



SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**GRAND DIVISION**  
OF THE  
**SONS OF TEMPERANCE,**  
HELD AT  
MONTREAL, 26th, and 27th January, 1870.

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9 o'clock a. m.

Grand Division S. of T. Province of Quebec, met in Semi-Annual Session in Howard Division Room this day, Wednesday, 26th January, 1870.

G. W. P. Rev. J. W. Manning presiding.

Officers present:—G. W. P., Rev. J. W. Manning.

G. S., J. S. Hall.

G. Chap., Rev. E. S. Ingalls.

G. Con., Rufus Goddard.

G. Sent., William Bates.

G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows:—Rep. T. Robinson, G. W. A.; Rep. T. Fessenden, G. T.; Rep. Rev. A. Duff, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Grand W. P. named Reps. Gales, Stevenson and Dupry, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following correct, viz:—  
No. 1, Howard Division, J. H. Chatterton, W. P.; John S. Hall, D. Tees, J. Montgomery, James M. Hall, Wm. Bates, George Martin, John C. Becket, Rev. A. Duff, P. H. Burton, T. Fessenden, T. Robinson, Wm. Brown, J. M. M. Duff, Joseph Allan, Wm. H. Orr, Rev. T. Gales, George Smith, Richard Smith, John Jackson, G. E. McIndoe, W. P. Cole, Richard Hyde, John B. Lay, George Perry, Jun., John Donaldson, and J. J. Higgins, P. W. P's.

No. 3, Gough Division, William Brodie, Robert Brodie, Alex. Smeaton, Peter Johnston, J. P. McEwan, Thomas Davidson,

- William Hall, James Geggie, John Sears, George Lamb, Wm. Anderson, Thos. O'Neil, P. W. P's.
- No. 5, Bethel Ormstown Division, Peter Cavers, W. P.; John Winter, John Gibson, William Winter, John E. Winter, William McNaughton and William Fennell, P. W. P's.
- No. 9, St. Andrews Division, Rev. J. W. Manning, P. W. P.
- No. 11, Lancaster Division, John B. Snider, Kenneth Ross, Hugh McLean and T. Hill, P. W. P's.
- No. 16, St. Lawrence Division, C. Corneil, W. P.; G. Mathison, A. Woods, J. O'Farrell, M. Winn, G. J. Duff, J. R. Healey, P. Le Sueur, S. Corneil, W. McWilliams, R. Craig, J. Smyth and S. Parke, P. W. P's.
- No. 20, Wellington Division, John Middleton, John Pitcairn and Alexander Lamb, P. W. P's.
- No. 44, Granby Division, Rev. E. S. Ingalls, P. W. P.
- No. 50, Adamsville Division, Edwin Porter, W. P.; E. A. Fordice, R. Goddard, A. C. Dupry, J. Whitten, J. Chalmers, George Adams, H. A. Porter, R. Allen, P. Taber, J. Beedie, P. W. P's.
- No. 54, Dominion Division, George Halcrow, R. Alcombrack, Walter Watson and Charles Best, P. W. P's.
- No. 58, Cowansville Division, A. Wells, W. P.; William Stevenson, D. A. Cameron, Rev. C. P. Watson, William Husband, James Jones, D. Duffey, James Massie, S. Foster, J. J. Ruiter and Henry Rose, P. W. P's.
- No. 59, East Farnham Division, Clark H. Mansfield and M. O. Thomson, P. W. P's.
- No. 64, West Shefford Division, S. J. Savage, W. P.; W. C. Purinton, Joseph Gibbons, L. H. Lawrence, H. A. Lawrence, Z. S. Lawrence, J. E. Lawrence, H. Gladden, E. Todd and R. W. Richardson, P. W. P's.
- No. 80, Dundee Division, John J. Fraser, W. P.; Alex. H. Cameron, Angus McMillan and James Ferguson, P. W. P's.

The G. Con. having reported the following representatives in waiting, they were introduced and initiated, viz:—

George Perry, Jun., Philip Taber, W. C. Purinton, H. A. Porter, D. E. Porter, Thomas Hill, John Gibson, Peter Cavers and John Winter.

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Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded by Rep. J. Montgomery,—That this Grand Division do adjourn at 12 o'clock noon, and meet again at 2 o'clock, p.m. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Fessenden,—That the Grand Scribe be instructed to communicate with Mawcook Division, explaining the action taken by the Grand Division in the matter of Rev. Mr. English.—Carried.

G. W. P. named the following Committees:—Good and Welfare;—Reps. Stevenson, Orr and Ingalls.

Finance:—Reps. Fordice, Montgomery and Gales.

Publications, &c.—Grand Scribe, Robinson and Martin.

Moved by Reps J. M. Hall, and seconded.—That Rep. George Perry, Jun., be appointed Assistant Grand Scribe. Carried.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p.m.

26th January, 1870. 2 o'clock.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present, same as morning session,

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

The following resolution of Lancaster Division No. 11, was presented and read:—

“That, whereas, we possessing a lot of land, whereon we intend to build a Temperance Hall, have learned, on consulting a lawyer, that we, as a Division, situated in Ontario, holding a Charter from the National Division of North America, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Division of Quebec, cannot legally hold property in Ontario, and consequently cannot avail ourselves of the privilege of registration. We beg, therefore, to submit the matter to the Grand Division of Quebec, and respectfully request of them a transference from their jurisdiction to that of Ontario.”

It was thereupon moved by the Grand Scribe, and seconded.

*Resolved:—*That whilst regretting the loss to this jurisdiction, by a transference of Lancaster Division to Ontario, yet under the circumstances, we deem it right, cordially to grant the request of Lancaster Division and hereby direct the Grand Scribe to notify the same to the Grand Division of Ontario. Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report as follows:—

*To the Officers & Representatives of the Sons of Temperance of the Province of Quebec in Grand Division assembled.*

DEAR BROTHERREN.

Again permitted by the goodness of God to meet you in semi-Annual

Session I desire to express my pleasure that during our intervals of meeting we have not been called on to mourn over the loss by death of any of our active number, and although somewhat late, yet allow me to avail myself of this the first opportunity afforded me of wishing you all collectively, much happiness, during the year upon which we have so lustily entered and also to express the hope that it may be a year of unexampled prosperity to "the cause of all mankind."

As the milestones by the road side serve to remind the traveller of the distance already travelled as well as his gradual approach to the termination of his journey, so these periodical gatherings should remind us that our opportunities for doing good are passing swiftly away and that therefore, in connection with this cause "whatsoever our hands find to do should be done with our might," and the gradual lessening of our periods of active labour should lead us to the exercise of greater diligence; so that whenever we may be called away from earth we may leave behind us memories made redolent by the blessings of the widow and of many who were ready to perish.

Very little of a special nature in connection with the Temperance movement has occurred during the past six months, but to the active friends of the cause it must have been gratifying to notice the continued efforts that are being put forth for the accomplishment of the object we have in view.

In connection with our own Order the published report of the proceedings of the National Division meeting held just previous to our last Annual Session and therefore not then delivered, conveys to us the cheering intelligence of healthy progress in nearly every Grand Division of the Jurisdiction and also the express determination of the adherents of Love, Purity, and Fidelity, to make Prohibition more prominently their aim, and to endeavour to create such a correct public sentiment as shall consign the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to a grave so deep as to admit of no resurrection.

Nearer home it is encouraging to know that our Sister G. D. of Ontario is still holding her own, and in the language of one brother who speaks that which he knows, "that the G. D. of Ontario never occupied a higher position as to numbers and talent, or ever exerted a greater influence upon the public than at the present," and I am sure you will join me in the wish that she may continue to grow until her influence be felt in every part of that fairest portion of the Dominion.

From the fact that Providence has called me to labour in the Province of Ontario, and thus I have been prevented from visiting the Divisions as I wished to do; as well as the failure on the part of Divisions to report to the G. S. every six months, as they are by law required to do, I am unable to give you a full report of the present position, of the Order in our own jurisdiction, but have no doubt this will be compensated for, to some extent by the report of our G. S., who will have had later information than I could avail myself of; some five or six reports are all that have come to hand and all these are so far cheering that they speak of progress made and most of them of better prospects for the future. From the St. Lawrence and Gough Divisions of Quebec the report is very cheering and those of you who were fortunate enough to enjoy the company of our Quebec Brethren at our Annual Session must have felt satisfied that with union amongst themselves they could make their power felt in the city. The two Divisions are now working together harmoniously, the numbers have been largely increased and my Deputy reports that not a single vexed question has called for his interference. Ormatown, Cowansville, Adamsville and Wellington are the only other Divisions from which I have heard.

In accordance with the request of the G. D., I attended as your representative, the Annual Meeting of The Canada Temperance Union held in

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Toronto in September last, a goodly number of Temperance Men, mostly from Ontario, gathered together; the object aimed at by this body, viz:—The uniting in one common effort all the friends of Temperance is a good one, but I am much afraid will not be accomplished by the Union, unless a very radical change is effected in its management, and more of a spirit of Union manifested by those who profess to be its leaders.

In company with Brothers Robinson and J. M. Hall, I attended the Session of the G. D. of Ontario held in October last in Brantford, the reception your representatives met with fully sustained the character of the brethren of that G. D., for warm-hearted hospitality and fraternal feeling towards fellow-labourers. The Session was well attended, the debates were lively and intelligently sustained, the brethren proved themselves not one whit behind this G. D. in determination to make our Order victorious, and the Officers vied with each other in their efforts to make your representatives feel at home and which they succeeded in doing. The G. D., reciprocated your action by appointing their past and present G. W. P's to visit this G. D. at our Annual Session at Lachute, when I have no doubt from the known ability of these Brethren, our Order in that locality will be much benefitted by their presence.

I regret that our Sister Grand Divisions in the British Provinces are not prepared to take present action in reference to the formation of a National Division for the Provinces, although to the friends of such action it is cheering to know that most, if not all of them, look forward to the time when such a step will be imperatively necessary.

The Division at Adamsville report that they are moving with a view to the appointment of a Public prosecutor, whose duty it shall be to cause all offences against the present Laws for regulating the sale of Liquors to be made the subject of official investigation with a view to the infliction of the penalty, I recommend the action of this Division to the consideration of all of our subordinate Divisions in order to its adoption wherever practicable.

I notice that a Bill has been introduced into the Legislature of this Province to repeal as much of a former Act as compels houses for the sale of Liquor in the City of Montreal to close at nine o'clock, I therefore suggest to you as being legitimately within your Province to present a Petition to the Legislature signed by your G. W. P. and G. S., and duly sealed praying that the said Bill do not pass and that the said petition be forwarded to Joseph Robertson, M.P., Provincial Treasurer, for presentation to Lower House and to the Hon. Jas. Ferrier, for the Council and Lieut. Governor.

Whilst engaged with this report, I have learned with much regret that the Hall in which the G. D. of Ontario recently met has been destroyed by fire, by which the Brant Division has lost over two hundred and fifty dollars worth of Furniture, I recommend that this G. D. pass a resolution expressive of sympathy with the Brantford Division and also of the hope that this loss will not cause them to slacken their zeal in the good work in which they are engaged.

I would urge upon Divisions that wherever practicable, official visits should be paid by one Division to the others in its neighbourhood, feeling satisfied that such visits will operate beneficially both upon visitors and visited, whilst at the same time it will benefit the Order, by causing it to be talked about in the neighbourhood.

I would also, most respectfully urge upon Divisions, the absolute necessity of guarding the Order in their neighbourhood from reproach, by avoiding late hours at their meetings. Only those who are in the habit of mingling with all classes, know how injuriously, this practice when indulged in, operates against us, and it may often be avoided, by abstaining from long and wearisome discussions upon points of order, and splitting hairs upon constitutional questions.

The G. D. of Ontario, finding the difficulty of keeping properly qualified lecturers in the field, have resorted to the practice of authorising those members of the Order, in whom they have confidence, to hold meetings under the auspices of the Order and agree to supplement the collection so as to ensure the lecturer a certain sum. I submit this example as one well worthy of consideration and adoption if funds will allow.

"The Canadian Son of Temperance," published under the auspices of the G. D. of Ontario, has recently very much improved and bids fair to be a powerful auxiliary; I would recommend each Division to procure a copy and place it in the hands of a Committee of ladies who will undertake to canvass for it, and I also urge upon the brethren that they should communicate to it items of interest, that thus it may become more and more the organ of our Order in these Provinces.

Brethren, what have you done during the past six months to advance the interests of the Order and save our fellow-men from the evils of intemperance? all should have done something for this work, and if we have been slothful or unfaithful in the past, let us resolve, by the help of God, that this year upon which we have entered, shall be a year of active, energetic effort; let our combined powers be put forth for the purpose of more rapidly elevating our Order to the position I believe it is designed in the Providence of God to occupy.

It affords me much gratification to be able to say that there is peace within our walls, and that during my protracted official career, I have not been called upon to give a single decision on any disputed point, I trust this state of things will long continue, and that whilst our members will be prepared to comply with the Apostle's injunction "Be ready to every good work," they will also remember that the Order has claims upon them, brethren, be equal with the demand, up and work, whilst the opportunity is yours; work with the cheering encouragement that

Our Order is a child as yet;  
But her power and scope shall grow,  
And her triumphs in the future,  
Shall diminish human woe;  
Shall extend the bounds of pleasure;  
With an ever widening ken,  
And of miserable dwellings,  
Make the homes of happy men.

May the Great Patriarch above impart unto us and to all the members of our Order, that wisdom and zeal that shall enable us to battle nobly in this righteous cause, and when all our labours are over may it be said of each one of us, he did what he could to leave the world better than he found it.

Yours, in L. P. and F.

J. W. MANNING,

G. W. P.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Grand Scribe read his Report.

MONTREAL, 26th January, 1870.

To the G. W. P. Officers & Members of the Grand Division.

In fulfilment of my duty as Grand Scribe I now present you with a statistical Statement of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction as per Returns of September quarter from twenty Divisions.

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"    2nd time	11
Re-signed Constitution	4
Expelled for Violating Art. 2	19
"    for non-payment of dues	17
Deaths	1
Whole number of Male Members	770
Lady Visitors admitted	1
Whole number of Lady Visitors	323
Lady Members admitted	5
"    withdrawn	3
Whole number of Lady Members	126
Number of Temperance Meetings held	2
Number of Tracts distributed	200
Receipts of Quarter	\$312.64
Expenses, exclusive of benefits	144.74
Paid for benefits	6.70
7 cts Per capita Tax, on each male member	53.90
3 cts "    on each female member	3.78

In my Report at the Annual Session I mentioned that the National Division had imposed a tax for a propagation fund of ten cents on each member introduced within the jurisdiction during the year. No action was then taken thereon. It is now necessary that something should be done to meet this extra charge as the receipts of the Grand Division are at present barely sufficient to meet the Ordinary expenses.

I desire to urge upon you the necessity of devising means for the permanent employment of an agent, whose duty it shall be to visit our different Divisions, to strengthen and encourage them in their work, also to visit those localities where no temperance organization exists and endeavour to organize Divisions of the S. of T. This I believe to be the most efficient means to promote the growth and increase the vitality of our Order.

As directed by the Grand Division, I addressed each of the other Grand Divisions in the British Provinces in America, on the subject of a National Division for British North America, as also of an Inebriate Asylum. I submit the answers received.

I also beg to lay before you copies of a Statistical Report, submitted to the Conventions of the Canada Temperance Union, held in Toronto in September last.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HALL, G. S.

On motion referred to Committee on Good and Welfare.

Read Financial Statement of Grand Scribe and Report of Grand Treasurer.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance Cash on hand, - - - - -	\$ 1 17½
Amount received for per capita tax, from 6th July, 1867 to 25th January, 1870, - - - - -	126 20
Amount for supplies for same period - - - - -	5 72
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid expenses to Annual Session -	\$ 3 00
" do Postages and carriage of parcels, -	11 25
" do Treasurer - - - - -	117 75
" Balance on hand, - - - - -	1 09½
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Montreal, 26th January, 1870.

JOHN S. HALL,  
*Grand Scribe.*

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

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To Amount paid M. W. S. for Rosettes,	\$ 8 00
" do J. C. Becket, for Printing,	27 00
" do F. E. Grafton,	75
" do G. W. P's expenses attending Session of G. D. of Ontario,	17 00
" do G. S. on account Salary	65 00
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By Cash from Grand Scribe, - - - - -	\$117 75
Montreal, 26th January, 1870.	

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

In terms of notice given at previous Session, it was moved, seconded, and resolved, that the following be added to our By-Laws :-

" That in the event of any officer of this Grand Division being absent from any Session of the Grand Division, without any valid excuse being given, accounting for such absence, the seat of such officer shall, on the second day of said Session, be declared vacant, and a successor elected. After considerable discussion the motion was carried.

Moved and seconded, " That all P. G. P's. and P. G. W. A's. the G.W.P. and the G. W. A. be our representatives to the National Division.—Carried.

The G. W. P. called on a Representative from each subordinate Division to state the condition of the Order and the cause of Tem-

perance in their respective localities. The call was responded to, and the accounts given were upon the whole encouraging.

Grand Division adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 o'clock.

27th January, 1870.

$\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 o'clock, A.M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as yesterday's Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Rep. J. M. Hall, announced the death since last Session of P. G. Chap. J. T. Dutton.

G.W.P. named Rep. Duff and Gales, a committee to draft Resolution of Condolence with family of deceased.

It was moved by the G. S., and seconded:—"That Richmond Division having failed to make Returns for 8 quarters, the same be suspended." Carried.

Report of Finance Committee read.

*To the Grand Division S. of T., Province of Quebec.*

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, with the vouchers for the same, and find them correct.

E. A. FORDICE,  
JOHN MONTGOMERY,  
THOS. GALES.

On motion adopted.

Read Report of Good and Welfare Committee.

It was thereupon moved by Rep. Robinson and seconded:—

"That the report of the Good and Welfare Committee be considered clause by clause in Committee of the whole."

The Grand Division resolved into Committee of the whole.—  
Rep. Fessenden in the chair.

Grand Division resumed.

Committee of the whole reported Report of Committee on Good and Welfare amended.

Moved by Rep. Alcombrack and seconded:—"That the Report of the Committee on Good and Welfare be adopted as a whole as amended."

To the G. W. P. and Bros., of the G. D. of S. of T. for the Pro. of Quebec.

Brethren,

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the G. W. P., and that part of the G. S's. Report not relating to finance, beg leave to report as follows:—

We feel, with the G. W. P. that it is deeply to be regretted, that our various subordinate divisions do not respond more promptly and readily to the requirement respecting semi-annual reports to the G. S. We trust the Representatives now present, will charge themselves with seeing that this duty is more faithfully performed by their respective divisions in future.

We are sorry to learn by the communications received from our sister Grand Divisions in British America, that they are not yet ready to co-operate with this G. D. in taking steps looking to the formation of a N. D. for British North America, though happy to learn that in most cases the subject is viewed very favourably.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the G. W. P. to S. D. s. to procure the appointment, where practicable, of a public prosecutor to enforce the law against the unlawful vending of alcoholic drinks. We are inclined to the opinion that this is the only available means of effectually carrying out the provisions of the law.

We join with the G. W. P. in expressing sympathy with the Brant Division of Ontario, in the loss of their property by fire, and trust the occurrence may not dampen their ardor in the cause.

With regard to the Propagation Tax, we recommend that our Rep's to the N. D., be instructed to endeavour to obtain for this G. D. the permission to expend the proceeds of said tax, within our own jurisdiction; believing, as we do, that such expenditure would be promotive of as much good in this Province, as in any other portion of the Continent.

We cordially approve the recommendation of the G. W. P. that S. D's be requested to subscribe for, and contribute to the Canadian Son of Temperance, published monthly at Oshawa, Ontario, by Messrs. Luke & Larke, under the patronage of the G. D. of Ontario. Having no organ of the Order published in our own jurisdiction, we cannot do better than co-operate in sustaining the Canadian Son of Temperance.

We are sure our brethren cannot but join with our highly esteemed G. W. P. in an expression of gratitude to the All Wise disposer of events, for the peace and harmony at present prevailing within our borders. It is to be hoped that all our members may be encouraged and stimulated by the past success and present peace, to greater diligence in prosecuting our benevolent work, and that still more glorious results may crown our humble efforts.

Our excellent and faithful G. S. again calls attention to the importance of employing an agent or lecturer to visit subordinate divisions and organize new ones throughout our Province. We regret to find that the state of the funds of the G. D. does not warrant us in recommending the employment of such agent at the present time, but trust the subject will be kept in view, and ways and means provided at an early date for carrying that important recommendation into effect. In the mean time we hope that S. D's. will avail themselves of every opportunity for the employment of local talent by holding public temperance meetings in the several localities as frequently as possible.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

W. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*  
Wm. H. ORR, *Secretary.*  
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Rep. Martin brought up the subject of Rep. Perry's labors among the youth, and spoke in high terms of praise of the work done by him. After some discussion it was moved by Rep. Gales and seconded:— That a Committee be named to draft a resolution expressive of the appreciation entertained by the Grand Division of the services of Rep. Perry among the young. Carried.

G. W. P. named Rep. Martin & J. M. Hall, as said Committee.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p.m.

27th January, 1870. 2 o'clock, p.m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present, same as morning session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

The Committee named to prepare a Resolution on the demise of P. G. Chap. Dutton, reported the following, "Whereas God in his Providence has been pleased to remove by death our beloved brother Joseph T. Dutton, long a member and Past Grand Chaplain of this Grand Division. Therefore resolved, that we desire to express our high appreciation of them any valuable services rendered by him to the Temperance cause, and especially to this Order,—and our deep sympathy with his bereaved family; and further that our Grand Scribe be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Dutton." Carried unanimously.

The Committee named to draft a Resolution expressive of the appreciation in which the services of Bro. Perry, amongst the young are held by this Grand Division, reported the following.

*Resolved*:—"That this Grand Division having learned that Bro. Geo. Perry purposes devoting his entire time and energies to the very important work of organizing Juvenile Temperance Societies in Montreal, and if possible, in other portions of our jurisdiction, we desire to place on record our hearty approval and high appreciation of the movement,—wishing him abundant success in his arduous but glorious task. And resolved that Bro. Perry's past labors in this field of Temperance discipline entitle him to our earnest thanks, and grateful sympathy, and also, to the confidence and support of a generous public."

Moved by G. S., and seconded.—"That 250 copies of proceedings be printed and circulated." Carried.

Moved by Rep. A. Duff, and seconded:—"That a vote of thanks be passed to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and Vermont Central Railway Company, for their kindness in allowing our representatives to travel to and from this meeting at one fare." Carried.

Moved by Rep. Martin, and seconded:—"That the Grand Scribe's Salary be the same as last year." Carried.

Moved and seconded:—"That a vote of thanks be tendered to the members of Howard Division, for the handsome manner in which they have received and entertained the members of this Grand Division during the present session." Carried.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division closed to meet at Lachute on Wednesday, the day of July next.

JOHN S. HALL,  
Grand Scribe.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

In attendance at the Semi-Annual Session, held in Montreal, 26th and 27th January, 1870.

Rev. J. W. Manning,	- - - - -	G. W. P.
John S. Hall,	- - - - -	G. S.
Rev. E. S. Ingalls,	- - - - -	G. Chap.
R. Goddard,	- - - - -	G. Con.
Wm. Bates,	- - - - -	G. Sent.

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—John S. Hall, J. M. Hall, George Martin, J. Montgomery, Wm. Bates, Rev. Archibald Duff, T. Robinson, T. Fessenden, W. H. Orr, J. J. Higgins, Rev. T. Gales, J. Allan, G. Perry, Jun., David Tees.

BETHEL ORNSTOWN DIVISION, No. 5.—Wm. Winter, John Winter, John E. Winter, John Gibson, Peter Cairns.

ST. ANDREW'S DIVISION, No. 9.—Rev. J. W. Manning.

LANCASTER DIVISION, No. 11.—Hugh McLean, J. B. Snider, T. Hill.

GRANBY DIVISION, No. 44.—Rev. E. S. Ingalls.

ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—R. Goddard, E. A. Fordico, A. C. Dupry, P. Taber, W. V. T. Lewis, H. A. Porter, D. E. Porter.

DOMINION DIVISION, No. 54.—R. Alcombrack.

COWANVILLE DIVISION, No 58.—W. Stevenson, Rev. C. P. Watson, D. Cameron.

EAST FARNHAM DIVISION, No. 69.—C. H. Mansfield, M. O. Thompson.

WEST SHEFFORD DIVISION, No. 64.—W. C. Purinton.

LADY VISITORS.

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—Mrs. J. Montgomery, Mrs. J. M. Hall, Mrs. T. Robinson, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Higgins, Miss Robinson, Miss Noble, Miss Wilson, Miss Badderstone.

GRANBY DIVISION, No. 44.—Miss Ingalls.

ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—Mrs. Goddard, Miss Goddard.

DOMINION DIVISION, No. 54.—Mrs. Reid.

WEST SHEFFORD DIVISION, No. 64.—Mrs. Purinton.

At the Annual Session of the Grand Division held in Quebec, in July last, the following resolution was passed:—"That whereas, the office of W. P., and consequent seat in the Grand Division are held by the most efficient and able of our order, therefore

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*Resolved*:—"That the Grand Division should expect, and reasonably does expect that members who are thus favored should either attend the meetings of the Grand Division, or forward to the Grand Division, such sum or sums of money, as they may each feel able to pay, the money so received to be devoted to the Lecture Fund."

P. G. W. P. Josleyn being unable to attend the Semi-Annual Session held at Montreal, addressed the following letter to the Grand Scribe which, however, was not received until after the close of the meeting and which it is deemed right to place in the appendix.

SHERBROOKE, 26th January, 1870.

JOHN S. HALL, G. S., S. of T.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

You will please find enclosed Three Dollars which you will place to the credit of the Lecture Fund.

I intended to have attended the meeting of the G. D. but was unable to get to the Rail Road on account of the severe snow-storm of the 25th, and assure you that I very much regret that I am unable to attend and take part in the meeting, but while I am absent be assured of my devoted attachment to our most noble Order, and the great and good cause so strongly supported by the same.

Hoping that much good will be done by the present meeting and with many kind wishes for yourself and the other brethren assembled.

I remain yours in L. P. and F.

WM. JOSLEYN,

P. G. W. P.

Synopsis of returns from 20 Divisions, for Quarter ending 31st December, 1869.

Initiated during quarter	85
Withdrawn by Card	9
Do from the Order	14
Suspended	23
Re-instated	10
Violated Pledge, 1st time	11
" 2nd time	3
Expelled for Violating Article 2nd	5
Expelled for Non-payment of dues	18
Whole number of Male Members	784
Whole number of Lady Visitors	362
Whole number of Lady Members	144
" Public Temperance Meetings held	5
Number of Tracts distributed	500
Receipts of Quarter	\$287.95
Expenses exclusive of benefits	259.15
Paid for Benefits	5.00
7 cents, on each Male Member	54.88
3 cents, on each Female Member	4.32
Cash on hand, including Investments	115.39