and therefore show so large a deficit, our indebtedness now being as follows:—

To John S. Hall, G. S., bal. of salary due	- - - - -	\$80 00
“ D. Rose for Printing	- - - - -	15 50
“ J. C. Becket “	- - - - -	20 00
		\$115 50

It is quite evident from this that we shall have plenty to do to pay off our indebtedness with our ordinary resources, and cannot afford anything towards supporting a Lecturer, but we are satisfied from past experience, that, we can not possibly progress without a permanent Lecturer, and we would recommend that not only the various Divisions, but that the individual members should consider themselves personally responsible, and in duty bound to contribute towards the support of such Lecturer; the field is now open and we ought to go in and occupy it; and we would therefore recommend the imposition of regular dues and Initiation Fees in the Grand Division for the purpose of assisting to form a fund for the support of a Lecturer.

P. H. BURTON.  
JAMES M. HALL.  
T. ROBINSON.

Moved by G. W. A., Manning, and seconded: That the last clause in the report be struck out, and the remainder adopted. In amendment it was moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded: That the report as a whole be adopted. After a lengthy discussion a vote on the amendment was taken by divisions which resulted as follows:

YEAS.	NAYS.
Howard Division - - - - 2	St. Andrew's Division - 1
Adamsville " - - - - 1	Hungerford " - - - 1
East Farnham " - - - - 1	Bedford " - - - 1
— 4	Cowansville " - - - 1
	— 4
	<i>No Vote.</i>

The original motion being put the yeas and nays were called for and resulted as follows:—

## YEAS.

T. Gales,  
J. W. Manning,  
J. Ruiter,  
R. Alcombrack,  
C. Best,  
E. Alcombrack,  
H. Whitcomb,  
J. Edmonds,  
W. Stevenson—9.

## NAYS.

\* John. S. Hall,  
B. S. Barrett,  
J. M. Hall,  
T. Fessenden,  
P. H. Burton  
T. Robinson,  
J. M. M. Duff,  
G. P. Rixford,  
N. C. Martin.  
C. H. Mansfield,  
A. P. Hulbert,  
G. Adams,  
J. F. Thomson—13.

*Original motion lost.*

It was thereupon moved by G. W. A., Manning, seconded and carried:—That the last clause in the Report of the finance Committee be struck out, and the following substituted: "and we recommend that a fund be raised for the support of a Lecturer, either by imposing fees and dues on Members of the Grand Division, or otherwise as may be deemed best.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.,

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers all present.

Prayers by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Appeal Committee Reported as follows:—

*To the Grand Division S. of T. of C. E., Officers and Brethren.*

Your Appeal Committee to whom was referred the appeal of D. G. W. P., E. F. Robertson of Quebec, against the action of the G. W. P. have considered the appeal and beg to report as follows.

The Grand Division at its last Annual Session appointed the appellant to the office of D. G. W. P. for both Divisions at Quebec, but Gough Division having petitioned the G. W. P. for his removal and the appointment of another in his stead, the G. W. P. complied, considering it desirable from the representations made to him and calculated to promote the good of the Order, hence the appeal which takes the ground that the Bro. having been appointed by the Grand Division is removable only by them.

Your Committee find that it is part of the G. W. P.'s duty to appoint all officers not otherwise provided for by the Constitution, which includes his Deputies, and that therefore in the appointment of Bro. Robertson as D. G. W. P. the G. D. exercised a power not properly belonging to them and, the appointment was therefore illegal.

Your Committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed and the action of the G. W. P. sustained.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

R. ALCOMBRACK.  
G. P. RIXFORD.  
T. ROBINSON.  
WM. JOSLEYN.  
J. W. MANNING.

**Adopted.**

Notice was thereupon given that an Appeal would be made to the National Division against the above decision.

Moved by Grand Chaplain T. Gales, and seconded,—That the nomination of the place for holding the Annual Session be reconsidered; carried, and Granby substituted for East Farnham, on motion of Rep. Hulbert, seconded by Rep. J. F. Thompson.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee read and discussed section by section and adopted with amendments.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee as amended.

Bedford, January 8th, 1867.

*Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers, G. Div. C. E.*

Your Committee on Good and Welfare, having examined the Reports of the G. W. P., and G. S., and the Lecture Committee and the other documents committed to their care, now beg leave to submit their Report thereon.

It is a subject of regret that the state of our Order in Lower Canada is not in as flourishing condition as it was a year ago, and would suggest that each and every member of this Order should resolve henceforth to do all that lies in his power for the advancement of the cause, and there is no doubt but that at the close of the year now before us the condition of our Order will be greatly improved.

We would again impress upon the minds of deputies the positive necessity of sending in their returns, and would recommend that the worthy Patriarchs



of the several Divisions be requested to stimulate Deputies to a performance of their duties, in cases where they are disposed to neglect them.

In considering the Report of G. S., we are sorry to note the same negligence on the part of subordinate Divisions to send in returns that is complained of in the Report of G. W. P., and trust that the W. P., R. S., and Deputy of each subordinate Division will assume the task of stimulating each other to a performance of their duties.

It is a cause for great mortification on our part that continued dissensions disturb the harmony of some of the Divisions, and we do sincerely hope that we have heard the last discordant note of complaint from any quarter whatever; and that all present differences will be presently adjusted to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

In regard to the Report of Lectures Committee, it seems that as great difficulty attends the collection of the money that is subscribed, and which is necessary to carry out the design we have in view, we would respectfully suggest that for the present we discontinue the employment of a Lecturer, but trust that at an early date we shall be able to resume the engagement of an agent, when we are in a financial position to enable us to pay him when his salary is due. We hope that the balance now due Bro. Hutchings will be made up at once and we would call on those Brothers who have subscribed and have not paid, to come forward without delay.

We would recommend in case this Grand Division decides to allow subordinate Divisions the right to admit ladies to full membership, that they instruct such subordinate Divisions to adopt the views of the M. W. P., as contained in his circular to the G. S., or such parts thereof as may be applicable; and for that purpose we would suggest that the G. S., issue duplicates of this circular to the W. P.'s of each Division, as soon as the decision to admit ladies to membership is made.

We would also recommend that the per. Capita Tax be increased to ten cents per quarter, the additional three cents over the amount fixed for last year, to be applied towards the Fund for defraying the expenses and paying the salary of a Lecturer.

B. S. BARRETT.  
T. GALES.  
GEO. ADAMS.  
J. M. M. DUFF.  
WM. JOSLEYN

Moved by Rep. B. S. Barrett, seconded and carried unanimously. Resolved that the thanks of the representatives of the Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of Bedford and vicinity, for the hearty reception they have met at their hands and trust that continued happiness and prosperity may be their lot, and that the cause for the furtherance of which we are associated, may constantly advance under their supervision.

Moved by Rep. Thompson, seconded and carried. That the Lecture Committee, be authorized to prepare, print and circulate an appeal to the friends of Temperance, throughout our jurisdiction calling on them to aid us with funds for the employment of a permanent Lecturer, and that the Lady visitors of our Divisions be requested to assist in their several communities to raise funds for the above purpose.

Moved by G. W. A. Manning, seconded and carried:—That the thanks of this Grand Division are hereby tendered to the Lecture Committee for their services in the past, and that P. G. W. P., G. Martin be added to said Committee.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Stevenson, and seconded.—That this Grand Division accord to the Subordinate Divisions under its jurisdiction the right to admit Ladies to full membership as provided for by the National Division at its last Session held in the City of Montreal:—lost.

The following notice of motion was then given:—

Bedford, January 9th 1867.

We, the undersigned, members of the Grand Division S. of T. of Canada East, and representatives of the following Subordinate Divisions, do hereby give notice, that at the next Annual Session of this Grand Division to be held at Granby in February, 1868; we will move that a By-law be passed by the Grand Division, imposing fees and dues on all its members, the amount of such fees and dues to be regulated at said Annual Session.

P. H. Burton, - - - - -	Howard Division.
C. H. Mansfield, - - - - -	East Farnham “
J. F. Thompson, - - - - -	Adamsville “
R. Alcombrack, - - - - -	Hungerford “
John Ruiter, - - - - -	Bedford “

Moved by the Grand Scribe, seconded and carried unanimously—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, Vermont Central, and Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly Railroad Companies for their kindness in permitting our Delegates to pass over their Roads to and from this meeting at one fare.

The following were appointed Delegates to National Division, viz:—J. C. Becket, J. S. Hall, A. Smeaton, Henry Rose, Rev. A. Duff, G. Martin, Wm. Stevenson and G. Matheson, P. G. W. P.'s; A. P. Hulburt and John Sears, P. G. W. A.'s; William Josleyn, G. W. P., and Rev. J. W. Manning, G. W. A

On motion resolved:—That 200 copies of proceedings be printed and circulated as heretofore.

On motion resolved:—That the Grand Scribe's salary be the same as last year.

Resolved:—That the per capita tax for the next year be ten cents per member per quater.

The Grand Division now closed its Annual Session to meet in Semi-Annual Session at St. Andrew's on the 10th day of July next.