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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

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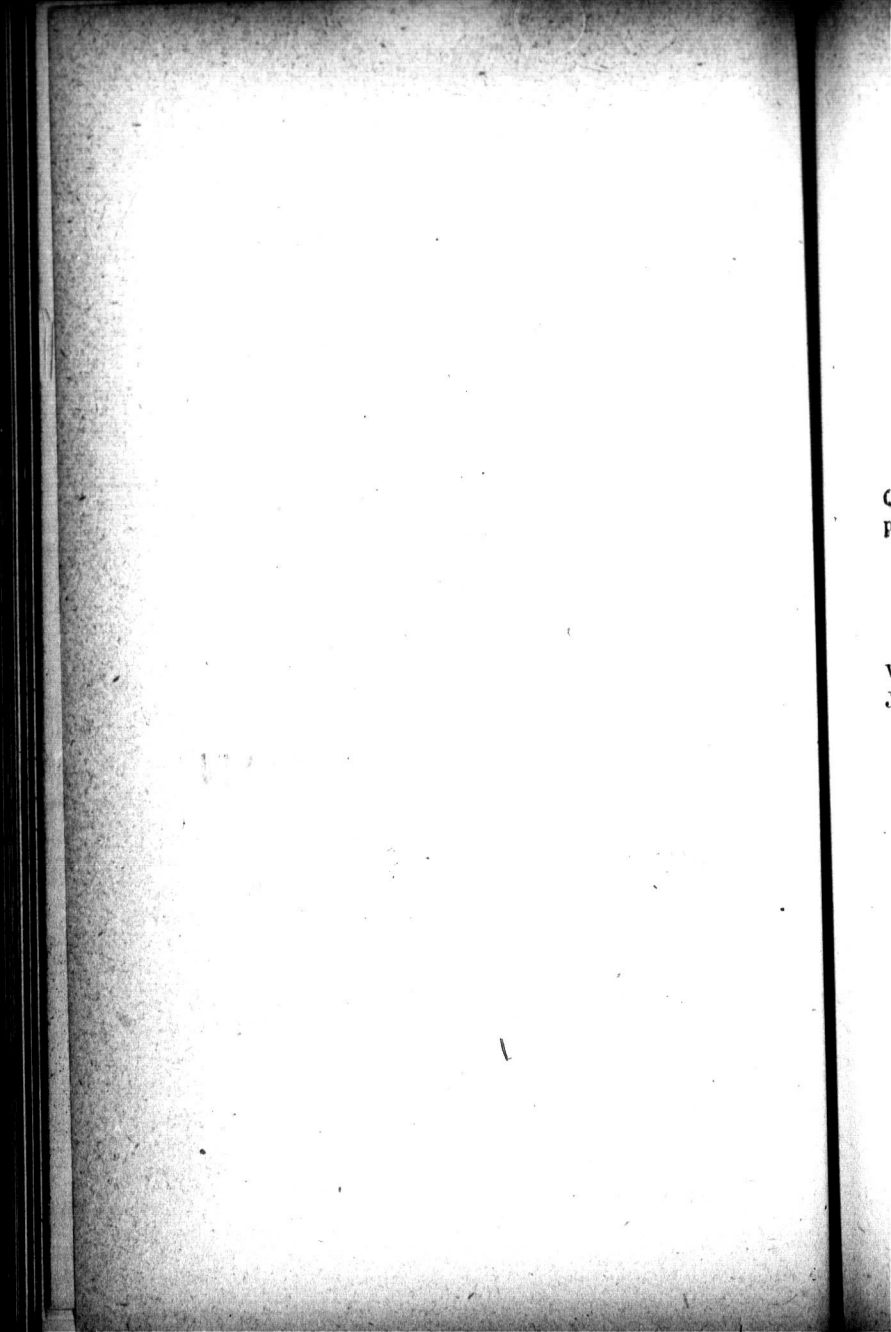
**SONS OF TEMPERANCE,**

**OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,**

HELD AT

**DURHAM, ORMSTOWN, the 20th and 21st JANUARY,**

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Durham, Ormstown, Wednesday, 20th Jany., 1869.  
6 o'clock, p. m.

This day, the Grand Division S. of T. of the Province of Quebec, assembled in Bethel, Ormstown Division Rooms, for the purpose of holding the Semi-Annual Session.

Officers present:—The Rev. J. W. Manning, G. W. Patriarch.  
John S. Hall, G. Scribe.  
R. Goddard, G. Conductor.

The G. W. P. appointed the following Representatives to fill Vacancies:—Reps. T. Robinson, G. W. A.; Wm. White, G. Chap.; Joshua Breadner, G. T.; J. A. Reed, G. Sent.; W. Winter, P. G. W. P.  
Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

The G. W. P. named, G. T. Breadner, and Reps. McNaughton and Allen, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following correct:—

Howard Division, No. 1, J. C. Becket, John S. Hall, D. Tees, J. Montgomery, J. T. Dutton, James M. Hall, W. Bates, G. Martin, B. S. Barrett, Rev. A. Duff, W. Brown, J. M. M. Duff, J. B. Lay, J. J. Higgins, E. T. Miles, G. Smith, R. Smith, J. Allen, W. P. Cole, Rev. T. Gales, W. H. Orr, T. Robinson, T. Fessenden, P. H. Burton, G. E. McIndoe, J. Donaldson, G. Perry, Junr., T. Hutchings, J. Jackson and R. Hyde, P. W. P's.

Bethel, Ormstown Division, No. 5, Rev. J. T. Paul, W. P.; Wm. McNaughton, Wm. Fennell, Wm. White, Wm. Winter, Rev. W. C. Clark, Jas. A. Reed, Robt. L. Gibson, John E. Winter and Wm. Elliot, P. W. P's.

Perseverance Division, No. 4, Wm. L. Whyte, W. P.; John Gillies, John Dunsmore, Wm. Dalgleish, Francis Whyte, and Rev. G. Anderson, P. W. P's.,

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, Rev. J. W. Manning, P. W. P.

Victoria Division, No. 10, S. McKimmie, W. P.; Alexander Stewart, John Jackson, James Fish, Gavin Walker, Thomas Christie, M.D., Thomas Barron, P. W. P's.

Lancaster Division, No. 11, Alexander McInnes, W. P.; J. B. Snider, John See, Kenneth Ross, John Help, Hugh McLean, Thomas Ross, M.D., and R. J. McDougall, P. W. P's.

St. Michael's Union Division, No. 14, Andrew Wilson, W. P.; Wm. McIntosh, D. C. Boyce, Joshua Breadner, James Buchanan, Alexander McIntosh, Arthur Connor, Matthew Wallace, Henry Seely and Patrick McGinnis, P. W. P's.

Adamsville Division, No. 50, Philip Taber, W. P.; R. Goddard, G. Adams, E. A. Fordice, R. Allen, W. T. O. Lewis, James Whitten, A. C. Dupry, D. Goddard, E. Douglass, J. Chalmers, W. F. Wilkins, E. W. W. H. Higgins, P. W. P's.

East Farnham Division, No. 59, Marcus Thompson, W. P.; John Brimmer, P. W. P.

Georgetown Advance Division, No. 81, Archibald McCormick and Alexander McGarth, P. W. P's.

Howick Star Division, No. 82, David Brown, W. P.; Thomas Gebbie, Junr. and John N. Muir, P. W. P's.,

The following Representatives being in waiting were introduced by the Grand Conductor and initiated, viz:—

Huntingdon Division, No. 4, W. W. Dalgleish, John Dunsmore, Wm. L. Whyte and John Gillies.

Bethel, Ormstown Division, No. 5, Rev. W. C. Clark, Rev. J. T. Paul, John E. Winter, Wm. Fennell, Robert L. Gibson and Wm. Elliot.

Lancaster Division, No. 11, Kenneth Ross, and A. McInnes,

St. Michael's Union Division, No. 14, Andrew Wilson, Patrick McGinnis and James Buchanan.

Georgetown Advance Division, No. 81, Archibald McCormick.

Moved by P. G. W. P. and seconded:—That this Grand Division when it adjourns, shall adjourn to meet to morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, again adjourn at 12 noon, meet at half-past 1 p.m., and continue in Session, until the business of the Session be completed. Carried.

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The G. W. P. named the following Standing Committees:—  
 Good and Welfare;—Reps. Breadner, Dalgleish and Wm. White.  
 Finance.—Reps. J. A. Reed, J. Allen and K. Ross.  
 Appeals.—Reps. T. Robinson, W. L. Whyte, Dunsmore,  
 Gibson and McGinnis.  
 Publications, &c.—Reps. Martin, Barrett and Robinson.  
 Moved by Grand Conductor, and seconded.—That the Grand  
 Division suspend proceedings, to allow Bethel, Ormstown Division  
 to meet to initiate members. Carried.  
 Grand Division suspended proceedings.  
 Grand Division resumed its sitting.—  
 G. W. P. read his Report.

Durham, Ormstown, January, 20th, 1869.

*To the Members of the G. D. of the Province of Quebec.*

Dear Brethren,

The wheels of time has again brought the appointed period for holding the Semi-Annual Session of our Grand Division.

The providence of God has preserved our lives and permitted us once more to meet to interchange the greetings of an exalted friendship, to strengthen and encourage one another in the discharge of duty, to consult upon the state, interests and success of our Order, to sympathize in disappointments which have retarded the progress of the labors of love in which we are engaged, and to renew our pledges to labor on in this good cause, until we "conquer peace" by inflexible purpose and indomitable perseverance.

I need not detain you by any lengthened reference to the object we have in view, inasmuch as I am not addressing those who have never yet "smelt powder" in this war, nor am I speaking to those who have been compelled contrary to their convictions to enlist in this army, and who therefore lack that enthusiasm which ensures success, but I address myself to companions in arms, who have stood shoulder to shoulder in many a well fought engagement; to veterans who can proudly exhibit the trophies of hardly won victories; many of you my seniors in the ranks and who have a stronger claim to that proud distinction which you have been pleased to confer upon me.

I need hardly say that it affords me much gratification to meet you once again and I trust that we shall have a pleasant and profitable meeting, that old friendships will be cemented, that new ones will be formed upon which we can look back with pleasure, that our deliberations whilst characterized by that freedom which has ever marked our discussions, will be as free from acrimony as in the past, and be made in the hands of Providence abundantly instrumental in promoting the interests of our noble Order, and the prosperity of the cause of Temperance.

Looking over the whole of the civilized world, it is delightful to contemplate the onward progress of our principles, and the steady, but sure advance which is being made to the accomplishment of our true aim—viz, the annihilation of the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

In Great Britain, during the recent elections, the Maine Law in embryo, the Permissive, Bill was kept prominently before the electors, and a much larger number of its supporters have found seats in the reformed Parliament than ever before, let us pray that they may have the wisdom and courage to inaugurate the greatest reform that country has ever seen.

In Russia, where the evils of intemperance have kept pace with the facili-

ties for drinking, the Czar has at length been aroused to the magnitude of the evil and an imperial ukase has put an end to by far the great proportion of the drinking houses, and the great decrease of drunkenness will doubtless soon lead to the extinction of "the traffic" in the Muscovite dominions and thus reconcile one to the exercise of that arbitrary power which has not always been so wisely used, or with such beneficial effect.

The United States emerging from a fearful war, and a Presidential election, are also turning their attention to their old foe, and the gallant hosts are marshalling themselves for a renewed attack upon liquor drinking and selling. May we not hope that the armies of Temperance will be as successful in the contest with the drinking customs of society as were the armies of the Union over the gigantic curse of slavery; and it must be a matter of sincere rejoicing to every friend of Temperance that the destinies of that people, humanly speaking are about to be committed to the hands of one who is as irreproachable in morals as he is brave in action, and the prayers of every Christian should go up to the throne of grace that in the matter of Temperance our Brother, General Grant, President elect, may be sustained in "fighting it out on this line" through his term of office.

Massachusetts which has so often been made the battle-field of Prohibition, groaning under the evils inseparable from the licensing system, has again aroused to action and has triumphantly returned a legislature pledged to restore to her statute books the Maine Law, pure and simple and no doubt learning wisdom by experience, will avoid the dangers of the past, and surround it with such defences as shall successfully defy the attempts of all who regard their own gratification more than the good of the commonwealth. Other States are preparing to follow in the same path, and if "coming events cast their shadows before them," the legalized sale of intoxicating liquors is doomed over a large portion of the Great Republic.

Turning more directly to the Order of the Sons of Temperance, it is a cause of congratulation, that at the recent sessions of the Grand Divisions both in Great Britain and her Provinces, very satisfactory and cheering intelligence of the state of the Order was given.

In the States, Divisions were reported as springing up in all quarters, and in many parts of the South, where it was feared our Order was dead, Grand Divisions have been recuscitated and seem to be animated by an earnest desire to recover by energetic action, all the ground lost during the war.

In the Grand Division of Ontario, I learn "there was a large attendance of representatives and much important business transacted," and for this information I am indebted to the columns of the Press, neither the Grand Scribe nor myself having received a copy of the proceedings:

In our own jurisdiction most of the Divisions have complied with the requirements of the by-law passed at our last Session, and have reported to the Grand Scribe direct, who in turn forwarded the reports to my address, but I regret to say they had not come to hand at the time of my leaving home, and I am therefore dependent upon the "scant recollections" of our worthy Grand Scribe for the information that East Farnham Division reports itself in a flourishing condition, the contributing cause being the admission of ladies to full membership. Adamsville Division is also doing well, and attributes their present success to the introduction of entertainments occasionally. Howard, and St. Andrew's Divisions, report efforts in aid of Red River Sufferers, and one new Charter has been granted since our last meeting. For the Statistical returns I refer you to our Grand Scribe's report, and on my return home I will prepare for publication with this report of our proceedings a synopsis of the missing documents.

One thing is certain, that as an Order we are not occupying the position we ought, nor can we hope to without using the means which all past experience proves to be necessary to success, and I am convinced that it would be as unreasonable for the Farmer to expect to reap where he had not sown as for an Association, to look for progress whilst neglecting the great in-

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strumentality by which it can be secured, viz :—constant agitation. Look around you, and you cannot fail to see that other organizations are being planted all over the country, and upon enquiry you will find that this success is attributable to the employment of efficient Lecturers, all such organizations fully proving that "it pays" to keep them in the field.

I have been looking over the records of this G. D. for the last ten or twelve years, and I find that each of my predecessors in office have, with scarcely an exception urged this subject (that of employing lecturers) upon the G. D. Resolutions have been placed upon record almost without number, and except a few spasmodic efforts of short duration, this is all that has been done in this direction, and unless you are prepared to attend the Funeral of our Order in this Province, I trust that at this Session you will act, and that some plan may be developed by which a good efficient Lecturer may be kept permanently in the field.

Whilst on the question of lecturing I would suggest to the Subordinate Divisions that they have already in their neighbourhoods, many, whose energies and talents may be enlisted on our side, and brought out on our platforms by a little thoughtful encouragement. Do not let me be misunderstood here, from my acquaintance with the Ministers of the Gospel when travelling as a Lecturer, and since my admission amongst them; I believe them to be as a body, as warm in their love for the temperance cause and as earnestly desirous for its promotion as any body of men can be, but still I am satisfied that they would be found oftener on our platforms and aiding us by their addresses if in return they received something more substantial than a mere vote of thanks. I am treading a delicate ground, but I am satisfied from experience, and I fail to see why a minister of the Gospel should be expected to purchase temperance literature and keep himself well posted on the general question; expend time in preparation of a lecture, travel a number of miles at the expense of wear and tear of clothes, harness, wagon and oftentimes of health, in order to benefit a Division, or any other society in return for the empty compliment of a verbal acknowledgment. I therefore recommend to Subordinate Divisions to copy largely the movement begun by another branch of the temperance army, of liberally recognising by surprise or donation party, or some other suitable means, the efforts of those Ministers of the Gospel in their localities, who in addition to their pastoral duties, labour with them in the good cause, and I feel satisfied that neither will Divisions be so frequently disappointed by refusals, or Ministers so often return home disheartened if there is a mutual sharing of the burden, "I speak as unto wise men, judge ye."

I find from the reports that there is almost an entire absence of efforts in this G. D. for indoctrinating the young with temperance principles, and I would with pleasure point the brethren to what is being done by one of our young brothers in Montreal, and under whose fostering and self-denying care, the Young Earnest Teetotals are proving themselves a living earnest organization. Brethren, if the temperance cause is to be of permanent growth it must be implanted in the youth of our land, and I suggest that each Division shall take such steps as shall enable it at our Annual Session to report that it is making an effort in this direction.

Howard Division, No. 1, of Montreal, has commenced a system of open meetings once a month, the first of which, held last week, augurs well for the success of the plan, and I submit that their example may be beneficially followed.

I would further suggest to this G. D. that they should instruct our G. S. to apply to the heads of similar organizations in Ontario and Quebec, or the Dominion if thought advisable, and ascertain if they are willing to unite in forwarding at the joint expense of the different Orders, a circular to every Minister of the Gospel with the request that on a given day to be named, every pulpit of our land should utter no uncertain sound on the temperance question.

I also submit to this G. D. for its careful consideration, the question, whether the time has not arrived when this or some other body should take the initiative in a convention of the friends of temperance from all parts of the land, to consult upon the desirability of and devise means to carry out a more thorough and persistent agitation for the spread of Temperance and Prohibition.

In conclusion, Brethren, as the time for the sittings of this G. D. is more than ordinarily limited, I urge upon you that deeds rather than words should mark its Sessions, and may the Great Patriarch above endue with us with wisdom to devise, and prudence to carry out such measures as shall promote the interest of our Order—advance the cause of Temperance, and redound to his glory and man's permanent good.

Respectfully submitted,

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. W. MANNING, G. W. P.  
Province of Quebec.

On motion referred to Committee of Good and Welfare.

Grand Scribe read his Report, and Financial Statement.

ORMSTOWN,

20th January, 1869.

*G. W. P., Officers, and Representatives of the Grand Division of the Province of Quebec.*

Worthy Brothers.—In presenting this my semi-annual statement I rejoice to be enabled to state, although I cannot report any considerable increase in point of numbers since my last statement, that I have received from many Divisions the most cheering reports of their condition and of the zeal with which the members are working for the cause. From one Division only is the report at all desponding, but I trust that Division will soon recover from its despondent state and become as energetic as of old.

One Charter has been issued for the organization of a Division at the village of Robinson, in the townships of Bury, Eastern Townships. It has not yet been organized.

The following is a synopsis of the returns from 22 Divisions for Quarter ending 30th Sept. 1868.

Admitted . . . . .	117
Withdrawn by Card . . . . .	8
Withdrawn from the Order . . . . .	7
Suspended . . . . .	18
Re-instated . . . . .	11
Re-signed Constitution . . . . .	11
Violated pledge 1st time . . . . .	19
"    "    2nd time . . . . .	2
Expelled for violation of Art 2 . . . . .	22
"    "    non payment of dues. . . . .	21
Deaths . . . . .	1
Whole number of male members . . . . .	829
"    "    Lady . . . . .	82
"    "    Lady Visitors . . . . .	452
Public Temperance meetings held . . . . .	10
Number of tracts distributed . . . . .	100
Receipts of Quarter . . . . .	\$190.19
Expenses exclusive of benefits . . . . .	126.68
Paid for Benefits . . . . .	3.12½
Per Capita tax to Grand Division . . . . .	62.02
Cash on hand and invested . . . . .	368.72

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The following is from 13 Divisions for the quarter ending 31st Dec. 1868.

Admitted	37
Withdrawn by Card	4
"    from the Order	6
Suspended	8
Re-instated	7
Re-signed Constitution	5
Violated pledge 1st time	9
"    "    2nd time	2
Expelled for violation of Art 2	10
"    non payment of dues	8
Whole number of male members	553
"    "    Lady members	38
"    "    Lady visitors	301
Public Temperance meetings held	8
Number of tracts distributed	
Receipts of quarter	\$188,69
Expenses exclusive of benefits	140,68
Paid for Benefits	5,00
Per Capita tax to Grand Division	36,45
Cash on hand and invested	223,57

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.

JOHN S. HALL, G. S.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand 8th July, 1868	\$ 4 44
Per capita tax from 8th July, 1868, to 18th Jan., 1869	117 56
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#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense attending annual session	\$ 3 00
Postage and carriage of parcels	13 75
Paid Treasurer	106 00
Amount on hand	2,87
	<u>125 62</u>

Montreal, 19th Jan., 1869.

On motion, Report referred to the Good and Welfare Committee and Financial Statement to Financial Committee.

Read Treasurer's Report:—

#### REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

*The Grand Division S. of T., P. Q., in account with Grand Treasurer.*

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For amt. paid M. W. S. Officers, Cards (No. 1)	\$ 3 00
"    F. E. Grafton, Stationery (2)	3 00
"    J. C. Becket, Printing (3)	25 00
"    Grand Scribe (4)	75 00
	<u>\$106.00</u>

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By amount received from Grand Scribe	\$106.00
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Ormsdown, 30th January, 1869

(Signed)

R. HUTCHINS.  
Grand Treasurer.

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

Application having been made by St. Michael's Union and Hungerford Divisions, for a change of name, but being informal could not be granted; it was however moved by Grand Scribe Hall, and seconded:—That the G. W. P. be empowered to grant such change, upon formal application being made by the Divisions respectively therefor. Carried.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, 21st January, 1869. 9 o'clock, a.m.,

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as yesterday's Session, with the exception of G. Chaplain who was absent.

G. W. P. named Rep. Rev. J. T. Paul, to fill the vacancy of Grand Chaplain.

Prayers by G. Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Read Report of Good and Welfare Committee, on motion referred to a Committee of the whole to be considered, and discussed clause by clause.—Carried.

Grand Division resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Grand Division resumed.

Committee of the whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at half-past 1 p.m.,

Half-past 1 o'clock.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as at morning Session.

Prayers by G. Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Committee of the whole resumed its sitting, and continued the consideration of the Report of Good and Welfare Committee,—Committee of the whole rose, and Grand Division resumed. Committee of the whole reported the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee, with amendments. On motion the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee, was adopted, as amended in Committee of the whole.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee, as amended,

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*To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of the Province of Quebec.*

The Committee on Good and Welfare having had submitted to them the Reports of the G. W. P. and G. S., respectfully submit the following:—

1st. It affords your Committee much pleasure to learn from the G. W. P's. Report, the steady and onward movement of Temperance and Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic not only in the Mother country and the United States, but in the vast empire of Russia, which is considered so far behind us in civilization and moral enlightenment. This should stimulate us to greater activity and renewed efforts to bring about the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, not only in our own Province, but in the Dominion.

2nd. It is also gratifying to know that the Order with which we are more particularly identified, "The sons of Temperance," is in such a flourishing and prosperous condition in England and the States of the neighbouring Union and sister Provinces; yet it is with regret that we have to state that in our own Province, the Order has not increased as much as we could wish for.

3rd. That portion of the G. W. P's. Report, referring to the employment of efficient Lecturers we recommend the serious consideration of the Division,—that each Subordinate Division in its respective locality get up one or two public entertainments or soirees during each winter, the net proceeds of such meetings to go to the Lecture Fund of this Grand Division, and that as soon as a certain sum is realized, say \$600, a Lecturer be employed by this Grand Division.\*

4th. The Grand Worthy Patriarch's remarks respecting the engagements of ministers and others, we cordially recommend the Subordinate Divisions to carry out.

5th. As regards the enlistment of the young in the cause, your Committee recommend that each Subordinate Division appoint some suitable brother and sister to train the young in their vicinity in recitations, dialogues, and singing pieces of music, in which the principles of Temperance are prominently set forth. Or adopt such other modes as they the Divisions may think more suitable to accomplish the object.

6th. The G. W. P's suggestions respecting the issuing of circulars to ministers of the Gospel to preach on the subject of Temperance on some given day, we heartily endorse and recommend the Division to take action in the matter.

7th. If it be found practicable to carry out the recommendation of the G. W. P. in calling a general convention of the friends of Temperance, we think it might do good to the cause.

Durham, Ormstown, }  
21st January, 1869. }

JOSHUA BREADNER,  
W. W. DALGLEISH,  
WILLIAM WHITE.

\* Moved by Rep. Breadner, seconded by Rep. Ross.

That Subordinate Divisions are requested to take under their notice the suggestion of the Good and Welfare Committee in the 3rd clause of their report, and report to the Grand Scribe by the 1st of July next, what sums they have or may be able to raise by such meetings to aid in placing an efficient Lecturer in the field, so that this Grand Division can take action at its Annual meeting in July.—Carried.

Finance Committee read their Report as follows:—

Your Finance Committee has attended to their duty and examined the Finance Statement of the Grand Scribe, and Report of Grand Treasurer, with the voucher, and found the same correct.

JOSEPH ALLEN.  
KENNETH ROSS.

Moved by Rep. Robinson, and seconded :—That the Reports of the G. W. P. and of the Good and Welfare Committee, be printed in a separate form, and distributed amongst the members :—Carried.

Moved by G. Scribe, and seconded :—That 250 Copies of the proceedings be printed, and distributed in the following proportions ;—2 Copies to each Division, having 20 members ;—3 copies to each, having from 20 to 40 members ;—and 4 copies to those having over 40 members.—Carried.

Moved by Grand Scribe, and seconded :—That it be an instruction to the Lecture Committee, to endeavour to engage the services of Mr. George Easton, on his arrival in Montreal, to lecture on behalf of the Order, for a limited period.—Carried.

Moved by Grand Scribe, and seconded :—That the G. W. P. be appointed to deliver the address, at next Annual Session primarily, and the Rev. W. C. Clark alternately.—Carried.

Moved by Grand Worthy Associate, and seconded :—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of Bethel, Ormstown Divisions, and their Friends, for the very kind and handsome manner, in which they received, and entertained the members of this Grand Division, during the present Session.—Carried unanimously.

Minutes read and approved.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division closed to meet at Durham, Ormstown, on Wednesday the 7th day of July next, 1869.

JOHN S. HALL, *Grand Scribe.*