

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION

OF THE
SONS OF TEMPERANCE

OF
CANADA EAST,

AT THE
Third Quarterly Session & Second Annual Meeting:



Montreal :

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AYLMER, *August 10, 1853.*

The Grand Division met, according to previous appointment, in the Aylmer Division Room, for the purpose of holding its August Session.

Officers present :

J. C. BECKET, P.G.W.P.
R. KNEESHAW, G.W.P.
H. ROSE, G. Scribe.
C. P. WATSON, G.T.
E. S. ORR, G. Chaplain.
B. COLE, G. Con.

Rep. Easton was appointed G.W.A. and Rep. Dewar G. Sen.

The Grand Division was then opened, according to form, with prayer.

Representatives Clarke and Cameron were appointed a special Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported the Credentials of the following Representatives correct :

ROBT. FINLAY, W.P., Litchfield Division, No. 2.
 J. B. PRENTISS, P.W.P., Chelsea Division, No. 7.
 G. CHURCH, P.W.P., " " "
 J. C. CHAMBERLAIN, P.W.P., " "
 EDMUND CHAMBERLAIN, P.W.P., " "
 ASA PARKER, P.W.P., Aylmer Division, No. 8.
 J. ALLAN, P.W.P., " " "
 H. PARKER, P.W.P., " " "
 W. HURDMAN, P.W.P., " " "
 JOHN CLAUSON, P.W.P., " " "
 THOS. WANLAS, W.P., St. Andrew's Division, No. 9.
 NEIL CAMPBELL, P.W.P., Lochaber Division, No. 13.
 W. KIERNAN, W.P., " " "
 ISAAC D. ELLIOTT, W.P., St. Michael's Union, No. 14.

All the above Representatives being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor, and initiated.

On motion, the Order of Business was suspended, so that the following Resolution be introduced, which was moved by Representative Easton, and seconded by Grand Conductor Cole, and adopted unanimously :—

Resolved,—That this Grand Division has heard with much regret of the unfortunate and mournful accident that it has pleased the Almighty should have befallen our worthy Brother Gordon, of Aylmer Division, on Monday, the 8th instant, when in the discharge of his voluntary duties in the advancement of our noble cause, and by which accident we will be deprived, not only of the pleasure of his presence at this our August Session, but also of his valuable services; and we sincerely pray that through the blessing of Divine Providence he will be shortly restored to his usual avocations, and to the pleasures of his family circle; and that the purport of this Resolution be immediately communicated to our worthy Brother by P.G.W.P. Becket and G.W.P. Kneeshaw.

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

On the Good and Welfare of the Order—P.G.W.P. Becket and Representatives Easton and Brodie.

On Finance—G. Con. Cole and Representatives Orr and Dewar.

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

G. W. P.'s REPORT.

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS,

In accordance with the arrangements made in our last Session at St. Andrews, in May last, I have the pleasure of meeting you on the banks of the far famed Ottawa, for the dispatch of such business as may be brought before us, connected with the welfare of our Order. I trust that the spirit of fraternal regard, which, on former occasions, so largely prevailed amongst us, will on this occasion, be poured out upon us in richer abundance ; so that the object of our organization will be greatly advanced. You are aware the Quarter through which we passed is not usually characterised by much activity in the Temperance cause. The merchant and the husbandman being alike obliged to devote a more than ordinary share of their time and attention to their laudable callings, so that the most that can be expected is that we should maintain our ground. It must be gratifying to you to know that the Divisions, and especially those which have been recently formed, have been making rapid progress, —and are exerting a very marked and beneficial influence, both direct and indirect, in those neighbourhoods in which they are formed, as may be instanced, in conducting *Agricultural Sales*, and also on the raising of *farming and domestic buildings*, which are now conducted to a large extent without the aid of *Alcoholic Drinks* ; and the same remark will apply to the abandonment of *Ardent Spirits* in the social intercourse of the people. Still there is a great work to be accomplished. The work of ruin and death is still going on. Domestic bliss and social comfort are in many families giving place to widows' tears and orphans' groans, produced by black Intemperance ; and such we may expect will continue to be the case, and that it will ever increase, unless some-

thing stronger than Moral Suasion can be brought to bear upon this destructive vice. I trust, therefore, that we shall never relax our efforts, until we have brought the public sentiment to bear upon our *Legislature* in such a way as shall induce them to pass a Law that will put an end to the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and limiting their uses to medical and mechanical purposes. It will be our duty to consider what further steps are necessary to secure this great object ; amongst them we would suggest the propriety of a hearty co-operation with the movements of the Upper Canada Temperance Law League, or the taking of such steps by this Division as shall be necessary for the formation of an Independent League for Lower Canada ; the initiative of which, I am happy to say, has been already taken by several of our Subordinate Divisions forming themselves into branches. It will be necessary also that we take into consideration the best means of obtaining an efficient Lecturer, during the present Fall and Winter, to visit our Divisions, and break up fresh ground under the direction of a committee appointed for that purpose ; and that every means within our power be employed to get up Petitions to the Legislature, to sustain those valuable men, who have with such untiring zeal and ability advocated the MAINE LAW.

Yours in L. P. & F.,

R. KNEESHAW, G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe read his Report as follows :—

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

MONTREAL, *August 9, 1853.*

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,

Owing to the short period that has elapsed since our

last meeting, nothing of importance has occurred, beyond the regular business of this office.

No new Charters have been granted since last meeting, but intimation has been received that Gatineau Division, instituted on February 12, 1853, has ceased to exist. The communication from the Deputy of that district informing me of the fact, I sent to the G. W. P. for his action in the matter.

I addressed a Circular to the Divisions in relation to the Resolution passed at last meeting, recommending the Divisions to raise a subscription of 1½d from each member for the purpose of employing a Lecturer during the coming winter, and the answers that have been received have all been favorable. I have placed the communications received in the hands of the Committee appointed to take action in this matter, and I have no doubt but they will report at this meeting.

I put myself in communication with the Committee appointed to present a memorial to the Legislature, praying for the extension of the Act of Incorporation of the Sons of Temperance of Canada West, to Canada East. The petitions were put into the hands of the Hon. W. Badgley, who undertook to see the matter carried through; but it appears nothing further was done in the matter by the Hon. gentleman than presenting them to the House. The Grand Division will therefore have to begin again, and appoint some one in Quebec, whose duty it will be to see the matter properly attended to during next Session of Parliament.

The printed proceedings of the last meeting of the National Division have not yet reached this office; and this is to be regretted, inasmuch as action was there taken, as I learn from reports in the papers at the time, of considerable

interest to subordinate Divisions. The new Ritual was adopted, and will be furnished to subordinate Divisions as early as practicable, and it is the general belief that this new Ritual will revive a new and enlarged interest throughout the Order.

It was also voted that the Installation of Officers might be performed in public where Divisions desired it.

The Constitution of subordinate Divisions was amended, so as to allow a reduction of the Initiation Fee to one dollar. These are the most important items, but as the proceedings must be here soon, copies will be sent immediately on their arrival to the different subordinate Divisions under our jurisdiction, when action can be taken by them.

The following is a Synopsis of the returns for the quarter ending June 30, 1853:—

Number Admitted,	135
Number Suspended	5
Expelled for Violation of Art 2,	25
Do. Non-payment of dues,	7
Total Number Expelled,	32
Deaths,	1
Violated Pledge,	36
Reinstated,	10
Violated the Pledge Second Time,	5
Contributing Members,	936
Temperance Meetings Held,	31
Number of Tracts Distributed,	510
Number Admitted by Card,	10
Number Withdrawn,	14
Number of Representatives to Grand Division,	46
Cash Received,	£169 7 4
Paid for Benefits,	30 14 7
Cash on hand, including Money Invested,	315 4 1
Total Expenses, exclusive of Benefits,	120 16 0
Per centage to Grand Division,	5 1 1

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Names of Divisions,	Night of Meeting.
1. Howard Division,	Tuesday.
2. Litchfield,	Monday.
3. Gough,	Monday.
4. Perseverance,	Monday.
5. Bethel,	
6. Union,	Monday.
7. Chelsea,	Saturday.
8. Aylmer,	Wednesday.
9. St. Andrews,	Monday.
10. Victoria,	Tuesday.
11. Lancaster,	Tuesday.
12. Jonadab,	Wednesday.
13. Lochaber,	Tuesday.
14. St. Michael's Union,	Tuesday.
15. Wakefield,	
16. St. Lawrence,	Wednesday.
17. Lacolle,	Saturday.
18. Cold Spring,	
19. Clarenceville,	Saturday.
20. Wellington,	Wednesday.
22. Manningville Hope,	Wednesday.
23. Chatham,	Wednesday.
24. Cameron,	Tuesday.

Grand Division of Canada East, in Account with H. Rose, Grand Scribe.

1853.

May 26, To paid Carriage of Emblems from Hamilton,	£ 0 3 9
July 25, To paid Ware & Co. Hamilton, Account No. 3,	18 0 0
Aug. 8, To paid Aitken & Co. Montreal, for Regalia No. 1	3 7 0
To paid H. & G. M. Rose for Printing, No 2,	9 2 6
To paid Sundry Postage to date,	1 8 9
Balance on hand,	0 10 9½
	£32 12 9½

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May 10, By Cash on hand,	£ 0 3 7
Aug. 8, By Cash received for per centage	
to date,	8 18 5½
By Cash received for Books,	

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Regalias, and Sales to date,	-	19	10	9
By Cash from G. Treasurer,	-	4	0	0

£32 12 9½

H. ROSE, G. S.

The Grand Treasurer read his report as follows:—

Montreal, Aug. 8th, 1853.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

The Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit his

REPORT:

To Balance last Quarter.....	£34	1	1½
Paid G. S. Rose.....	£4	0	0
To G. S. Rose, amount voted at last Meeting....	10	0	0
	£14	0	0
Cash on hand.....	£20	1	1½

CHAS. P. WATSON, G. T.

On motion, the foregoing reports were referred to Committees on Good and Welfare and Finance.

A communication from St. Andrew's Division was read thanking the Grand Division for holding their last meeting in St. Andrews, and inviting them to meet their again on some future occasion.

On motion, the communication was received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Hall was appointed Assistant Grand Scribe for this Session.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P.M.

August 10, 1853—2 o'clock, P M.

Officers present, same as at morning Session.

The Credentials of the following were announced correct :

P.W.P.'s James M'Laren, Seth Cates, and Erasmus Earle, of Wakefield Division, No. 15.

The Candidates being in waiting, were introduced by the G. Con., and initiated.

A communication was read from Brother John Gordon in reply to the Resolution sent to him this morning, and is as follows:

AYLMER, 9th August, 1853.

To the Grand Worthy Pa'riarch, Officers, and Members of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, now sitting in the Village of Aylmer.

GENTLEMEN, SIRs, AND BROTHERS,—

I beg to express my warmest thanks for your kind consideration for having passed, officially, a Resolution containing such expressions of respect, kindness, and sympathy, together with your honorable and brotherly Resolutions as transmitted to me; and I do assure you, Brethren, that all that to me is as honey extracted from the honey-comb. A word of comfort now in my extreme state of suffering is as comforting a cordial as human assistance can render; and do sincerely pray to Almighty God to guide, instruct, and assist you in your present deliberations, as I am fully aware of the purity of your motives, and the benefit of our Order; and I also assure you, that should it please Almighty God to restore me to soundness of body and limb, that He being my helper, I shall try yet to be more zealous and abundant in labor according to my feeble capacity to advance our noble cause.

I am, with much respect, your true hearted, but much afflicted, Brother,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity.

JOHN GORDON.

On motion, the communication was received and ordered to be fyled.

The Finance Committee presented their report as follows, which was adopted :—

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

We your Committee of Finance beg leave to

REPORT :

That we have examined the Grand Scribe's accounts and vouchers, and the Grand Treasurer's Report, and do find them correct.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

ELIAS S. ORR,
BEN. COLE, G.C.,
DUNCAN DEWAR.

Aylmer, August 11, 1853.

The Committee on the Good and Welfare of the Order presented the following Report, which was adopted :—

AYLMER, 9th August, 1853.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

The Committee on the state of the Order beg to

REPORT :

That they have had under consideration the G. W. P.'s and G. S.'s Reports, and given the different matters referred to therein, their mature consideration.

Your Committee regard the intimation made by the G. W. P. of the steady advance of the Order, as specially worthy

of remark, and as cause of gratitude to the Giver of all good. The progress of our principles in the circumstances referred to, should stimulate the Members of this Grand Division as well as the entire Order, to renewed diligence in the prosecution of the great work to which they have been called.

We cordially concur with the views expressed by the G. W. P. both as to the reason and necessity that exists for the passing of a Law similar to that which received so much countenance at the last meeting of the Legislature, and that no effort should be spared to renew the application at the next meeting of the Legislature, and we should not rest satisfied with anything short of this measure.

Your Committee are of opinion that the formation of a Canadian Prohibitory Liquor Law League for Lower Canada, similar to the one now in operation in Upper Canada, should at once be established in Montreal, and that all Subordinate Divisions should do their utmost to establish branches in their respective localities.

Your Committee are glad to learn from the Report of the Grand Scribe, that the Divisions have so generously responded to the call of the Grand Division, in contributing to the fund for a Temperance Lecturer; for it must be to efforts of this kind, in connection with the circulation of correct information through the press, that we must mainly look for the means of leavening the public mind with our principles.

Your Committee are also of opinion, that positive measures should be adopted to obtain an Act of Incorporation for Lower Canada, either by the extension of the Act already in existence, or if need be, a new Act on our own account, at the first meeting of Parliament.

Your Committee would further suggest that this Grand Division, for the future, hold but two Sessions in the year, viz.—an Annual and Semi-Annual Session.

Your Committee regret to observe that three Divisions have neglected to send their returns, which prevent the Grand Scribe from completing his return, and thereby depriving this Grand Division of the means of forming an estimate of the real numerical strength of the Order, and would suggest that in future the Deputies be instructed to enforce this part of their commissions without fail.

Your Committee are of opinion that it would materially tend to the advancement of the Order, if our G. W. P. be deputed to visit during the recess of this Grand Division, such Subordinate Divisions as he may deem requiring his more special attention, not only to correct errors, and give information, but also to encourage and strengthen the hands of the Brethren.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. BECKET.

W. EASTON.

CHAS. BRODIE.

The Committee on employing a Public Lecturer during the coming Winter, presented their Report as follows:—

AYLMER, 9th August, 1853.

To the G. W. P., and Officers, and Brethren of Grand Division, C. E.

We, your Committee, appointed to confer with any Public Lecturer that might be deemed suitable to deliver Lectures on Temperance during the forthcoming Winter, beg leave to

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That we took no steps in the matter till we had a Report from the Grand Scribe of the Returns from Subordinate Divi-

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sions relative to the funds to be subscribed for that purpose ; in which we find that the whole amount that can be subscribed will be the sum of £40 cy., which we deem insufficient to carry out the object.

Respectfully submitted by yours in L. P. and F.,

ROBT. KNEESHAW, G.W.P.
 BEN. COLE, G.C.,
 W. EASTON,
 JOHN S. HALL,

On motion, the Report was laid over until next meeting.

Representative Easton withdrew the motion presented by him at the Meeting of this Grand Division in St. Andrews, in regard to the Grand Division seals.

Moved by P.G.W.P., J. C. Becket, and adopted—

Resolved—That the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions be so changed that all Sub Divisions have the privilege of introducing into the Division Room all youths fifteen years of age and upwards in all places where there is no Section of Cadets, and where one cannot be sustained.

Moved by Grand Chaplain, E. S. Orr, and adopted unanimously—

Resolved—That the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Canada East do hereby tender their sincere thanks to the Hon. Malcolm Cameron for the energetic efforts which he has put forth to effect the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law for this country, and express the hope that he will continue these efforts until the object has been fully attained ; and also beg leave to assure him that no efforts will be wanting on their part to effect so desirable a consummation, and that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Hon. M. Cameron by the Grand Scribe.

Representative J. Clauson, of Aylmer Division, in name of that Division, invites the Grand Division to join a demonstration of the Sons of Temperance at 12 o'clock to-morrow, and attend a public meeting thereafter; and further request that the following gentlemen address the Meeting:—G.W. P. Kneeshaw, P.G.W.P. Becket, Grand Treasurer Watson, G. Chap. E. S. Orr, G. Con. Cole, and Rep.'s Easton, G. Cameron, N. Campbell, and W. Edwards.

Moved by Rep. Prentiss, and adopted—

Resolved—That in the opinion of this Grand Division the cause of Temperance would be materially advanced if all Sons of Temperance would patronize Temperance Hotels and Temperance Stores in preference to Hotels or Stores where intoxicating liquors are sold; this Grand Division, therefore, beg respectfully to recommend this resolution to their careful consideration.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned till 7 P.M.

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 AUGUST 10, 1853—7 o'clock, P.M.

Officers present same as Afternoon Meeting.

The motion of Rep. Scholfield on benefits, laid over at May Session, came up for discussion.

Rep. Easton, on behalf of Rep. Scholfield, withdrew the motion, with the privilege of introducing it at next Session of this G. Division, if thought desirable.

Moved by G. Con. Cole, and adopted.

Resolved,—That the recommendation of the Committee on the Good and Welfare of the Order, that the G. W. P. be deputed to visit during the recess of this G. D., such Subordinate Divisions as he may deem requiring his more special attention, be adopted and voted upon, and that this G. Division defray the expenses the G. W. P. may incur in such visits.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Becket, and adopted—

Resolved,—That it be again recommended to the different Sub-Divisions, to do what they can to aid and establish branches of a Canadian Prohibitory Liquor Law League.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Becket, and adopted—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby presented to the Brethren of Aylmer, for their excellent arrangements in providing for the members of this G. D. who have come from a distance, and that the G. Scribe forward a copy of this resolution to Aylmer Division.

Moved by Rep. Easton, seconded by G. Con. Cole—

That Section 1, Article 1, of the By-Laws of this Division, be altered from 3 to 2 Sessions, an Annual and semi-Annual Session, to be held on the 4th Wednesday of October, and in the Month of May—the former in Montreal, and the latter at such place as may be agreed upon at the Annual Meeting by a two-third vote of said meeting.

Signed by REP. EASTON, Howard Division ; REP. DREW, Litchfield Division ; REP. McLAREN, Wakefield Division ; REP. CLAUSON, Aylmer Division ; REP. COLE, Gough Division.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

AYLMER, August 11, 1853—9, A.M.

Officers present—G. W. P., R. KNEESHAW ; G. W. A., W. EASTON ; G. S., H. ROSE ; G. T., C. P. WATSON ; G. Chaplain, E. S. ORR ; G. CON., B. COLE ; G. SEN., D. DEWAR ; and P. G. W. P., J. C. BECKET.

Grand Division opened according to form, and prayer by the Chaplain.

Minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

Moved by G. Con. Cole, and adopted—

Resolved—That this Grand Division do now adjourn, to meet in Montreal on the fourth Wednesday in October; and that a Delegate do now be named, to attend the Session of the G. D. of C. W. to be held in Kingston, and that a Committee of the Officers of this G. D. be appointed at the Annual Meeting, to meet for the reception of the views of said delegate as soon after the Session as possible.

Rep. M. M. Drew, was appointed Delegate to the Grand Division of C. W.

The following notice of amendment was presented.

Moved by G. T. Watson, seconded by Rep. Barron, that the Annual Meetings of this G. Division, be held on the third Wednesday in October, instead of the fourth Wednesday as heretofore.

Signed by C. P. WATSON, Howard Division; THOS. BARRON, Victoria Division; W. J. ALLAN, Aylmer Division; LEONARD CLARK, St. Andrews Division; G. W. CAMERON, Lochaber Division.

The Grand Division then adjourned to meet in Montreal, on the fourth Wednesday of October.

HENRY ROSE,
Grand Scribe.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

MONTREAL, *October 26th*, 1853.

10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Division of Canada East met in Howard Division Hall, for the purpose of holding its Annual Session.

Officers present—

R. KNEESHAW, G. W. P.

W. EASTON, G. W. A.

H. ROSE, G. S.

J. C. BECKET, P. G. W. P.

The following Brothers were appointed to fill the vacant chairs—

G. GORDON, G. T.

W. EASTON, G. Chap.

G. MATHISON, G. Con.

J. BALLARD, G. Sen.

The Grand Division was then opened according to form.

On motion the Order of Business was suspended, so that the Candidates in waiting might be now initiated.

The G. W. P. appointed Bros. Hall, W. White, and W. Easton the Committee on Credentials.

The Credentials of the following Representatives were

then examined and reported correct, as having been elected until October next :—

Howard Division, No. 1—J. C. Becket, J. Brodie, W. Easton, H. Rose, W. Hodgson, W. H. Clare, J. S. Hall, G. M. Rose, P. W. P.'s, and J. T. Dutton, W. P.

Gough Division, No. 3—J. Brodie, P. W. P.

Bethel Division, No. 5—A. M'Eachern, P. W. P.

Aylmer Division, No. 8—J. Gordon, P. W. P.

Jonadab Division, No. 12—J. Ballard, P. W. P.

St. Michael's Union Division, No. 14—J. White and W. M'Intosh, P. W. P.'s

Saint Lawrence Division, No. 16—G. Mathison and W. Reid, P. W. P.'s

Lacolle Division, No. 17—J. Jackson, P. W. P.

Clarenceville Division, No. 19—J. B. Cliff, P. W. P., and J. H. Gilman, W. P.

Wellington Division, No. 20—Archibald M'Phadden, W. P.

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

J. Jackson, of Lacolle Division.

W. Read, of St. Lawrence Division.

J. B. Cliff, Clarenceville Division.

W. McIntosh, St. Michael's Union Division.

Archibald McPhadden, Wellington Division.

J. H. Gillman, Clarenceville Division.

Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Brother J. S. Hall was appointed assistant Grand Scribe.

On motion of Brother Easton, the Division adjourned to meet at 5. P. M.

October 26th, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Officers present same as morning.

Grand Division opened according to form.

P. W. P., G. M. Rose, and W. P., J. T. Dutton, of Howard Division, being in waiting, were introduced by the G. Con. and initiated.

The Grand Division proceeded to the nomination of Officers, when the following nominations were made :

- G. W. P.—G. Mathison.
A. M'Eachern.
- G. W. A.—C. P. Watson.
W. Easton.
H. Rose, declined.
- G. Scribe—H. Rose.
J. S. Hall.
- G. Treas.—John Gordon.
C. P. Watson.
J. Brodie, declined.
W. White.
- G. Chap.—C. P. Watson.
J. Ballard, declined.
J. T. Dutton.
- G. Cond.—J. B. Cliff.
W. Reed.
- G. Sent.—W. McIntosh, declined.
A. M'Phadden.
J. Jackson.

The Grand Division then proceeded to the election of Officers.

C. P. Watson and J. S. Hall, Scrutineers.

The following is the result of the several ballots :—

G. W. P.—A. M'Eachern.

G. W. A.—C. P. Watson.

G. Scribe.—J. S. Hall.

G. Treas.—John Gordon.

G. Chap.—J. T. Dutton.

G. Cond.—J. B. Cliff.

G. Sent.—J. Jackson.

P. Bowden, P. W. P. Jonadab Division, being in waiting, his credentials having been reported correct, he was introduced and initiated.

P.W.P. David Birch, being in waiting, and his credentials having been reported correct, was introduced and initiated.

John Cooper W. P. of Jonadab Division, announced in waiting, and his credentials having been reported correct, was introduced by the G. Con. and initiated.

The G. W. P. read his Report as follows :—

My official year being now brought to a close, it is my duty to present to you the Second Annual Report; and in doing so, although we cannot boast of high achievements, or celebrate this occasion with shouts of victory for conquests made on a very extensive scale, yet we do not assemble with feelings of despondency after being compelled to sound a retreat. On the contrary, our movements have been in advance; we have not only added a considerable number of new Divisions to our ranks, but those which were previously in existence have been consolidated and considerably enlarged. Although we may have cause to mourn over the apathy of some, who have not yet taken hold of

the cause as we could wish, yet, we cannot but rejoice in that measure of success, which has accompanied the efforts of the Sons of Temperance during the past year, far, very far indeed, beyond what our numbers would indicate. We cannot travel by rail-road or steam-boat, but a manifest improvement is exhibited in the improved habits of the people; and even where our Order has not been fully established, we may discover a great improvement, in the abolishment of the drinking usages of society, and a faithful testimony against them has been productive of much good. Whilst this has been realized to some extent in our populous cities, where the facilities and allurements to intemperance are usually the strongest, yet it is in our rural districts, where the improvement is more easily discovered. But in both, much remains to be done. And I can only recommend to the Grand Division with its Subordinates, a steady continuance of those efforts, which have been already tried with so much success. Our efforts must be directed to the enlightenment of the public mind, and the awakening of the public conscience. Our petitions and remonstrances to our Legislature must resound through our Legislative Halls, and our Ministers of State who have either stood aloof, or decidedly opposed the passing of a law, to prohibit the manufacture sale and traffic in alcoholic drinks, must be compelled to feel the pressure from without, and which no ministry can long withstand.

I rejoice to say that since our last Annual meeting, a new organization for carrying out more extensively this object has been brought into operation, and to which I wish the most cordial success. Yet should this law succeed in being carried, I do not see that the organization of the Sons will be any less necessary, for, as they have been the pioneers in this great cause, so will they be the most efficient agents in carrying it out. Whilst I shall most cordially co-operate

in any well directed effort to advance the cause, I would steadily urge upon the Sons, the fulfilment of that mission to which Divine Providence has so manifestly called them, and which has been so successful not only in reclaiming their fellow-men from intemperance, but in the higher mission of leading men to seek an interest in the Christian Redemption and a preparation for a better world.

In meeting you again on this occasion, I am not aware of any special business beyond what has been customary on these occasions. Hitherto our meetings have been conducted in the kindest manner, and I have now to thank you for the manner in which you have received my humble services; and, however far short I may have been in realizing your expectations or my own wishes, I shall retire from this office with the best wishes for your happiness and prosperity. And I trust that on whomsoever the mantle may fall, he may be both happy and useful in the important office he will be called to sustain. Finally, brethren, be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

ROBERT KNEESHAW.

October 26, 1853.

The G. Scribe read his Report as follows :—

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

MONTREAL, *October 26, 1853.*

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,

Since last meeting of this Grand Division, one new Division has been instituted at Point a Cavagnal, under the name of Samaritan Division, No. 25.

So far as the Returns for the quarter, ending September 30, have been received, they show a favorable increase in our Order, and some Divisions that appeared to be languishing, have taken a new start, and give signs of renewed energy, and of yet accomplishing much good.

The Journals of last Session of the National Division have just come to hand, and so soon as this Session of our Grand Division is over, a copy will be sent to each Division under our jurisdiction.

I would direct your attention to the following action had by the National Division, in regard to matters forwarded from this Grand Division for their consideration :—

The Committee on the case of appeal of Bro. Cole from the decision of this Grand Division, reported as follows, and which was agreed to :—

Your Committee think, that a brother's becoming unable, by reason of insanity, to practice his calling in life, and earn his bread or attend to his affairs, entitles him to benefits, as fully as an inability proceeding from any other cause, and that his being provided for by the public in an Asylum, no more *dis*-entitles him to the benefits, than if he were provided for in a Poor House, or than if his private fortune were ever so ample, in either of which cases he could rightfully claim benefits.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Memorial of this Grand Division, praying the National Division to enact a Law that will entitle benefit members leaving one Division to the same privilege, immediately on depositing their cards in another Division,

REPORTED :

“That while they feel the importance of the subject submitted for their consideration by the memorialists, they are of opinion that it is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the several Subordinate Divisions, and with which the National Division should not interfere.”

This was agreed to.

I would also direct your attention to the following, as affecting the interest of our Order:—

“Resolved,—That the installation ceremonies in Grand and Subordinate Divisions may be performed in public at the option of Divisions.”

Agreed to, p. 41.

The Grand Division of Maryland has been permitted to institute two Degrees, and their character, and the ceremonies, &c. connected with them, when drawn up, are to be submitted to the National Division at the next Annual Session, p. 41.

I would direct especial attention to the following amendment to the Constitution of Grand Divisions, which was agreed to, and this Grand Division will have to instruct the D.G.W.P.'s under their jurisdiction to see it carried out:—

Amend Rule XV. by striking out the third paragraph, and insert the following:—

“1. Each Subordinate Division shall pay not more than five cents per quarter for each of its members, whose name may appear on the F. S.'s books, to be sent with the returns to the Grand Division at the close of each quarterly term.”

2. Also amend Article 5, Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, Section 1st by striking out “two” dollars and insert “one” dollar,” p. 47.

A Resolution from the Committee on Constitutions, amending Section 1st, Article 5, by inserting the word “sixteen” instead of “eighteen,” was not agreed to.

I have taken notice of this as it is a subject which has occupied the attention of this Grand Division at some of its

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late meetings, and in reference to which the following Resolution was passed at our last meeting in Aylmer, viz. :—

Resolved—That the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions be changed so that all Sub-Divisions have the privilege of introducing into the Division Room all youths fifteen years of age and upwards in all places where there is no Section of Cadets, and where one cannot be sustained.

The next meeting of the National Division is to take place at St. Johns, New Brunswick, on the Wednesday next preceding the 19th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

In regard to the vast importance of public meetings for the advancement of our glorious cause, the National Division adopted the following resolution :—see p 41.

“That the National Division issue a recommendation earnestly urging public meetings for the enlightenment of public sentiment in the principles of the Temperance cause, the advancement of the crowning effort of our glorious enterprize in the universal adoption of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, whereby the farther depredations by the liquor traffic upon the best interests of humanity in time and in eternity may be stayed, and the favorable presentation of the claims of our Order to the attention of our citizens, as the pre-eminent instrumentality whereby this great conservative measure shall be attained—and that these meetings be held so frequently as the exigencies of the cause may require in different localities.”

With this resolution before me I would urge upon the Divisions under our jurisdiction, the necessity of attending to the recommendation, and of using all their efforts in getting the petitions for a Prohibitory Liquor Law for Canada as numerously signed as possible, so that we too may enjoy the crowning effect of our glorious enterprize.

The new Ritual has not yet been received but is expected daily, and so soon as they come to hand the Divisions will be supplied with them.

The following is a synopsis of the Returns for the quarter ending September 30, 1853 :—

Number Admitted,	121
Number Suspended,	13
Expelled for Violation of Article 2,	24
Do. Non-payment of dues,	6
Deaths,	2
Violated Pledge,	26
Reinstated,	10
Violated the Pledge the Second Time,	10
Contributing Members,	899
Temperance Meetings Held,	17
Number of Tracts Distributed,	500
Number Admitted by Card,	6
Number Withdrawn,	15
Number of Representatives to Grand Division,	67
Cash Received,	£164 1 9½
Paid for Benefits,	27 2 6
Cash on hand, including Money Invested,	353 17 8½
Total Expenses, exclusive of Benefits,	124 12 0
Per centage to Grand Division,	4 18 7

It is as well to remark here that we have had no returns for the past quarter from 5 Divisions.

Grand Division of Canada East, in Account with H. Rose, Grand Scribe.

1853.

Aug. To paid Sundry Postage, - - - -	£ 0 2 9
Aug. 16, To paid Expenses to Aylmer, - - - -	2 2 6
Sep. Oct. To paid Sundry Postage to date, - - - -	1 2 0
Oct. 24, To paid Expenses of Parcel from Philadelphia, - - - -	0 2 6
" 25, To paid for Regalia, Voucher No. 1, - - - -	1 0 0
To paid Printing Account, Voucher No. 2, - - - -	4 18 9
To paid Grand Treasurer, Voucher No. 3, - - - -	10 0 0
Cash on hand, - - - -	0 18 7½
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Aug. 8, By Cash on hand at date, - - - -	£ 0 10 9½
Oct. 26, By Cash received for per centage to date, - - - -	3 1 11

„ „	By Cash received for Account of			
	Regalias, &c., - - -	15	4	5
„ „	By Cash received for Charter, -	1	10	0
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		£20	7	1½

H. ROSE, G. S.

ACCOUNTS DUE BY THE GRAND DIVISION.

Ware and Co., Hamilton,-	- - - -	£23	11	3
M. W. Scribe,	- - - -	1	14	10
Glangarry Division,	- - - -	1	0	0
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		£26	6	1
Loans from Gough and Howard Divisions,	- - - -	30	0	0
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		£56	6	1
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Amounts due by sub-Divisions to date,	- - - -	20	12	2½

LIST OF DEPUTIES.

Montreal.....	William Easton.
Litchfield.....	
Quebec.....	Charles Brodie.
Huntingdon.....	Andrew M'Callum.
Ormstown.....	Arch. M'Eachern, G.W.P.
Stanstead.....	James L. Hall.
Chelsea.....	Garden Church.
Aylmer.....	John Clauson.
St. Andrews.....	Leonard Clark.
Lachute.....	Thos. Christie, M.D.
Lancaster.....	Hugh M'Lean.
Lochaber.....	Duncan M'Callum.
St. Michael's, Hinchinbrook.....	Wm. M'Intosh.
Wakefield.....	James M'Laren.
Lacolle.....	Patrick O'Connor.
Dunham Flatts.....	Orim Dunning.
Clarenceville.....	Jos. B. Cliff.
Point Fortune.....	Alex. S. Robertson.
Manningville.....	

Chatham.....
 St. Johns..... E. E. Hitchcock.
 Point a Cavagnal..... Joseph Staniforth.

The whole respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.

H. ROSE, G. Scribe.

Montreal, October, 1853.

The G. Treasurer read his Report as follows:—

Montreal, Oct. 26th, 1853.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

The Grand Treasurer begs leave to submit the following

REPORT :

1853.

August 10.—To balance last Quarter.....	£20	1	1½
Oct. 25.—To cash from Grand Scribe.....	10	0	0
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	£30	1	1½

The Grand Division now proceeded to instal the Officers.

The G. W. P. elect, Brother Archibald M'Eachern, was obligated according to form and conducted to his seat.

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

C. P. WATSON,—G. W. A.

J. S. HALL,—G. Scribe.

J. GORDON,—G. T.

J. B. CLIFF,—G. Con.

J. JACKSON,—G. Sen.

The G. W. P. then named on the

GOOD AND WELFARE COMMITTEE,—Bro. J. C. Becket,
 Reps. White and Cliff.

ON FINANCE COMMITTEE,—Brothers Hall, Watson and Kneeshaw.

ON APPEALS COMMITTEE,—Brothers Gordon, M'Intosh and Brodie.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, RETURNS, CHARTERS, PETITIONS, CONSTITUTIONS, SUB-DIVISIONS AND PUBLICATIONS,—Brothers Becket, White and Cliff.

A communication from Jonadab Division inviting the members of the Grand Division to attend its meeting on Friday evening was read. Moved that the same be received, and the invitation accepted by such of the Members of the Grand Division as may find it convenient.

An Appeal by Bro. Smeaton from decision of Gough Division was presented, and referred to Committee on Appeals.

Reply from the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, to Resolutions ordered to be communicated to him at last Meeting of the Grand Division, read. On motion received and placed on the minutes. It is as follows:—

QUEBEC, October 7, 1853.

Henry Rose, Esq., Grand Scribe,
G. D. S. of T., Montreal.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter of the 10th September, enclosing vote of thanks of the Grand Division for my efforts relative to the Maine Law. I assure you such testimonials are very gratifying to me, and I beg to say that (God helping me) the hope shall not be vain that I will at all times continue my efforts for the object, having confidence that all who have studied the subject will, and must, persevere to labor for that which really can have no object but the amelioration of the condition of a vast number of our unfortunate fellow-creatures.

Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM CAMERON.

The Committee on Cadets reported verbally that it was inexpedient to form a Grand Section for Canada East at present.

On motion, the Report was received, and Committee discharged.

Rep. Gordon gave notice that he will, to-morrow, move the appointment of a Committee to procure an Act of Incorporation.

Rep. Ballard gave notice of, and read, a series of Resolutions to be brought up for discussion to-morrow.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow at Two o'clock, p.m.

MONTREAL, *October 27*, 1853.

The Grand Division met this day pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Officers present—

A. McEACHERN, G. W. P.
 J. S. HALL, G. S.
 JOHN GORDON, G. T.
 B. CLIFF, G. CON.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs :—

W. EASTON, G. W. A.
 J. C. BECKETT, G. Chaplain.
 J. BALLARD, G. Sen.

Grand Division opened in form.

On motion, the order of Business was suspended, so that Candidates in waiting might be now introduced.

The Credentials of G. W. P. HITCHCOCK, of Cameron Division, St. Johns, and W. P. McLEOD, of St Andrews Division, were then examined and reported correct. The Candidates being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor and initiated.

The Good and Welfare Committee presented the following Report:—

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

Your Committee on the state of the Order, beg to

REPORT:—

We have had under our review, the Report of the G. W. P. and G. S., and which we have given our best consideration.

From the Report of the G. W. P., it is gratifying to observe, that several new Divisions have been added to our number during the past year, while others have been strengthened and enlarged, and that the Order has exerted a healthful influence, on the still too prevalent drinking customs.

We cordially concur in the opinion expressed by our G. W. P., that our efforts as an Order, must be directed to the enlightening of the public mind, and the awakening of the public conscience; and that we must not cease our efforts by petition or otherwise, as our free and enlightened institutions will permit, until the temperance public have been rid of the all but intolerable burdens imposed upon them, by the prevailing drinking customs; and we must, in an especial manner, continue to demand our rights, in no uncertain sound, at the bar of our legislative halls, until these have been granted. Every occasion which calls for a review of this question only convinces us the more, that nothing short of the Maine Law, i. e. the prohibiting by law, of the

importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, will suffice to remove the terrible scourge of intemperance from this or any other land.

A powerful means for the attainment of our object will be, the infusion of more life and vigor into the Sub-Divisions, as well as the establishment of central and branch Leagues, whenever such can be accomplished without weakening other existing organizations which might be employed for the same purpose.

We singularize the League as a powerful means for the attainment of the object we seek, from the fact that all may unite in it, without reference to any specific pledge, except that of the good of our fellow men; thus embracing within its ample folds all men, whatever the peculiar views they may entertain, but which they may be willing to hold in abeyance for the time being, for the general good of the whole. And your Committee cannot resist giving expression to the conviction, that all well-directed efforts for the advancement of the temperance cause, tend not only to the temporal but to the spiritual interests of our brother man.

We take our leave of the G. W. P's. Report, deeply impressed with the genuine christian feeling with which it is imbued, and under the conviction, that if the duties of the office are always discharged in the same spirit, great good cannot fail to be the result.

The Report of the G. S.—The items in this Report requiring the attention of your Committee are, first the action had at a previous meeting of the Grand Division, respecting the transfer of members from one Division to another, on occasion of their change of residence, and their claims upon the beneficial fund of the Division, they may in the providence of God be called upon to enter. We find it impossible to recommend any definite course of action by this Grand Division, from the fact that every Sub-Division has the entire control of its own funds as respects the beneficial part of its working, but are not insensible to the importance of such harmony of working amongst all the sub-Divisions, as to place a member, when compelled to leave the Division in which he was initiated, in no worse position in the new Division in which he may deposit his card, than in the one he left.

The action of the N. D. at its last session, by which sub-Divisions may admit the public to the ceremony of the installation of Officers, may

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have the effect of giving additional interest to the Order, and is recommended to the adoption of all sub-Divisions.

The action of the N. D. in reference to the reduction of the entrance fee of all into our Order, we regard as an important step, and are convinced that it will tend to the advancement of the Order.

The resolution of the N. D. with reference to the holding of public meetings, we regard as of the utmost importance, and would recommend their resolution on the subject to the universal adoption of all sub-Divisions, and which is as follows:—"That the National Division issue a recommendation, earnestly urging public meetings for the enlightenment of public sentiment in the principles of the Temperance cause,—the advancement of the crowning effort of our glorious enterprise, in the universal adoption of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, whereby the farther depredations, by the liquor traffic, upon the best interests of humanity in time and in eternity may be stayed—and the favorable presentation of the claims of our Order to the attention of our citizens, as the pre-eminent instrumentality whereby this great conservative measure shall be obtained, and that these meetings be held so frequently as the exigencies of the cause may require in the different localities."

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that the publishing Committee, before the proceedings are printed, prepare a synopsis of the work and progress of the past year, and also that the Committee on Finance prepare a similar statement of the monetary affairs of our Order.

All which is respectfully submitted by your

Humble Servants,

JOSEPH B. CLIFF.
WILLIAM WHITE,
JOHN C. BECKET.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

To the Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

We, your Committee of Finance, beg leave to

REPORT:—

That we have examined the G. Scribe and G. Treasurer's Accounts and Vouchers, and do find the same correct.

We beg leave also to submit a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of this Grand Division, so far as we are enabled to do so, from the documents before us. This statement shews a deficiency in the Assets, amounting to £6 19s. 1½d.

All which is submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

JOHN S. HALL.

ROBERT KNEESHAW.

CHARLES P. WATSON.

LIABILITIES.

Ware and Co. Hamilton,	£23	11	3
M. W. Scribe,	1	14	10
Glengary Division.	1	0	0
Loans from Gough and Howard Divisions,	30	0	0
Interest due thereon, say 15 months,	2	5	0
	£58	11	1

ASSETS.

Amount in hands of G. Treasurer,	£30	1	1½
Amount in hands of G. Scribe,	0	18	7½
Amounts due by Sub-Divisions,	20	12	2½
	£51	11	11½
Deficiency,—	£ 6	19	1½

Report received.

The motion submitted by Rep. Easton at last quarterly meeting held in Aylmer, for reduction of the number of meetings of this Grand Division from Three to Two in each year—an Annual and Semi-Annual Meeting; also, that of Grand Treasurer Watson, to change the time of holding the Annual Meeting from the 4th to the 3rd Wednesday in October, having come up for discussion, it was

Resolved 1st—That only Two Meetings of this Grand Division be held in each year, an Annual and Semi-Annual Meeting.

2nd—That the Annual Meeting be held in the city of Montreal, on the 3rd Wednesday in October.

3rd—That the Semi-Annual Meeting be held on the 3rd Wednesday in June, at such place as shall be agreed on at the Annual Meeting.

In conformity with the notice given at last evening's sitting, it was, on motion of Grand Treasurer Gordon,

Resolved,—In consequence of the unanimous wish of the Divisions generally expressed, as well as the evident good that will result to the Order at large, a Committee be now named to use their utmost exertions to obtain an act of incorporation for the Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

The G.W.P. named on said Committee. —P.G.W.P. Becket, Reps. Mathison, Cole and McLeod.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock, P.M.

Oct. 27, 1853—6 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present :—G.W.P., G.S., G.T. and G. C.

The following Brothers were appointed to fill the vacant chairs :—Easton, G.W.A., Becket, G. Chap., and Ballard, G. Sen.

Grand Division opened in due form.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following

REPORT.

To the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, of Canada East.

We, Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Alex. Smeaton, from the decision of Gough Division, No. 3, in the case of a

Brother who was not entitled to benefits, from the non-payment of dues, when he became sick, but subsequently paid his dues to Gough Division, which was accepted and entered on the books, after which, he applied for his sick benefit, which Gough Division decided to pay, and against such decision, Brother Sneaton now appeals. Having taken the matter of the said appeal into their serious consideration, beg to

REPORT.

That they believe Gough Division committed themselves by accepting of Brother McMaster's dues, and are therefore, in duty bound to pay said Brother his sick benefit, therefore,

Resolved,—That the decision of Gough Division be sustained.

The whole humbly submitted in the bonds of the Order.

JOHN GORDON.
WILLIAM M'INTOSH.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

The G.W.A., G. Chap., and G. Sen. now entered and took their respective stations.

The Resolutions of which Rep. Ballard gave notice at last evening's sitting were now brought up for discussion in their Order, and after being severally Moved by Rep. Ballard, and fully discussed, were passed.

Resolved, 1st.—That inasmuch as we are morally bound to "acknowledge God in all our ways," Subordinate Divisions be earnestly recommended by this Grand Division to elect Chaplains with their other officers quarterly.

Resolved, 2.—That whereas the Order has lost, and is still losing, Members, in consequence of non-payment of dues. Divisions be recommended to insert in their "Order of Business," next following "Initiation of Candidates," "Payment of Dues," and to call the same regularly, by which it is hoped that the evil will be in a great measure, or altogether remedied; and further, that in filling the responsible offices of R. S. and F. S., due care be taken to select Brothers well qualified;

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willing and zealous ; as on this much of the prosperity and effectiveness of the Order depends, morally and financially.

Resolved, 3.—That in order more fully to carry out the main object for which we are united,—*viz.*, THE SUPPRESSION OF INTEMPERANCE, Divisions be earnestly solicited to diffuse information among the people generally, by distributing books and tracts at stated periods, particularly the tract on the Order of the Sons of Temperance, written by G. W. A. White, and published by this Grand Division, as from a perseverance in so doing, more than any other course of proceeding, may great results be anticipated, particularly if accompanied by personal solicitation ; and this Grand Division would recommend the appointment of a Tract Committee in every Division to superintend this business.

Resolved, 4.—That in view of the benefits, *moral, social, and pecuniary*, arising from connection with the Order, Sons of Temperance *individually*, (and particularly those who have families,) are solicited to sustain the Temperance Press, by becoming subscribers to papers of established reputation, in order to keep alive their own zeal in the cause, and to train up their families in Temperance principles.

Resolved 5th.—That the following Motion which was submitted to this Grand Division at its Second Quarterly Session at Quebec, in September 1852, and which passed at the First Annual Meeting at Montreal, in October 1852, be expunged from the proceedings ; the same being an infringement of the right of Subordinate Divisions to fix the period which shall elapse from the time of a Member joining, until he becomes entitled to benefits, and also an infringement of the Constitution, which provides that a Division may suspend benefits by a two-third vote :—*viz.* “That any Member entitled to benefits, belonging to a Subordinate Division, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Division of Canada East, withdrawing from said Division, and depositing his withdrawal card in any other Division, under the same jurisdiction, shall immediately on the reception of said card, by such Division, become entitled to benefits.”

That the following Resolution, adopted by this Grand Division in May last, at St. Andrews, being obscure and calculated to mislead, be expunged, *viz* :

“That in the opinion of the Grand Division, all accounts referred to a Finance Committee should be immediately paid, without

being referred back to such Division, as the said account shall have been presented."

And that the following be substituted :

Resolved, 6.—That in the opinion of this Grand Division, all accounts should be referred to a Finance Committee for examination, and if approved, submitted to the Division for its vote ; as by the Constitution, the W. P. can only sign orders on the T. for such sums as the Division appropriates, which appropriation must be attested by the R. S., and the T. is authorised to pay only such orders as are so signed and attested.

In amendment, it was moved by Rep. Easton, that this resolution lay over until the Meeting in June next. Amendment lost. Main motion adopted.

Moved by G. W. A. Watson—

That the following Resolution, adopted by the Grand Division in Oct. last, p. 38 Minutes, be rescinded, the words "disabled from pecuniary circumstances" being at variance with the 2nd Sec. of Art. 5.

Motion lost.

The G. W. P. appointed the G. W. A., G. Chap., and G. Scribe, a Committee to receive the Report of the Delegate from this Grand Division, to the Grand Division of C. W., to report at the Meeting in June.

Moved by the G. Chap. Dutton, and adopted—

Resolved,—That this Grand Division impressed with the necessity of an alteration being made in the Constitution of the Order, requiring the Financial Scribe, at the close of his Term, to Notify all members more than Two Months in arrears, and to charge them 12½ Cents for that notice,—recommend to the National Division, such a change in the wording of the Constitution as shall leave it eligible to the Subordinate Divisions to do so or not as shall be decided by a two-third vote of the Members present.

Moved by Rep. Easton, and adopted—

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks of this Grand Division be given and is hereby tendered, to our present P. G. W. P. Kneeshaw, for his services as G. W. P. during the past year.

Moved by Rep. Easton, and adopted—

Resolved,—That this Grand Division do allow to the Grand Scribe for his services for the coming year, the sum of Ten Pounds Currency, payable quarterly.

Moved by Rep. Ballard, and adopted—

Resolved,—That the quarterly payments from Subordinate Divisions, to this Grand Division, shall be at the rate of 2d. for each Member on the F. S.'s Book.

Moved by Rep. Mathison, that the next Meeting of this Grand Division do take place at Quebec.

In Amendment, it was moved by Rep. Rose, that Lacolle be substituted for Quebec. Amendment carried.

On motion, it was Resolved that P. G. W. P.'s Becket and Kneeshaw, P. G. W. A. Mathison, G. W. P. M'Eachern, and G. W. A. Watson, be our Representatives to the National Division.

Moved by Rep. Mathison, and adopted—

Resolved,—That the Interest on the £15 borrowed from Howard Division No. 1, and Gough Division No. 3 respectively, be paid to them by the G. T., requesting that they will allow the Principal to remain with this G. Division to the end of the second year, and also that the G. T. do communicate with all S. D. in debt to this G. Division, to settle said debt as soon as convenient to them.

Moved by Rep. Ballard, and adopted—

Resolved,—That the Proceedings of the last and present Sessions of this Grand Division be printed and distributed, in the proportion of five copies for each 50 Members, with a copy for each Grand Division, and 1 copy for each Representative to this Grand Division.

Moved by Rep. Mathison, and adopted—

Resolved,—That proper Emblems be procured for the Officers of this Grand Division, including a Bible and Two Staffs, for G. Conductor, and G. Sentinel.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

MONTREAL, 28th October, 1853.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present—

A. M^cEACHERN, G. W. P.
 J. S. HALL, G. S.
 JOHN GORDON, G. T.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill the vacant chairs :—

J. WHITE, G. W. A.
 J. C. BECKET, G. Chaplain.
 G. MATHISON, G. Con.
 W. M^cINTOSH, G. Sen.

Grand Division opened in form.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Moved by Rep. Becket, and adopted—

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Resolved,—That the various sub-Divisions who have contributed, or may wish to contribute, to form a fund for the purpose of engaging a Lecturer, be recommended to expend the amount they may have collected, or may intend to collect, in the purchase of Tracts, 3,200 pages of which can be procured from the Osgood Tract Depot, now established in Montreal, for one Dollar; and especially the Tract lately published by this Grand Division, 2s. 6d. per hundred, and employ one of the Brethren to go round the country in their respective localities, to obtain subscribers to the petition which we must again present at the first meeting of our Legislature, for the Maine Law.

Moved by Rep. White, and adopted—

Resolved,—That this Grand Division desire to express its sense of the ability and zeal manifested by Rep. Rose, while filling the important office of Grand Scribe, and to thank him for his uniform kindness and courtesy, exercised towards all who have had intercourse with him in that capacity.

Moved that this Grand Division adjourn to meet at Lacolle, on the 21st day of June next.

The Minutes were then read and confirmed.

JOHN S. HALL, G. S.

