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4 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Division S. of T., P. of Q., met this day at Lachute in annual session.

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

Officers present:—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Chap., & G. Sent.

The G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows:—G. W. A. Rep. Fish, G. Treas., Rep. Smeaton, G. Con., Rep. Staniforth:

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Rep. Alex. Stewart was appointed Asst. G. S.

The G. W. P. named Reps. Robinson, Walker and Stevenson, a committee on credentials who reported the following to be correct:—

Howard Division, No. 1, A. L. James, W. P.; W. Chalmers and A. Irwin, P. W. P's.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, D. Dewar, F. McMartin, D. D. Nighswander and J. McGregor, P. W. P's.

Victoria Division, No. 10, Alex. Paul, W. P.; Dr. T. Christie, Jas. Fish, Thomas Barron, Joseph Staniforth, F. C. Ireland, Alex. Stewart, G. J. Walker, Simon McKimmie, Wm. Fraser, Thos. Haney and Walter McOuat, P. W. P's.

St. Lawrence Division, No. 16, George Mathison, A. Woods, J.

O'Farrell, M. Winn, C. Corneil, J. R. Healey, P. Le Sueur, S. Corneil and Robert Craig, P. W. P's.

Cowansville Division, No. 58, John Dent and Wm. Dent, P. W. P's.

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

Howard Division, No. 1, A. L. James.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, D. D. Nighswander and John McGregor.

Victoria Division, No. 10, Alex. Paul, Simon McKimmie, Wm. Fraser, and Walter McOwat.

Moved by Rep. Barron, and seconded :—

"That the hours of meeting and adjournment during the session be as follows :—Adjourn this afternoon at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5, meet again at 7 p. m., meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, a. m., adjourn at 12 noon, to meet at 2 p. m."

The G. W. P. named the following Committees :—

Good and Welfare, Reps. J. M. Hall, Ireland and Stewart.

Finance—Reps. Barron, Stevenson and Robinson.

Publications, Charters, &c.—G. Scribe, Robinson and Martin.

The Grand Scribe rose and addressed the G. W. P. and in the name of Howard Division No. 1, presented him with a National Division Regalia as a small token of their respect and esteem and their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Order in this jurisdiction. The G. W. P. made an appropriate and feeling reply.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, p. m.

7 o'clock, p. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present, same as afternoon session.

Services of Chaplain.

Grand Division opened in form.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded :—

That the nomination and election of officers be the first order of business to-morrow morning.

In amendment, it was moved by Rep. Fish, and seconded by Rep. Robinson :—

That the nomination and election of officers take place this evening after the reading of the reports.

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Moved in amendment to the amendment, by P. G. W. P.
 Josleyn, seconded by Rep. Stevenson :—

That the nomination take place this evening, and the election be the first order of business for to-morrow morning.—Amendment to the amendment carried.

The G. W. P., read his report.

To the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of the Province of Quebec.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Once again, in the kind providence of God, it becomes a pleasing duty to welcome you to our Annual Session, and to join, I trust with you in gratitude to the God who has so graciously preserved us through another year, and now permitted us to enjoy the journeying mercies by which we have been brought to this locality, in which we have before experienced so heartily, a brother's welcome.

To the patient toilers in works of benevolence and moral reform, it is an encouragement to know that in other parts of the land, there are those who are sharing with them in their anxieties, and participating with them in their joys; but it is a greater encouragement when kindred minds and fellow-laborers meet together in such gatherings as these to cheer each other by recounting past successes and to sympathize with each other in apparent failures; the kindly glance of a brother's eye and the warm pressure of a brother's hand speaks with a power not possessed by the rarest eloquence or the choicest rhetoric, for as "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

We have then come together from all parts of this jurisdiction, that we may not only speak of the past, but that we may consider the future, and if the importance of a cause is to be measured by the evil it seeks to overthrow, by the momentous interests connected with it, by the powers arrayed against it, then the cause of Temperance, "the cause of all mankind," ranks amongst the most important, and demands of us that in connection with it "whatever our hands find to do it is our duty to do with our might," for the period in which we may work is fast passing away.

I am fully persuaded that as temperance men, we have fallen far short of our duty, in connection with this good work, for did we fully realize the enormity of the evils inseparable from the drinking customs of the country, and the legalization of that sum of all villainies, the licensed traffic in intoxicating liquors more public meetings would be held, more temperance literature would be circulated, more lecturers would be sustained, more of our means would be cheerfully given, and more persistent efforts would be put forth to stay the destroyer's hand and to free our country from a foe that fears not God nor regards man.

Speaking as I do to you, in all probability for the last time, certainly for the last time in the official capacity to which your kindness has elevated me for three successive terms, I would with all the powers God has given me, urge upon you all, here to renew your vows of consecration to this glorious enterprise, to afresh gird up your loins for the conflict with man's direst scourge, and to enter into a solemn compact with each other to go forward at the call of God and suffering humanity, to stem the tide of dissipation, to roll back the dark waves of intemperance, to sound the alarm in all quarters, to bear aloft with increased faith, the banner of our beloved Order, and to stay not our hands until "the moral wilderness and solitary places shall become glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Your G. W. P., placed by you in the highest position to which your suffrages can elevate him, is expected at these periodical gatherings to give you

some information of the progress of our cause at home and abroad, and on these occasions you may be supposed to address him in the language of one of old and say, "watchman, what of the night?" and it is my pleasing duty to respond and say from the streaks of light that are every where visible on the moral horizon, "the night is far spent and the day is at hand," and that from all points of the compass, there is coming to us the evidence in refer-
ence to the world in which we live that

"She is not old, but young and fair,
And marching to her prime,
Her teeming bosom yet shall bear
The harvest of her time;
And generations thought embued,
Each wiser than the last;
Shall crowd in one short year the good—
Of centuries the past."

For the first time since I have been qualified, I have been privileged to take my place in the supreme parliament of our Order, the National Division, and if the number of representatives present and the spirit displayed is an indication of the status of our Order, then it is at the present enjoying a good state of health and its prospects are as good as they have been at any time since it was first launched upon the world on its mission of "blessing and to bless."

From the far West and the nearer East, from the sunny South and the colder clime of the North, the same cheering report of progress was received and the hearts of the brethren were gladdened by hearing that the havoc made in our Divisions in many of the Southern States by war, is being rapidly repaired, old Divisions are being recuscitated, new ones are being formed, Grand Divisions paralysed by the thunders of deadly strife are being restored to consciousness, and the Order freed from the constantly recurring war of races, has set out afresh to fight its way to the van of those agencies which are marching forward "to prepare the way of the Lord, and to make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

One of the most important acts of the National Division was to grant a Grand Division Charter to the colored Divisions of Maryland, and at the next session of that body we may expect to see their representatives upon the floor, taking their place as belonging to that Order which "embraces the entire brotherhood of man."

There were very few alterations made in the constitution, and these I am unable to give you, from the short time that has elapsed since the meeting, having had but three clear days at home including Sunday, since I returned from Newark where the N. D. met.

From the sister National Divisions of Great Britain and Australia, we learnt that they were also enjoying prosperity and from each we received a God speed in our work of faith and labour of love.

Turning to our own Provinces and reviewing them as a whole, our Order is progressing, more particularly is this the case in our sister Grand Division of Ontario, where, during the past eight months, twenty-seven Divisions have either been opened or recuscitated, and twelve hundred new members have been added to our standing army.

Of our own jurisdiction I regret that I cannot speak so cheerfully for various reasons. The reports of the different Divisions not having reached me and my residence cutting me off entirely from any active co-operation with the Divisions you represent; on this point perhaps our veteran Grand Scribe can give you fuller information, and though he may be unable to tell us of any material progress made, yet we know that ours is the cause of truth and that

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"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers,
Whilst error wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies amidst her worshippers."

At our last session we gave our official sanction and countenance, to an effort proposed by Howard Division for more effectually reaching and saving the young, and I rejoice to know that already good has been done, and preparations have been made for the more effectual prosecution of the work at a more favorable time than the past few months has been. Brethren, remember in your prayers, this effort to snatch from the temptations of drink, our country's hope, the youth.

I would respectfully call the attention of this Grand Division, to the fact that in all those Grand Divisions, from which such cheering reports of progress have come, lecturers have been sustained in the field to sow the seed from which now such abundant returns are being reaped, and I desire once again to place upon record my deep conviction, that no real measure of prosperity can or will be enjoyed until one or more properly qualified and liberally sustained lecturers are in the field; men who can command the attention of an intelligent audience, and by avoiding buffoonery on the one hand, or scolding on the other, can obtain for our Order the thoughtful consideration of those whose active sympathies it is very desirable to enlist on our side, and without whose aid our Order cannot be permanently established.

Whilst it is the duty and interest of Divisions to make the Division room attractive, and its proceedings interesting, care should be taken not to overlook the outside work that is to be done, we have a great amount of work that cannot be done in the Division room, but for which the labour of the Division room should be preparatory, and from our Division meetings our members should go forth into the world, resolved to obtain fresh accessions to our numbers and a higher position for our cause.

I have frequently noticed that in consequence of the pressure of business and the limited time at our disposal, the Committee on the good and welfare of our Order, can only report at a late period of the Session, and that as a necessary result, the suggestions of the Grand Worthy Patriarch do not always receive the consideration to which they are entitled, and the recommendations of the Committee are hastily discussed; to meet this, I suggest to you the desirability of appointing at all subsequent Annual Sessions, a standing Committee, to be called the Committee on suggestions, whose duty it shall be during the interim of the Session to watch the working of the Order in their own and other localities, and who shall come to the Grand Division prepared to submit at once for consideration such proposals as shall appear to them, best calculated to promote the efficiency of Divisions and the extension of the Order; and I further recommend that such Committee shall, if appointed and it be found possible to get the right men, be named from one Division or from Divisions adjoining, so that they may meet occasionally and come to the Sessions with a report prepared, and that may receive the attention of the Grand Division, whilst the Committee on the good and welfare are considering their report.

On my admission to this body, I took upon myself the obligation to uphold the dignity of this Grand Division, and on my appointment to the honorable office I am now retiring from, these obligations were renewed, and being now about to close very reluctantly my connection with you, I beg to assure you that, however, I may have erred as to the means to be employed for that object, that has been my constant aim, and though I have frequently maintained opinions different from many of my brethren, and have done my best to support and enforce them in debate, yet I trust I have never forgotten the courtesy of a brother or the spirit of a Christian. It cannot but be in the nature of things that during my extended official career, I have

said and done some things that did not meet the approval of all my brethren, to those whom I have thus been unfortunate enough to wound, I would say it was never intentional, and I ask you therefore to "write my errors in sand" and to believe that, however wrong I may have appeared to you, that to myself it was equally plain that in so acting I was consulting to the best of my judgment the interests of the Order and the dignity of the Office.

For the many proofs I have received of your kind feelings towards me, accept my warmest thanks, and be assured they "are engraven on the tablets of enduring memory;" though for the future, I may meet with others, my heart will still be with you, I shall rejoice to hear of your success and will aid you with my prayers; may the Great Patriarch above bless you individually and collectively, give you all needful strength for the discharge of every duty, and at last bring us all to that "presence where there is fullness of joy and to that right hand where there are pleasures for evermore."

My duty would not be done did I not once again place on record my obligations to our Grand Scribe, whom may God long preserve to spend and be spent as in the past for our Order, we all owe him a debt of gratitude, the full measure of which can only be known by those who like myself have been brought into official relations with him.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, not satisfied with living soberly, but seeking to live righteously and godly in this world, that at last each may hear the glad sound "well and faithfully done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

J. W. MANNING,

G. W. P.

P. of Q.

On motion referred to good and welfare committee.
Grand Scribe read his report.

LACHUTE, 6th July, 1870.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Representatives of the G. D.

Worthy Brothers,

We are again assembled in annual session in this beautiful village for the purpose of deliberating on the means best adapted to promote the objects for which we are associated. Let us approach them in a prayerful spirit and with a humble dependence upon the divine blessing and our labour will not be in vain.

My primary duty is to lay before you a statement of the present condition of the Order in our jurisdiction, and for that purpose I now present you with a synopsis of the returns from 18 divisions for the quarter ending 31st March last, the meeting of the G. D. taking place at too early a period of the present quarter to allow me to make any statement of the condition of the Order for that quarter.

Initiated during quarter	108
Admitted by Card, do.	4
Rejected	1
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to revive their Divisions and hope for success. Since last meeting of Grand Division, one Division has been reorganized, Trout River, No. 52. Five Divisions, understood to be in working order, have not yet made returns for March quarter.

A few Divisions have sent to me reports of the state of their Divisions, but too late to be forwarded to G. W. P. I shall, with your permission, read that from the D. G. W. P., district of Quebec. This excellent Report I commend to your particular attention—it is as follows :—

“In coming before you with my report for the half year from 1st January to 30th June, 1870; during which period I have had the honor of filling the post of Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch for the District of Quebec, I can assure you, I do so with feelings of unmixed satisfaction, a satisfaction derived from the fact that during the period referred to, not a single question of grievance or complaint has been brought to my notice, but, that on the contrary, both the Divisions in this city have been working together individually and collectively, with every conceivable degree of unanimity and harmony, and as a natural consequence, the good cause in which we are all engaged, has received an onward impulse which it is to be hoped, will lead to great and important results.”

“Both Divisions here, the Gough, No. 3, and St. Lawrence, No. 16, are increasing and prospering, and every endeavour is being made to make their influence more extended and widely spread.”

“But, although at the present moment, both Divisions are basking in the sweet and pleasant sunshine of prosperity and happiness, yet in ours, as in all other institutions, there are and ever will be, periods of ebb and flow, of exultation and depression, and here we have had our cloudy, nay, our very dark days, when the old members seemed to feel as if the sun would never break through and that darkness complete would overshadow and engulf us. Aided, however by the blessing of the Great Patriarch of all, upon the exertion of a few thoroughly earnest and zealous brethren, these clouds were eventually dispersed, and these brethren now gather their rewards as good and faithful servants in the cause of Total Abstinence, by the contemplation of the successful results of their labour.”

“Of this fact Gough Division, No. 3, forms a striking illustration. Twelve months ago it had dwindled away, little by little, in membership and funds, until at last it came to the discussion of surrender of the charter. At this point, however, some of the elder, well assisted by a few younger members of the Division, determined to make one more struggle for existence, and, by earnest endeavour and pecuniary aid, succeeded in putting it on a clear financial footing, while in season and out of season they so worked in the good cause, that meeting after meeting saw the initiation of new members, not by one at a time, but by threes and fours, and in instances as many as six. From that time to the present matters have gone on pleasantly and prosperously, as may well be imagined, when I state that in the half year just past, Gough Division has initiated 43 male and 15 female candidates, and at present numbers 74 male and 21 female members.”

“Another fact worthy of note is, that during the six months referred to, not a single case of expulsion has occurred, and the pledge has been violated only in two instances, during the Fenian and Volunteering excitement—the brethren doing so acknowledging their error in open Division, and being reinstated. I need not, however take up your valuable time by further referring to statistical facts—the returns which have always been promptly and regularly handed to me by the Divisions, and forwarded to the Grand Scribe, will, under his able arrangement furnish you with every information connected therewith.”

“The admission of ladies to membership has proved the means of adding very much to the pleasure of our meetings, and at the same time given a most decided and well marked increase to the numbers and influence of

our noble Order, results which I trust, will always continue to mark this new and agreeable feature of our organization."

"During the past winter, public and social meetings have been held, and which have been the means of spreading our principles and communicating pleasure to our members. In the Division Room, after the due performance of business, and when time allowed, readings, recitations and music have been introduced with the pleasant effect of augmenting the social and fraternal feelings of the members for one another, and rendering the Division Room the representation of a happy domestic circle, where love, purity and fidelity form the links of the chain which binds all together."

"As I have already stated, the working of the Divisions is excellent and harmonious, the respective Worthy Patriarchs and officers well up in their duties, and the attendance at the meetings remarkably good, averaging from 50 to 60 every evening. As yet there seems to be a great disinclination on the part of our sisters to accept office, a fact which, in my own opinion, speaks much in their favor at the present moment, but will no doubt pass away as they become better acquainted with the working of the Order, and their diffidence and modesty in accepting office be gradually overcome."

"I cannot close my report without tendering my thanks to our very worthy and indefatigable Grand Scribe, for the unvarying courtesy and prompt attention with which he has at all times given me information on, and assistance in, the discharge of my duties."

"And trusting that the present session may prove eminently useful to our great and glorious cause, I subscribe myself

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

JAS. P. McEWAN,

D. G. W. P. Quebec."

Intemperance is peculiarly a social evil and must be combated by social combination. We have therefore done well in uniting together for the purpose of overthrowing this gigantic evil. Unfortunately, however, it seems as if many think all that is needful for them to do is to enroll themselves in a temperance organization and leave the organization to do what cannot properly be effected, otherwise than by individual effort. Organization makes each man's work more effective, it does not do the work for him and if instead of stimulating, it should abate individual effort, it does harm instead of good. Our war is not one of mere defence, but a war of aggression. We are pledged not only to keep the enemy from our own home, but to drive him from our country. It is no easy task that we can afford to take it easily. To drive from our midst a crafty and powerful foe that has friends in almost every household, that has a formidable support in a united and determined body of men whose fortune and livelihood depend upon the drink traffic, entrenched behind the customs and prejudices of society, secured by the protection of the law and sanction of the church is a work that requires all the spare time, and all the talent that the friends of Temperance can command. It requires that every one of us should do with all his might such work as he can.—More of earnest self-sacrificing personal effort is what is needed. I cannot urge too earnestly upon you the immense importance of personal exertion.—Let every one do whatsoever God hath put it in his power to do. Every one has some time that he can devote to the work, every one has talent of some sort, influence of some sort, and money (more or less), that he can spare for the cause. According to his ability let each one act. There is a neighbor who might be induced by kindly persuasion, to take the pledge and join our Order; there is a weak brother whom you might strengthen and encourage. No one need say there is no temperance work for him to do; there is temperance work on each side of him, a hundred channels open if he will only look and silent voices on every side of him pleading for aid. Let no one shift upon

others the responsibility which God has put upon himself. Let no one content himself with praying that the temperance cause may advance and not work with his own hands or his own brain to help its advance. Let every one act as if the success of the cause depended upon his own steadfastness and activity. So in one sense it does. He has work to do in his own sphere which no one else can do. Let us have more earnest, self-sacrificing exertions, and God will bless and prosper our work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HALL,
G. S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance on hand, per last statement	- - -	\$ 1 09
" Received for per capita tax from 26th January to 1st July, 1870.	- - -	92 96
" Received for supplies, same period	- - -	11 45
Premium on Canada money on remittances to M. W. S.	- - -	11 87
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid J. C. Becket, Printing	- - -	\$13 00
" F. E. Grafton, Stationery	- - -	3 98
" M. W. S. for Rituals	- - -	5 20
" do 4 set Officers' Cards	- - -	2 80
" do per capita and propagation tax to N. D. for 1869	- - -	53 84
" for postages	- - -	10 55
" Short charged for Rosettes	- - -	8 00
" Grand Scribe on acc. Salary	- - -	20 00
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JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

Montreal, 5th July, 1870.

On motion the financial part of the report was referred to the Finance Committee and the remainder to the Committee on Good and Welfare.

The time having arrived for proceeding with the nomination of officers, the following were nominated:—

G. W. P., Reps. Barron, Christie, (declined) and Ingalls.

G. W. A., Rep. Robinson.

G. Scribe, Rep. John S. Hall.

G. T., Reps. McEwan, Dewar and Walker.

G. Chap., Reps. Ireland and Ingalls.

G. Con., Reps. Gibson, (declined) Wm. Dent and Staniforth.

G. Sent., Reps. Bates, Porter and Cameron.

Moved by Rep. Joselyn, and seconded :—

That the Chair do nominate delegates from this Grand Division, to attend the Temperance Convention, to be held in Montreal in October next. Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded by Rep. Ireland :—

That inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Good Templars meet in Montreal in October next, two delegates be appointed by the G. W. P. to convey to them the fraternal greetings of this Grand Body. Carried.

Moved by the G. S., and seconded :—

That the Rule requiring written application to be made for holding sessions of this Grand Division, be suspended for this session, to allow of nominating. Carried.

The following nominations were then made :—

For semi-annual session, Granby, by Rep. Ingalls.

For annual session, Cowansville, by Rep. Stevenson.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall, and seconded :—

That the then G. W. P. and G. W. A., and as many Reps. as may find it convenient to attend receive credentials to represent this Grand Division in the Grand Division of Ontario, to meet in Ottawa City in October next.—Carried.

,Grand Division adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

July 7th, 1870.

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.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made the following nominations in accordance with the resolutions past at last evening's session—delegates to Temperance Convention, to be held at Montreal—Reps. Rev. T. Gales, J. S. Hall, G. Martin, T. Robinson, and J. M. Hall; delegates to Grand Lodge of Good Templars, Reps. Martin and J. S. Hall.

The Grand Division, now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :—

G. W. P., Rep. Barron, G. W. A., Rep. Robinson, G. S., Rep. J. S. Hall, G. T., Rep. Dewar, G. Chap., Rev. E. S. Ingalls, G. Con. Rep. W. Dent and G. Sen. Rep. W. Bates.

The installation of Officers was then proceeded with.

The G. W. P. elect Rep. Thomas Barron was duly inducted and conducted to his seat.

The other Officers were then installed in the following order, G. W. A. Rep. T. Robinson, G. Scribe Rep. J. S. Hall, G. Treas. Rep. D. Dewar, G. Chap. Rep. Rev. E. S. Ingalls, G. Con. Rep. Wm. Dent, G. Sent. Rep. W. Bates.

Moved by Rep. Smeaton, seconded by Rep. Josleyn:—

That the nomination for places for holding the Sessions of the Grand Division be re-opened.—Carried.

There being no further nominations for Semi-Annual Session, Granby was elected as the place for holding the same to meet on the first Wednesday in Feb., 1871.

For Annual Session P. G. W. P. Rev. J. W. Manning nominated St. Andrews in addition to Cowansville, when St. Andrews was selected for the Annual Session to meet on the first Wednesday in July, 1871.

Read Report of Finance Committee.

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 with the vouchers for the same, and find them correct.

THOMAS BARRON.
W. STEVENSON.
T. ROBINSON.

Lachute, 7th July, 1870.

The following were elected as Representatives to National Division, viz: J. C. Becket, John S. Hall, George Mathison, A. Smeaton, Henry Rose, Rev. A. Duff, J. B. Lay, G. Martin, W. Stevenson, W. Josleyn, Rev. J. W. Manning, P. G. W. P's., A. P. Hulburt, John Sears, Rev. G. Anderson, Rev. C. P. Watson, George Adams, Peter Johnston, P. G. W. A's. Thomas Barron, G. W. P. and Thomas Robinson, G. W. A.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Rev. J. W. Manning, and seconded:—
That the G. S. Salary be fixed at \$100 per annum.—Carried.

Moved by Rep. Smeaton, and seconded:—That the G. W. P. G. W. A. and Rep. Martin be a Committee to prepare an appeal to the Subordinate Division in regard to the indebtedness of the G. D. to the Grand Scribe. Carried.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Rev. J. W. Manning and seconded,

that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate this resolution to P. G. W. P. Finch:—

That this G. D. desire to express their deep regret at the absence from this Session of the Delegates appointed by the sister G. D. of Ontario, and especially their sympathy with P. G. W. P. Finch, in the severe family affliction by which he has been prevented from attending with us, and we have been deprived of his valuable counsel and assistance, and we desire to express our earnest prayer that Mrs. Finch may be speedily restored to health and strength.

Grand Division adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock, P.M.

July 7th.

2 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Division met, pursuant to adjournment.

Members present, same as morning session, except Treasurer.

G. W. P. named Rep. McEwan to fill vacancy.

Prayer by G. Chap.

The Grand Division opened in form.

Read report of Good and Welfare Committee.

Moved by P. G. W. P., Rev. J. W. Manning, and seconded:—

That the Report now read, be received and discussed, clause by clause, in Committee of the whole. Carried

Grand Division resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Rep. Dr. Christie in the chair:

Committee of the Whole rose and Grand Division resumed.

Committee of the Whole reported the report of the Committee on Good and Welfare as follows:—

LACHUTE, July 7, 1870.

Your Committee on the good and welfare of the Order having examined the documents submitted to them, beg leave to report.

The report of the G. W. P. is as usual so full of valuable suggestions as to leave little or nothing for us to do.

We would recommend that able and eloquent document to the careful perusal of all our members.

We are pleased to learn that our G. W. P. was enabled to attend the meeting of the N. D. at Newark, N. J., and are happy to learn that the reports presented from the various Grand Divisions, showed that the Order was in a prosperous condition, and we would also join with him in expressing our satisfaction, that a charter has been granted for the formation of a colored Grand Division in Maryland, and that there may be colored brethren present at the next meeting of the National Division.

The importance of Juvenile Societies has been frequently commented upon, and it is scarcely necessary for us to say any thing further than that we heartily endorse all that has been said in their favor. We trust that each Division will consider it a duty to have such a society under its immediate patronage; every means should be used to render their meetings interesting, and besides the ordinary means resorted to for this end, it seems to us that

the establishment of a well selected library in each Division for the use of the young people, would be a source of rare profit and pleasure.

Tho' the failure of former attempts to secure the services of a Lecturer, in connection with this Branch of the Order is far from encouraging, yet we feel bound to reiterate the sentiments of our G. W. P. and of former Committees upon the subject. We would point with great satisfaction to the success which has attended the employment of Lecturers in connection with the Grand Division of Ontario. Their success ought to be an encouragement to the brethren of this Province, since it proves conclusively that Divisions, by contributing to the support of an efficient Lecturer instead of losing, invest their money in the most profitable manner. We are not prepared to recommend any special means whereby the money may be raised. We have, however, greater confidence in the voluntary system than any other, feeling assured that if the case be properly laid before, and earnestly urged upon the members of the Order, and Temperance men generally, the necessary amount will be provided. The Temperance cause, like every other reform, cannot be carried on without means. We would, therefore, respectfully ask those who feel able and willing to spend for good ends, to allow our noble work to share their liberality. Intemperance lies at the root of so many evils, that money spent freely and judiciously in its suppression, would under the Divine blessing lessen the cost of all other reforms and greatly facilitate those labours of love in which all good men are engaged.

Besides the services of a regular lecturer, there is doubtless much local talent in every Division which might be utilized and prove a valuable auxiliary in the furtherance of our views. Divisions should be earnestly exhorted to try what they can do in this way. We believe that in many places, power is lying dormant, which if exerted would work wonders for our cause. We would remind our subordinate Divisions that they ought not to confine their attention to the localities in which the Divisions are situated. Each Division might organize expeditions of its own members to do service in the surrounding country. Temperance principles might thus be disseminated in places that could not be easily reached by any other means, and a good work would be accomplished with little or no expense.

We feel assured that every Representative who has served on the good and welfare Committee in time past, will support us in recommending to this G. D. the ideas of the G. W. P. respecting a standing Committee on suggestions; the limited time and frequently limited means at the disposal of Committees on good and welfare, render it almost impossible to accomplish creditably the work intrusted to them.

We would also recommend that a Committee be appointed to draw up resolutions expressive of our esteem for Bro. Manning, and that the same be communicated to him and to the G. D. of Ontario, where he is now residing.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

We very cordially express our approbation of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the N. D. regarding the enactments of laws for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

We are very happy to learn from the reports made by the D. G. W.-P's. that the Order is in a healthy condition, we would also call special attention to the admirable report of the D. G. W. P. of the Quebec District.

We would recommend to the earnest attention of all our members, the remarks with which our esteemed G. S. closed his report. Diligence and perseverance in the work, coupled with a determination to allow nothing to disturb the harmony of their meetings, could not fail, under the Divine blessing to produce glorious results. We would also recommend that more of the social element be introduced in connection with the Division. The evil against which we are enlisted is a social evil, and must be resisted by a social and fraternal combination. Once a month or so, perhaps not so often,

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the dry details of business and routine might be thrown aside to make room for social meetings, to which the public might be invited. Such a system could not fail to kindle in outsiders a kindly disposition towards our cause, and would thus greatly benefit both ourselves and them. We would also recommend the frequent interchange of civilities and courtesies between neighbouring Divisions, as likely not only to strengthen friendly feeling already existing, but also urge each other on in our good work.

We would earnestly recommend that the co-operation of every Branch of the Church be asked and that the G. S. be instructed to correspond with the different sections of the Church, with a view to have definite action taken on the Temperance question and discussed freely in the bodies over which they preside.

We would also recommend the issuing of a circular to the clergy generally, requesting that they by sermons bearing upon the subject and by other legitimate means, would endeavour to arouse the Church to a sense of its duty.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

JAMES M. HALL.
Chairman.

On motion adopted.

Moved by Grand Scribe and seconded :—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the Ottawa River Navigation Company, for their kindness in allowing the delegates of this Grand Division to travel by their line to and from this Session at one fare. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Cameron, and seconded :—

That the per capita tax for the ensuing year, be for male members 7 cents, and for female members, 3 cents. Carried.

Moved by Rep. J. M. Hall and seconded :—

That the thanks of the Grand Division be tendered to the members and Lady Visitors of Victoria Division, for the very kind and handsome manner in which they received and entertained the delegates of the Grand Division during the present session. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. Smeaton and seconded :—

That the Committee on suggestions be appointed from among the members of Howard Division, and that they be instructed to correspond with some member in each subordinate division for the purpose of obtaining information. Carried.

The G. W. P. named in accordance with the above resolution, Reps: Martin, Robinson and Perry, the same Committee was entrusted with the duty of drawing up the resolutions respecting the departure of P. G. W. P. Manning.

Moved by Rep. Smeaton, seconded and resolved :—

That the G. S. be authorised to print the minutes of the Proceedings of this Session, the number not to exceed 250, and distribute the same in the usual manner.

Grand Division closed to meet in semi-annual session at Granby, on the 1st Wednesday in February, 1871.

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

LIST OF DEPUTIES.

Howard	Division,	No. 1. George Perry.
Gough	"	No. 3. } J. P. McEwen.
St. Lawrence	"	No. 16 }
Perseverance	"	No. 4.—W. W. Dalgliesh.
Bethel Ormstown,	"	No. 5.—W. McNaughton.
St. Andrew's,	"	No. 9.—F. McMartin.
Victoria,	"	No. 10.—T. Barron, G. W. P.
Union,	"	No. 14.—J. Breadner.
Wellington,	"	No. 20.—
Bristol,	"	No. 28.—W. Shirley.
Granby,	"	No. 44.—
Adamsville,	"	No. 50.—J. Whitten.
Trout River,	"	No. 52.—Joseph Laird.
Dominion,	"	No. 54.—R. Alcombrack.
Cowansville,	"	No. 58.—D. A. Cameron.
West Shefford,	"	No. 64.—Joseph Gibbons, Sen.
Covey Hill,	"	No. 70.—J. Curran.
Dundee,	"	No. 80.—F. McLennan.
Howick Star,	"	No. 82.—D. R. Hay.
Mawcook,	"	No. 83.—W. Hungerford.
Slate Hill,	"	No. 84.—G. W. Webb.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

In attendance at the Annual Session, held in Lachute on 6th, and
7th July, 1870.—

Thomas Barron, - - - - -	G. W. P.
Thomas Robertson, - - - - -	G. W. A.
John S. Hall, - - - - -	G. S.
Duncan Dewar, - - - - -	G. T.
Rev. E. S. Ingalls, - - - - -	G. Chap.
Wm. Dent, - - - - -	G. Con.
Wm. Bates, - - - - -	G. Sent.
Rev. J. W. Manning	P. G. W. P.

HOWARD DIVISION, No 1.—J. S. Hall, J. M. Hall, Wm. Bates, Thomas
Robinson, George Perry, Richard Smith, and A. L. James.
GOUGH DIVISION, No 3.—Alex. Smeaton, and J. P. McEwan.
BETHEL ORMSTOWN DIVISION, No. 5.—John Gibson, and John Winter.
ST. ANDREW'S DIVISION, No. 9.—Rev. J. W. Manning, Duncan Dewar,
F. McMartin, D. D. Nighswander, and J. McGregor.
VICTORIA DIVISION, No 10.—T. Barron, T. Christie, J. Fish, G. J. Walker,
Alex. Stewart, F. C. Ireland, S. McKimmie, J. Staniforth, Wm.
Fraser, Alex. Paul, and Walter McOwat.
GRANBY DIVISION, No. 44.—Rev. E. S. Ingalls.
ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—Edwin Porter.
COWANSVILLE DIVISION, No. 58.—Wm. Stevenson, John Dent, Wm. Dent,
and D. A. Cameron.
BEDFORD DIVISION, No. 55.—W. Josleyn.

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