

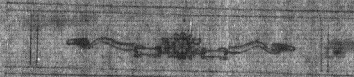
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OF THE

Eighth Annual Session

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British Templars.

Fredericton, N. B., 1874.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, FREDERICTON, N. B.,

Friday, August 28th, 1874.

Pursuant to resolution of the Seventh Annual Session
the M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars assembled and
was called to order at 10 a.m., by the Most Worthy Grand
Chief Templar.

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Officers present:—

- M. W. G. Chief Templar..... Sheriff Palmer, John,
- “ Vice “ Mary J McNeil,
- “ Secretary..... D. C. Fraser, B.A., Barr.,
- “ Financier..... Robert Martin
- “ Recorder..... E. P. Fwelling,
- “ Marshal..... Wm. McMaster, Jr.,
- “ Outer Guard..... Robert Law,
- “ Past Chief..... Rev. A. M. Phillips,

Pro tem appointments:—

- M. W. G. Treasurer..... Hon. W. P. Fwelling,
- “ Lecturer..... Rev J. E. Reul,
- “ Counsellor..... J. W. Morrison,
- “ Chaplain..... Rev. A. Lucas,
- “ Inner Guard..... Bessie Patterson.

M. W. G. Lodge opened in usual form, Rev. A. M. Phillips reading Scriptures and leading in prayer.

The M. W. G. C. Templar appointed, as a Committee on Credentials, Bros. D. C. Fraser, Chas. Full and G. E. Foster, who then, and subsequently, submitted the following report:—

To the M. W. G. Lodge of British Templars.

Your Committee examined the Credentials of the following persons, and find them correct and entitled to seats at this Session, as members or visitors, according to the subjoined list.

Submitted in F. H. and C.

- D. C. FRASER,
- CHAS. FULL,
- GEO. E. FOSTER.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

ONTARIO.

NAME.	POSITION.	ADDRESS.
Rev. A. M. Phillips,	P. M. W. G. Chief	Cobourg
Wm. McMaster, Jr.,	M. W. G. Marshal,	Newmarket
Rev. J. W. Campbell.	County Rep.	Cobourg

Mary
J. W.
Rev.
R. M.
Char

John
Julia
Robert
Rev. I.
H. Mc
Thom
D. Pal
Wm. F
Rev. J.
Rev. J.
W. H.
T. B. S
Geo. E.
J. A. T
John S
Rev. Th
Brown
A. A. G
A. M. H
Samuel
W. S. L
Rueben
Joseph
Hon. W.
E. C. Fr
Rev. W.
L. P. Fa
E. D. Est
G. W. M
l. Estab
Moses D
J. R. Pidg
R. T. Bal
John P. F
James W
M. C. Mc
D. McL. V

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

NAME.	POSITION.	ADDRESS.
Mary J. McNeill, J. Wm. Morrison, Rev. Aquila Lucas, R. M. Barrett, Charles Full.	M. W. G. Vice, Rep. G. L., W. G. Chief, P. D., Rep. G. L.	Charlottetown " " "

NEW BRUNSWICK.

NAME.	POSITION.	ADDRESS.
John Palmer,	M. W. G. Chief.	Gagetown
Julia A. Merritt,	M. W. G. Dep Mar.,	St John
Robert H. Law,	M. W. O. Guard,	Kingston
Rev. D. I. Wetmore,	W. G. Chap.	Clifton
H. Methew,	P. D.,	Weddford
Thomas Hetherington,	P. D.,	Johnston
D. Palmer,	P. D.,	Douglas Harbor
Wm. Brown,	County Rep.,	Richibucto
Rev. Jos. McLeod,	P. D.,	Fredericton
Rev. J. E. Beud,	Rep. G. L.,	Keswick
W. H. Needham,	Rep. G. L.,	Fredericton
T. B. Smith,	Rep. G. L.,	St. John
Geo. E. Foster,	W. G. Chief,	Fredericton
J. A. Thompson,	W. G. Financier,	Woodstock
John Simpson,	P. D.,	Glassville
Rev. Thos. Todd,	P. W. G. Chief,	Sussex
Brown Harrison,	P. D.,	Smith's Creek
A. A. Gosline,	G. D. Marshal,	Smith's Creek
A. M. Harrison,	Rep. G. L.,	Smith's Creek
Samuel Watts,	Rep. G. L.,	Woodstock
W. S. Loggie,	Rep. G. L.,	Charham
Rueben Casty,	P. D.,	Upper Maugeville
Joseph Cahill,	Sundury Co. Rep.,	Sunbury
Hon. W. P. Flewelling,	M. W. P. G. Chief,	Clifton
E. C. Freeze,	P. W. G. Chief,	Fredericton
Rev. W. H. Beckwith,	D. W. G. Lecturer,	Upper Gagetown
L. P. Farris,	Rep. G. L.,	Queen's Co.
E. D. Estabrooks,	Rep. G. L.,	York Co.
G. W. Merrithew,	Rep. G. L.,	Mouth of Keswick
I. Estabrook,	P. D.,	York Co.
Moses Dykemer,	P. D.,	Queen's Co.
J. E. Pidgeon,	P. D.,	Portland
R. T. Babbitts,	W. G. Secretary,	Gagetown
John P. Bell,	P. M. W. G. Chief,	St. John
James Watts,	P. W. G. C. T.,	Woodstock
M. C. McDonald, M.D.,	Rep. C. L.,	Cambridge
D. McL. Vince,	Rep. Co. L.	Hartland

NOVA SCOTIA.

NAME.	POSITION.	ADDRESS.
D. C. Fraser, B.A.,	M. W. G. Secretary	New Glasgow
E P. Flewelling,	M. W. G. Recorder	Halifax
Bessie Patterson,	Rep. G. L.,	New Glasgow
Rev. Wm. Henry Haynes,	P. D.,	Annapolis
J. McDonald,	Rep. G. L.,	New Glasgow
Alex. Copeland,	Rep. G. L.,	Little Harbor
Thos. H. Forbes,	Rep. G. L.,	New Glasgow
G. J. Graham,	Rep. G. L.,	Wallace
Alice Seaman,	Rep. G. L.,	New Glasgow
Mary B. McKay,	Rep. G. L.,	Sydney
Robert Martin,	M. W. G. Financier,	Truro
Mrs. Wm. Dickson.	Rep. G. L.	

VISITORS.

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Fred. Anderson,	Penobscus, N. B.
G. E. Hetherington,	Johnston "
Fred. S. Chapman,	Titusville "
Geo. Stohart,	Chatham "
E. Estabrook,	Fredericton "
J. E. Smith,	" "
Mary N. Jacob,	" "
Eliza McVyanay,	" "
A. MeVey,	Mouth Keswick N. B.
J. Smith,	Fredericton "
Edwin S. Millar,	" "
Wm. J. Hughes,	Kingston
A. D. Thomas,	Fredericton
Ida T. Babbitts.	Gagetown N. B.

On motion of Hon. W. P. Flewelling, and D. C. Fraser, B.A.,

Resolved.—That in the opinion of this M. W. G. Lodge, the Obligation administered to members of the Order upon their admission to the higher grades of Lodges, is unnecessary, and should be dispensed with.

The Most Worthy Grand Lodge acted in accordance with this resolution, and the above members and visitors were admitted upon signing the Financier's roll.

The minutes of the last session, as printed in the Journal, were approved.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows:—

Morning Session 9 a. m. to 12.30 p. m.
 Afternoon " 2 p. m. to 5.30 p. m.
 Evening " 7.30 till adjournment by
 motion, except otherwise ordered.

The M. W. G. C. Templar appointed the following Committees:—

Juvenile—Sisters M. J. McNeill, Julia Merritt, and Bros. Rev. J. E. Bend and E. C. Freeze.

Making Lodges Attractive, Stable, &c.—Bros. Rev. Jos. McLeod, Thomas Forbes and Wm. McMaster.

Minerals and Appeals—Bros. J. McDonald, Chas. Full and Hon. W. P. Flewelling.

General Correspondence—Bros. Rev. W. H. Beckwith, D. Palmer and T. Wetherington.

State and Extension of the Order—Bros. Rev. A. M. Phillips, Prof. Geo. E. Foster and Rev. A. Lucas.

Passwords—Bros. Rev. D. I. Wetmore, Rev. A. M. Phillips and D. C. Fraser, B. A.

Finance—Bros. Rev. A. M. Phillips, C. Full and Geo. Graham.

Political Action—Bros. E. C. Freeze, W. McMaster and J. W. Morrison.

Foreign Correspondence—Rev. A. M. Phillips, Rev. T. W. Campbell and S. Watts.

Officers' Reports—Samuel Watts, E. C. Freeze and J. R. Pidgeon.

On motion of Revs. A. Lucas and J. McLeod,

Resolved—That Bros. McLeod, Freeze and Estabrook be a Committee to make arrangements for Public Temperance Meetings, in connection with the Session of this M. W. G. Lodge.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and C. Full,

Resolved—That this Most Worthy Grand Lodge do present an address to Lieut. Gov. Piley at the mass-meeting on Monday evening.

Bros. Foster, Morrison, Fraser and Phillips were appointed a Committee in accordance with the above resolution to draft said Address.

On motion of Hon. W. P. Flewelling and Rev. W. A. Beckwith,

Resolved.—That members be allowed to sit and vote during the Session without regalia.

The M. W. G. C. Templar read the following Address, which was referred to Committee on Officers' Reports:—

M. W. G. Chief Templar's Address.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THIS M. W. G. LODGE:

Sisters and Brothers.—Another year of our history has passed away, and, under the kind care of our Heavenly Father, we are again assembled to deliberate upon matters and questions that I trust will best promote the interests of our Order. It becomes my duty to offer to you the customary report. In doing so I feel much diffidence, when contrasting the great responsibilities of my position with my experience. I feel that we should render thanks to Almighty God for His protecting care over us since we last met, and for so abundantly blessing the labour of our hands upon us while engaged in saving our fellow-beings from the vice of intemperance. We most cordially meet and welcome the Officers and Members of this M. W. G. L. to New Brunswick, our Provincial home—the land we love—ever desiring its prosperity, and with an earnest belief that in labouring for the suppression of the Rum traffic we are doing *our duty*, and engaging our energies for the best interests of our country.

For the numerical and financial state of the Order, let me refer you to the able reports of our Secretary, Treasurer, and Financier.

NEW BRUNSWICK

has been said to be "The Back-bone of British Templarism." Though still holding her foremost position for numerical strength, she has sadly decreased in membership during the year. A goodly number of Lodges have been organized. There has also been a large increase in the Lodges that have made returns, showing that the falling off is not to be attributed to want of activity in organizing, or in the zeal manifested by those in good working order, but in consequence of many Lodges becoming dormant or failing to make returns. We trust that the Brothers in this Province will have a *living temperance* spirit in them, and look well to their laurels this year.

If the Executive of the G. L. should fail in being able to put an efficient lecturing agency in the field, I fear there will be still a declining. We have an abiding faith in our Brothers, and trust that the necessary means will cheerfully be given them to carry on the good work so well begun.

QUEBEC.

Having received information from Brother Charles Stewart, P. D. No. 250, Dalhousie County, Restigaushe N. B., that a field was open to organize new Lodges and establish our principles on the opposite side of the river, in the county of Bonaventure, in the Province of Quebec; and having every confidence in the Brother, I at once sent him a commission. He reports that on the 25th March last a Lodge was organized at Aboyne, with a membership now of fifty-three. He also reports that he has since then organized another, called Rising Star, at Escamincac, County of Bonaventure. This makes six Lodges that have been organized in that Province, five of which are in good working order.

Brother Strange, the Deputy at Causapsal, has not organized any new Lodges this year. Strongly recommends having an efficient Lecturing Agency. We urge upon this M. W. G. L. to, as far as possible, strengthen the hands of the Brethren working in this important field.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Having been aware that difficulties had arisen with regard to our Order in that Colony, I wrote a kind and enquiring letter to Brother Gaushue, at Brigus, enclosing the passwords. I also wrote the second time and forwarded him the M. W. G. L. Reports, hoping that satisfactory arrangements could be made so that our Brethren there would feel that our hearts were in sympathy with them, and we would willingly employ our hands to assist them in the good work. After waiting long and anxiously for a reply, I received but yesterday a very kind and satisfactory letter from Brother Gaushue, which I have taken the liberty to embody in my report, which will give you a more correct idea of the work there.

Brigus, August 14th, 1874.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—Yours of the 14th July duly to hand, and I have first to apologize for not answering yours of last Fall; but it was received in the height of our election excitement, and not having been answered immediately, was mislaid and of course forgotten. I should have answered your present by return mail, but I was in hopes that I should have had the pleasure of meeting you at the annual session of the M. W. G. L. this month, but owing to circumstances over which I unfortunately have no control, I have to give up the anticipated pleasure, at least for this year. And now, in reference to the state of our order in Newfoundland, I am sorry to have to inform you that at present we have but three lodges working. The Lodge at St. John's is steadily progressing; it has at present about ninety members in good standing. This Lodge has had (and still has) a great many difficulties to contend with from the I. O. G. T. As you may be aware, that Order was instituted at St. John's about two years ago, and most of the influential members of

our Lodges at St. John's, particularly the *Ministers*, joined the I. O. and still held membership with the B. T.; they gave the preference to, and the weight of their influence was, and is still, in favor of, the new Order. Several offers have been made, from time to time, to break up the B. T. and to join with the I. O. G. T., but I am happy to say that our Brethren of St. John's Lodge are determined to hold on to the old connection, and that they are steadily progressing. The next is the Lodge at Carbonear; that Lodge made rapid strides last winter, having gone up from thirty to over one hundred members; the same cause that was operating against the St. John's Lodge was at work there, but I have now to report to you the above happy results, and I have every reason to believe that the Carbonear Lodge will be this winter much larger and more useful than ever it was, as I find in its members a determination to be 'up and doing'—a determination to take the first place in Lodges. I wish I could say the same for this (Brigus) Lodge, but from being the model Lodge of Newfoundland it has dwindled to the smallest, and I cannot say that it will not cease to be a Lodge when our folks return from the Labrador, say in November, space will not now allow me to say more about the Brigus Lodge, but I shall write you again next mail. You will please acquaint the M. W. G. Lodge that the intention of this G. Lodge was to send in its returns and *per capita* tax at the end of the year (i. e. August), which would have expense, but owing to the absence of the Treasurer from the Island, this cannot now be done, but I will see that the moneys due the M. W. G. L. shall be duly remitted up to the end of November next. Hoping to hear again from you, I remain, fraternally,

GEO. GAUSMUS.

P. S.—I find, in looking over this, that I have said nothing in reference to matters pertaining to the good of the Order, as I intended. I shall write you again by next mail, and I trust in time to meet the annual session.

G. G.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The intelligence from this beautiful little Island is not by any means discouraging. The number of members reported may seem small compared with previous years; I think the reports and statistics in previous journals have been somewhat exaggerated, and that the Order generally is in as good a state, if not better, than it ever was. Our sturdy Brethren are determined to battle for the right, with a strong faith that if their numbers have not increased this year their hands will not slacken in a cause so well calculated to benefit their fellow-men.

I have just heard with regret that Brother W. C. Trowan, of the Island, who but recently joined our Order, has been called to his reward. Those of us who attended the session of this M. W. G. Lodge last year will remember Brother Trowan as then G. Scribe of the G. D. S. T. of Prince

Edward Island, who was one of the members of the Committee from that body who so kindly welcomed us to their shores and bade us God speed!

NOVA SCOTIA.

Our Brethren here are determined that the ground that was lost by reason of the troubles of the past shall be retaken; they have succeeded nobly, showing that their former love for the principles of our Institution has not in the least abated. We congratulate them on their large increase of members, and shall only feel glad to see them occupy the proud position they did in former years.

ONTARIO.

The largest and most influential Province in the Dominion of Canada, has in the past had, comparatively speaking, but a handful of soldiers enlisted under the banner of British Templarism; these Brethren have faithfully struggled through many contending influences, and to-day standing upon the heights, rejoice over the victories won, having almost doubled their number during the past year. We heartily bid them God speed! and see a bright, prosperous future before them.

MANITOBA

Has our banner unfurled within her borders this year for the first. May its influence extend throughout the length and breadth of that new and interesting Province of our Dominion.

ABROAD

Shortly after the meeting of the M. W. G. L. last year, Brother Phillips, P. M. W. G. C., informed me that he was just receiving answers to his communications from distant lands, and if I would consent for him to reply and report at this meeting, it would save a great deal of time. I was most anxious that nothing on my part should delay the work, even if it should be a little out of the ordinary course. I most willingly complied with his request, and no doubt our Brother's report will be most gratifying to us all.

JUVENILE LODGES.

This subject is one upon which so much has been said in previous reports that what I may say might seem but a repetition. Nevertheless, I cannot cease pleading for the youth of our land—the hope of our country—and still would urge upon all, as far as possible, the necessity of throwing a shield around them, by organizing Juvenile Lodges where practicable, or by any other means calculated to encourage them in early life to pledge themselves to total abstinence from all that can intoxicate.

UNION.

There is without doubt a growing feeling with all good, sound temperance men in favor of union among the organizations in this Dominion. We trust that much may be done at this session to bring about so desirable an object—the report of the committee will no doubt be interesting.

PROHIBITION.

This we believe is our duty, as Christians and philanthropists, to labor for, and from the experience of the past we firmly believe the time will come when intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, will be driven from our land. It is one of the growing questions of the day; the necessity of it is occupying the minds of statesmen more now than it ever has before. We are glad to know that we have some of our ablest politicians willing to do all they can to obtain it, and all admit that sooner or later it will be the question at the polls. Evil should never be regulated by law in a Christian land.

It affords me much pleasure to say that peace largely prevails throughout our borders; the proof of this is manifest when I say (and I think for the first time that it has been the privilege of anyone occupying this position) that not one appeal has been made to me, or a decision on any question asked for, during the year.

Altogether the past year has been the most prosperous one in the history of our heaven-born cause. Let us cheerfully and hopefully address ourselves to the pleasant task of arranging those plans and adopting those measures which shall best conduce to its farther growth, strength and influence. A responsible but honorable privilege is this.

May nothing but harmony and Christian charity prevail while we are convened. Questions of importance to our cause will be submitted for your consideration; and I trust your discussion may be conducted in the true spirit of the Order.

I would sincerely thank you for the high honor conferred upon me. Little did I think, when I first advocated the principles of British Templarism, that I should receive such honors from my Brethren. My only regret is that my duty has been so imperfectly discharged.

Taking as we do a nobler stand than any preceding organization, let us year by year take a broader view of our work, raise higher our aspirations, and become more earnest in our labor.

“Onward then to battle move;
More than conquerors you shall prove.”

Tho' assailed by many a foe,
British Templars, Onward go!”

Faithfully submitted in F., H. & C.

JOHN PALMER,

M. W. G. C. T.

The M. W. G. Secretary presented his Annual Report, which was referred to Committee on Officers Report.

M. W. Grand Secretary's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge British Templars.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS.—In presenting this my third and last Report as your Secretary, permit me to exhibit in the briefest, yet most comprehensive manner, the working of the past year. Like all other years of our history there are pleasant and unpleasant features in the work. Success in one point, and failure in another; life and activity in one portion of our jurisdiction, and carelessness and inactivity in another. To decide our standing and success from either, would be unjust. The whole field must be surveyed. By looking over the whole field, I am happy to state that there has never been a year, in respect to real success, when British Templarism has worked better, or has shown more real, inward activity in battling against its foes.

There is one mistake we often make in estimating the work of the year, viz: We judge of the members who join us as the best criterion from which to estimate our year's prosperity. There are years in every man's life when his success cannot be judged from the amount of money he accumulates, but from the influence of his life and habits. So with us; I can speak from experience of one province under our jurisdiction, when I say that, what many of us thought the most successful year of our existence proved most disastrous. We do not give sufficient prominence to the fact that the great majority of our Order do their work without show, and the sum of their labours will only be known at the great day of recompense. If the legislation of the various provinces—the great army of prohibitory petitioners, and the utterance of the Premier of the Dominion in favor of prohibition, be an index of the labour of the year in every grade of Lodge in connection with other Temperance bodies, then few of our members were idle during the year. Now of M. W. G. Lodge work during the year:

STOCK.

The stock on hand at present is as follows:—

180 Primary Rituals; 346 Ode Cards; 308 Constitutions; 195 Ode Books; 42 Sets of Cards; 202 Commissions; 213 Orders, &c.; 65 Charters Province of N. B.; 10 Charters Province of N. S.; 67 Juvenile Charters; 33 N. E. L. Charters; 5 Charters Bermuda; 14 Quebec Charters; 36 Clearance Cards; 220 Private Work; 178 Travelling Cards; 329 G. L. Returns; 10 Circulars. Besides this there is lot of old stock and M. W. G. L. Returns, and a box sent by Rev. A. M. Phillips, which I have not yet opened. The amount sold will be seen by reference to the stock books.

I have sent free of charge the following stock:—

Australia, 25 sets and other stock; Bermuda, 10 do.; New Zealand, 10 do.; Great Britain, stock required by Bro. McGregor.

OUR ORDER.
NEW BRUNSWICK.

Membership.....	7354
New Lodges.....	8
Greatest number of Lodge Returns.....	149

FINANCE.

Balance due on last year.....	\$274 18
First Quarter.....	76 27
Second.....	61 81
Third.....	72 20
Fourth.....	63 08
Stock as per Bill.....	50 42
By Cash in full.....	\$597 96

The Order shows a decrease in this Province during the year of over 2,000. The returns are not so full as those of the past year, and I am persuaded the decrease is not so great as appears. Still N. B. is doing a noble work for Temperance as she has done in the past. If she is decreasing in number, she is not in zeal or influence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Membership.....	6,400
New Lodges.....	14
Greatest number of Lodge Returns.....	120

FINANCE.

Old Bill.....	
First Quarter.....	\$487 12
Second ".....	52 25
Third ".....	70 11
Fourth ".....	76 47
Stock as per Bills.....	77 52
	94 27

By Cash, &c.....	\$837 74
	217 00
Balance due.....	\$620 74

Nova Scotia, during the past year, has done good work. The Ex-Soc'y, Bro. McDonald, was prompt and faithful, and his resignation is a great loss to the Order. The numbers, as returned, do not show the real increase as last year, an estimate only was made. In numbers, by our last Grand Lodge Report, the Order has increased in members, in Nova Scotia over 1,000.

ONTARIO.

Membership	5,422
New Lodges	66
Gross No. of Lodges making Returns	121

FINANCE.

Quarter ending July, 1873,	\$38 60
“ October	43 42
“ January 1874	45 12
“ April	56 28
Stock	12 50

\$195 92

By cash paid by A M Phillips on account of	
M W G L	\$157 32
“ “ Most Worthy Grand Treasurer	38 60
	\$195 92

During the past year Ontario has done well, showing an increase of over 2,000 in membership. If she increases during the coming year, as she has in the past, Ontario will take her place as the oldest and also as the first in numbers of all the provinces under the jurisdiction.

P. E. ISLAND.

Members	818
New Lodges	none
Gross No. of Lodges making Returns	29

This shows only half the number reported last year.

FINANCE.

Old Account	\$176 87
First Quarter	47 40
Second Quarter	7 90
Third and Fourth together	16 29
Stock as per Bill	15 39

\$263 85

By Cash

75 97

Balance due

\$187 88

The new Secretary, Bro. McLean, writes that the Order is in a somewhat unsatisfactory state at present, but he hopes there are better days in store for them.

BERMUDA.

Ryan Lodge, members	27
Juveniles, “	21

This Lodge is working well. I have ordered Bro. Rev. R R Morris to keep the “per capita” for the benefit of the Island.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The letter read by the M W G Chief will show the state of our Order in this province. From it I judge that we have about 300 members belonging to our Order in that Island.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Committee on Union will, no doubt, make reference to this portion of our field of operations. Brother McGregor, our Deputy M W G, wishes to be relieved from his duties. For all he has done, this M W G L has only paid him \$25. He has been consistent and faithful, and if he has not succeeded in effecting a union the blame was not his.

AUSTRALIA.

In no part of our jurisdiction has there been such a remarkable work carried on as in this colony. Owing to the action of the I. O. G. T., I wrote Brother Willson the following letter to encourage him in his work. This letter has been published in the "Reformer" newspaper of April 30th, and reads as follows. I am happy to state that it has borne good fruit.

OFFICE OF THE M. WORTHY SECRETARY-

New Glasgow, N. S., Canada,

Dec. 21st, 1873.

MY DEAR BROTHER WILSON,—I have just received your letter, and haste to answer it. I can hardly tell you how very glad I was to hear from you. Brother Phillips, the late M. W. G. Chief, did most of the work. As far as your work is concerned, I am of opinion that you in Victoria are able, and can better carry on the work than we can. Do you in the matter as may appear best to you all. I think in less than a year we will have two or three M. W. G. Lodges with concurrent jurisdiction. "You need not draw money from your lodges to send us. Keep all you have and use it for the benefit of British Templarism." We have no agents or deputies whom we have asked to work except those legally appointed, and no money has been granted to any one on our behalf. As you very well say, the distance is so immense between us, that I think with you, it is much better for you to act as you think best. I enclose you passwords and send a quantity of the private work. We are lengthening our cords in every corner of the great Empire of which we form a part. When you wish any printing done, you can do it yourself for the Order from the M. W. G. Lodge copies. I sent you all the stock you asked for three months ago. The reports of our last meeting of the M. W. G. Lodge I will send you. I am very sorry that the I. O. G. Templars should act as you inform me. There is surely enough work for us all, as well as room for honest differences of opinion. Nothing will do more to lessen our influence and impede our progress than conduct of that kind from avowed friends of reform to each other. Our only course is, protect our own interests and do all that in us lies to promote the cause of truth and

right wherever we may have opportunity. Be kind enough to answer as soon as you receive this letter. Do as you think best for British Templarism in your colony, and rely on my best efforts for your assistance at all times.

I am, yours in F. H. & C.,

D. C. FRASER,

M. W. G. Sec.

Bro. Wilson, our D. M. W. C. T., has been untiring in his efforts for the cause. I venture to say that no man in the Order has worked more faithfully, energetically, and successfully during the past year than he has. I submit a large amount of correspondence too lengthy for insertion here. I would suggest that a committee, with Bro. Phillips, who has largely assisted in bringing about the work, be appointed to examine them. Bro. Lawson is desirous of having the opinion of this M W G L on the constitutionality of the whole proceedings anent the amalgamation of the British Templars' and the Australian Templars' in that colony. In all he has done I think he has acted wisely and well. Bro Wilson reports at present a membership of 200.

I deem the subject of such importance that I would ask that this committee be appointed to report at this meeting of the M W G Lodge.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

MEMBERSHIP RETURNED.

New Brunswick	7,364
Nova Scotia	6,400
Ontario	5,422
Prince Edward Island	818
Newfoundland	300
Bermuda	30
Australia	1,200
Quebec	300
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	21,824

RECEIPTS.

Grand Lodge, New Brunswick	\$ 97 96
" " Nova Scotia	217 00
" " Prince Edward Island	75 97
" " Ontario	195 92
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	\$1086 85

EXPENDITURE.

Paid D. Montgomery	\$35 00
" Expenses in Charlottetown for M. W. G.	3 50
" A. B. Huestis	12 00
" A. M. Phillips	50 00
" W. B. Ally, printing	3 75
" R. M. County	2 50
" D. C. Fraser, Sec., balance due 1873	518 85

(Expenditure continued.)

" Postages and Telegrams	\$36 59	
" " Express	54 87	
" Stationery	8 98	115 68
" Miscellaneous	15 24	
" A. M. Phillips on acct		157 32
" James Watts, bill printing		100 00
" Barnes & Co., stock in full		99 00
" L. D. Clarke, charters		24 50
" R. M. Barrat in full		16 80
" Refunded G. Lodge, N. B., for charters ..		30 00
" P H Stewart, M W G Treasurer		38 60
		<hr/> \$1207 50
Overpaid by M. W. G. Secy		\$120 65

Dne M. W. G. Lodge :

Nova Scotia	610 74
Prince Edward Island	187 88
	<hr/> \$798 62

To Errormize.—Prince Edward Island has fallen behind, giving us only about half the membership reported last year. Nova Scotia has moved in the right direction, adding over a thousand to the Templars army already at work. Bermuda has again joined us on our march. Newfoundland is a silent, yet still existing partner. New Brunswick has lost none of its energy and Temperance fire, though a few of its members. Ontario has taken a noble bound, nearly doubling its former membership. Great Britain, though not united, is thinking about the matter in the good old fashion way, so peculiar to Britons, viz: making sure of every step and studying every phase of the question to its fullest detail, while Australia has taken a first-class position, adding glory to British Templars in that far off isle of the sea. In a word we have kept our ground, and made extensive and sure progress beside.

CONCLUSION.

In resigning the position which I have held for the last three years, permit me to thank all the brethren for the large share of confidence reposed in me. I have to thank P. M. W. G. C. T., Bro. Phillips, for counsel and encouragement. I am conscious of failure in many instances. In looking over those three years, how many changes have we passed through, changes sometimes of a trying nature, often of a pleasant kind. Yet, amid all, I am glad to know we are still as fond of British Templarism as ever, and happy to see old faces still returning to cheer us. As we have grown, so has the traffic in strong drink, against which our efforts have been put forth. In 1870, duty was paid on 2,028,811 gallons of liquor in our Dominion. In 1873, on 2,902,005, or an increase of nearly 900,000 gallons. Petitions flood our Legislatures for the suppression of this monster evil. 133,445 private individuals, besides municipalities, representing 478,756, local assemblies and church courts, have petitioned the Dominion Parliament. But while

all this is being done, what of the fruits of the traffic. Old and young, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, fall victims to this awful scourge, but it is to be noted that the young principally suffer. Not simpering, dainty kid-gloved weaklings, but stalwart, muscular, noble-hearted, naturally good, dauntless young men, brimful of energy and mirth, and royally endowed with every attribute that goes to make up a peerless and magnificent manhood—the very pick and choice of the world's glorious ones. Not the weak ones of earth, not the grey and stooping veterans of life; no, but those erect, bright-eyed, quick-moving, strong-handed giants, who are ready, if led aright, to wake the solitudes of earth and fill the world with busy, active commerce, morality and religion.

Yearly, they leave us in untold ways and unnumbered numbers. Scattered abroad to the ends of the earth, living their short day in revelry and sin, or prematurely aged and decrepit, shot, stabbed, hung or dying from exposure. Dying young of disappointed hopes, broken hearts, or racked consciences; victims devoted upon the altar of Bacchus—"the noblest holocaust that ever wafted its sacrificial incense judgementward." Nothing can be sadder, and still it is true. While these things are so, let all our energies be exerted in the right direction. Believing in the truth and justice of our principles let us never waver.

Innumerable agencies are at work to assist us. Never before was there such a Temperance element abroad. The women, "God bless them," are praying for us and with us. Their prayers like incense ascend heavenward, and rich showers of blessings follow. In the future as in the past, let our efforts be all in the direction of Reform. With Faith in the power of an all-wise protestor, Hope lighting up the darkness before showing the hill-tops of reform, rising one by one to beckon us forward, Charity—universal, covering with the mantle of kindness the faults of brethren, and seeing good in every agency at work for the promotion of Reform among men, let us, relying implicitly on the sure promise of reward, go forward.

We cannot do better than continue our organization, and put forth fresh efforts. With the moral and religious banner well displayed in the prosecution of our mission, what better work becomes us than the emancipation of our loved land from the fetters of strong drink, which is the great forerunner of almost every other crime and burden. We are not yet ready for prohibition, still we should never look to anything short of such a consummation.

That we may be all more and more united, powerful and successful; that peace, prosperity and brotherly love may prevail; that ere long we shall all see the fruits of our efforts in the complete triumph of our principles; and that the great God, with whom are the giving and withholding of blessings, may enrich us now and evermore, is the earnest wish and prayer of

Your Secretary

D. C. FRASER.

38 Express Bill	1 30
34 Stationery	1 30
14 Do as per Bill	2 00
13 Postage	1 40
12	30
11	25 15
10	2 25
9	50
8	50
7	50
6	50
5	50
4	50
3	50
2	50
1	50

ADDENDUM

Expense Account of D. C. Fraser, M. W. G. Secretary.

EXPENDITURE

Aug. 29	Expenses	\$ 3.30
Sept.	Expenses	50.00
	Telegram	40.00
	Postages	1.40
	Expenses	80.00
	Postages	63.00
	Postages	1.20
	Stationery	15.00
Oct.	Postages	27.00
	Expenses	65.00
	Boxes, Packing, &c.	90.00
	Postages	29.00
	Express Charges	80.00
	Postages	59.00
Nov.	Expenses	60.00
	Postages	80.00
	Express Charges	19.00
	Postages	25.00
	Pack boxes, &c. for stock to Aust. B. and N. F.	140.00
	Postages	84.00
Dec.	Telegram	50.00
	Postages	60.00
	Express	50.00
	Postages	95.00
	Telegrams	75.00
1874 Jan.	Postages	50.00
	Postages	1.90
	Expenses	32.00
	Postages	2.50
	Postages	1.10
	Express	1.50
Feb.	Postages	94.00
	On M. W. G.	1.08
	Express Charge	98.00
	Postages	78.00
	Express	2.00
March	To Postages to date	2.40
	Postages, &c.	80.00
	Express on Reports	2.25
April	" Bill	25.15
	" "	50.00
	Postages	1.40
	Do. as per Bill	2.80
	Do. do.	26.00
	Stationery	1.30
	Express Bill	2.95

(Addendum continued)

"	29	Telegrams	1 20
May	2	Talley	3 15
"	10	Express Charges	3 45
"	25	Postages	1 10
		Stationery	2 00
June	4	Telegrams	1 30
"	15	Postages	1 40
July	1	Postages	1 30
"	25	Express	2 30
"	25	Postages	80
		Stationery	1 00
Aug.	1	Telegrams	2 95
"	5	Express	5 00
"	11	R. McConnel	2 50
"	25	Paper, &c. for M. W. G. S.	2 00
"	28	Postages to dates	3 00
Total....			\$172 19

The M. W. G. C. Templars read the following communication from the Y. M. C. A. of Fredericton:

Rooms of the Y. M. C. Association,

Fredericton, Aug. 28, 1874.

To the Most Worthy Grand Chief of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars.

DEAR BROTHER,—Our rooms are open for visitors throughout the day and evening, the Reading Room is supplied with daily, weekly and monthly periodicals of all kinds from all parts of the country, and "all are welcome."

We cordially invite you, with the members of your order and their friends, to visit our Rooms, use our Reading Room; attend our meetings; and in every way to feel at home with us.

Trusting that the blessing of Almighty God, may be with you in all your deliberations and Temperance work, and that the cause of Christianity may be thereby strengthened,

We remain, yours in Christian fellowship,

L. GANNETT, M.D.,

THOMAS LOGAN;

Secretary Y. M. C. A.

President.

and just let me remark in passing, that that unpretentious document drew forth the following remarks from O. D. Wetmore, M. W. P. of S. of T., in his Annual Address of the late Annual Session of the National Division at Ottawa: "With charity for all and malice towards none, I respectfully submit that the immediate withdrawal of these papers from circulation would enhance the standing of their authors, and increase our respect for worthy and zealous labourers in the same great cause"; which sentiment was heartily endorsed by the National Division.

I feel that my honour and judgment, as a Temperance advocate and exponent of this particular Order, have been assailed, and, without attempting any defence, I throw myself upon your protection.

It will be remembered that, in response to the circulation of the Tract, application had been received for the introduction of the Order into Australia, and that deputies had been appointed; soon after the last annual session I received letters in reference to our Order from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, &c., which I referred to our Secretary, who urged me to attend to them, and carry on the work I had begun. And being myself very anxious to complete it, I wrote to your Chief Templar, asking his approval and authority, which he granted in the following words: "I shall not only consent to your doing so, but will feel much obliged to you for being so kind as to so far relieve me." None can do it better than you, as you have the past before you. I feel very grateful to you for your kind offers, and will avail myself of your experience." This action upon the part of your Chief Executive Officers, met with the hearty approval of our excellent Bro. Wilson, Superintendent Deputy for the Australian Colonies, as will be seen from his correspondence.

During the year I have written over eighty letters in connection with this work, besides mailing circulars, reports, stock, &c.; and though the work has not been as heavy as the year before, yet I have felt more keenly the tax on my time. But I am more than repaid in being able to report such unprecedented success, from what some might have considered my presumptuous experiments, while M. W. C. T., prompted perhaps by a well-meaning but inexperienced zeal; be that as it may—I am glad to be able to report that the last advice from Australia shows our Order in every colony, and a membership of over 1200, with glorious prospects. Allow me to remark here, that undoubtedly our Order's progress has been retarded in these colonies by the delay in sending them Charters and stock, owing to the great distance from your Most Worthy Secretary's office. I would just say here that my experience convinces me that the sooner these far off lands are made entirely independent as to executive power and the printing of supplies, the better. In fact the very existence of the Order depends on this being granted.

The success of our Order in Australia may be attributed mainly to the super-human exertions of Rev. F. L. Wilson, the untiring efforts of J. Kemp Penney, supported by as noble a band of temperance workers as this world affords. Bros. Wilson and Penney are verily the right men in the right place, and we were truly fortunate in securing their services.

Victoria—The first Lodge of British Templars in Australia was opened in this colony at Melbourne, on the 29th Sept., 1873, and has not only prospered, but has spread all through the Melbourne District; has extended into the Ovens and Murray District mainly through the instru-

mentality of Bro. Warren, editor of the "Ovens and Murray Advertiser," and from this section the colony of New South Wales and the Islands of Fiji have been reached. The Ballarat District, from which the first call for British Templarism came, has been opened by "flourish of trumpets" by a union with a local organization, the Australian Templars, June 1st. For the consummation of this union, we are mainly indebted to Bro. Wilson. Authority was sent Bro. Wilson to organize a Grand Lodge for this Colony, which he accomplished with great success on July 1st, "Separation Day."

South Australia.—This was the next Colony to unfurl the Banner of British Templarism, Sept. 10, 1873, where Bro. J. Kemp Penney has nobly sustained our cause against the vilest opposition, having on one occasion travelled 2,500 miles to open a Lodge. From last reports there were five Primary and one Juvenile Lodge in this Colony. Bro. Penney has applied for and received authority to open a Grand Lodge, and though no report as yet has arrived, still we have no doubt that a Grand Lodge has also been organized for South Australia.

Queensland.—In this Colony our flag was unfurled in December at Brisbane, where a Provisional Lodge of British Templars had been established, and in successful operation. There were at last reports three Primary and one Juvenile Lodge actively working in this Colony, with Bro. Wm. Sewell at their head.

New South Wales.—In this Colony we had hoped to be able to report more success; but the Deputies we had appointed have returned their commissions, and the only influence we have here is from the Colony of Victoria.

Tasmania.—This is the last Australian Colony which has taken a stand for our Order, a Lodge being opened at Hobart town in June, with the prospect of hundreds entering within its folds.

Bro. Wilson also writes that he has an agent at work at Point de Galle, labouring to establish the Order in West Australia, and stretching out the arms of the Order toward India. Truly Bro. Wilson is a host in himself and brought an influence to bear on the Australian Colonies, which must be felt for good. He has not only established Lodges, but held public meetings, and secured the influence of the *Reformer*, the Sons of Temperance publication, as the organ of the British Templars.

Fiji and Polynesia.—Bro. Wilson has been most fortunate in securing the services of Rev. Joseph Waterhouse, fourteen years Wesleyan Missionary in Fiji, and an intimate friend of the King of these islands; he worked with our Order in Victoria, and on returning to his Missionary labours, expressed a desire to take the Order with him, and immediately a Commission was issued for Polynesia, and Charters and stock placed in his hands. This seems propitious now that these islands are just passing under the protection of the British Crown.

New Zealand.—In this Colony, from many reverses, our order has not yet regained its former position, but in Bro. Dr. Samuel we have a strong man that will, when the time comes, strike effectual blows for the cause. By a New Zealand paper just to hand, we see that a Lodge was to be organized in Wanganui immediately, and from Bro. Samuel's last letter we have reason to believe that when the Order is again really in operation, success must follow its movements.

Great Britain and Ireland—Here the negotiations for union have not only been favorably progressing with the Free Templars, but with an equally large and important Order, the United Templars, with like prospects of adding thousands to our fold. The entire report of our position in the mother land will come up fully in my report on Union.

Manitoba.—We are glad to be able to report that our Order has at last been planted in the "prairie province." Rev. Henry A. Bruce Moorehouse, Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, and Henry King of St. John's College, have established a Primary and Juvenile Lodge in Winnipeg, and are labouring to put a Lodge of our Order in every Parish.

This brethren is a report of our foreign work.

All of which I respectfully submit in F. H. & C.

A. M. PHILLIPS,

F. M. W. C. T.

The M. W. G. Treasurer (*pro tem*) read the report of the Acting Treasurer, P. H. Stewart, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

COOKSTOWN, ONTARIO, }
Aug. 18, 1874. }

M. W. C., Officers and Representatives, to the Most Worthy Grand Lodge B. T. in Session assembled.

Your Treasurer for the year 1873-4 humbly presents his report, *proxy*, as he is unable, much to his regret, being with you to take part in your deliberations. The brethren will, I am sure, pardon me for not rendering a lengthy account, but it has not been in my power.

I will refer the brethren to the last Annual Report, page 22, where the Secretary rendered the returns of Ontario Grand Lodge, as also again page 25, touching the same subject. To both these items, those who were present at last Session, know I objected, first because I claimed that the amount on Ontario Grand Lodge was agreed between the Secretary and myself as Treasurer should be retained by me, and altho' he would place it among receipts, yet he would also mark it as handed to Treasurer. It was argued in reply that it would make matters all right in the end—

while I contended it would place our reports in a double position, your Secretary, it will be seen, duly marked it as paid on account of \$183.90 worth of stock, while my report will show it was really paid for other things. Your Secretary's report shows a balance due me of \$63.11, while on a perusal of my own report, it will show the Lodge was indebted to me \$102.36. I do not want to blame the Secretary for wrong doing, but the course then taken I contend complicated both reports.

In another point, I want to lay no blame, while the reports read that Ont. Grand Lodge was not clear. This is true, perhaps, I was to blame for the loss of the books by rail, but brethren, altho' they turned up in St. John a short time before I left, my clothing, etc., did not reach me until three weeks or more after I reached home. I thank the brethren from my heart for confidence placed in me, by re-electing me at that time even without the report being before them.

Now I will ask all to take the appendix of last annual journal, and look over the account placed there. To the Committee I feel indebted for so plain a statement, and I ask to simply hand in with this report the vouchers for all specified there from No. 8 to 19, except in so far as relates to my own printing account, which Bro. Fraser tells me he gave to the Finance Committee.

If this is satisfactory, then I will simply say my account for this year is short, viz:—

Balance due Treasurer as per his last report	\$102 36
Paid postage, etc., per voucher	55
Paid postage during year	50
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Received from Ontario Grand Lodge for July returns, '73	\$38 60
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Balance due Treasurer	\$64 81
In addition to this sum there is due me travelling expenses for last year as per report	\$28 18
Also for your M. W. G. Vice	28 18
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Total due your Treasurer	\$121 17

which sum I trust this Most Worthy Grand Lodge will make immediate arrangements to meet.

In retiring from the post of honor and confidence which I have held for four years since your organization, I beg to express my hearty thanks to my brethren, and wish them a pleasant Session, trusting that wisdom may be given them from on high to bring all business matter to a right conclusion.

In F. H. & C.

P. H. STEWART, M. W. G.

The Financier submitted his report which was adopted.

Report of M. W. G. Financier.

St. Ann's Lodge Room, Fredericton, N. B., }
Aug. 31, 1874.

Most W. G. C., Officers and Members.

In consequence of the Finance Committee having been appointed before my arrival, and they having fully reported on the Financial affairs of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge, your Financier now begs to recommend that the Capita Tax to this M. W. G. Lodge remain at one cent as heretofore.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity,

ROBT. MARTIN, Financier

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and C. Full,

Resolved.—That the M. W. G. C. Templar elect, do appoint Standing Committees on making Lodges more attractive, profitable and stable, and on Juvenile work, said Committees to submit their report at next Annual Session of this body, personally or by proxy.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee on Union, read the following Report:—

**REPORT ON UNION OF TEMPERANCE ORDERS TO THE
MOST WORTHY GRAND LODGE, BRITISH TEMPLARS.**

To the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars :

As Chairman of the Committee on Union I have to report that the subject of union has been vigorously prosecuted during the year and not without result. In my address as your M. W. C. T. at last annual session, I reported as having sent a copy of our circular on Union to the chief officers of all the Sister Temperance organizations in this and the Mother Country, which work I have continued during the past year by circulating it through the colonies and have had no response but from the Free Templars and United Templars of Great Britain, the Australian Templars of Australia, and the British American Order of Canada.

The question has often been asked why not unite the different Templar Orders, and this M. W. Grand Lodge has echoed *why* by practically taking hold of the subject of union. Though we may have failed in bringing all organizations to sympathize with the movement and respond to our call, yet we have proved to the world that British Templars are willing to forget past differences and meet sister organizations on an honorable legislative equality, for the purpose of forming one grand consolidated Temperance Army. If Templar Union has not been completed the fault does not lie at the door of British Templars; if rents *must* remain, we are guiltless. In Ontario and Quebec we have continued negotiations with the B. A. O. G. T., and been enabled to get a basis of union, which I append to this report, and if adopted by this body will consummate the long desired union with that organization.

At our last meeting the Union with the Free Templars of St. John was thought to have been consummated, but owing to a desire upon their part to make the United Army of Templars still greater by bringing not only the Free and British Templars into one body, but also the United Templars who had signified a desire to join the united family, they have stayed action to give opportunity for negotiations with the United Order. The United Templar Order was instituted at Manchester, England, in September last, and now numbers over 100 Lodges and 5,000 members. This Order had no sooner begun its work than I opened correspondence on Union with their Honorary Secretary, who laid it before their Provisional Council, and that body expressed themselves unanimously in favor of an amalgamation of the two Orders. The correspondence has been continued and also with the I. O. of Free Templars. Your Committee have been enabled to ascertain from all the negotiating bodies the terms upon which union might be consummated, and have drafted a basis of union embodying these terms, which is here appended, and only wants adoption by this body to develop a Grand United Templar Order.

It may be, and undoubtedly is, a source of regret to many that this union movement was not more universal, but why has it not been? Is it because the subject has been agitated by and among the younger and smaller regiments of the Temperance Army? or is it because as some representative men in the larger and older Orders have intimated, that the only kind of union they favour is for their weaker brethren to throw up their distinction and come bodily and join them? If either or both of these reasons exists, your Committee are of opinion that further negotiations with any but the Orders that have manifested a willingness to unite is useless, as we as an Order have principles and peculiarities that have commended themselves to the public and are sacred to us, and it is only reasonable that these should be respected. Therefore, your Committee ask your candid and favourable consideration of Union with the Orders above named, on the terms specified in the basis, as being quite consistent with our own principles and those of

the aforesaid Orders. That you may know the greatness of the work in hand, consider that upon the consummation, the new Order would stand majestically before the world with a membership of about 100,000, not confined to a single nation, but with the world for our parish, which must give a mighty impetus to the temperance reform and result in great good to the cause.

Respectfully submitted in F. H. & C.,

Rev. A. M. PHILLIPS,

Chairman of Committee on Union.

The General Basis of Union.

DECLARATION.

1st. **WHEREAS** it has been found expedient and of great importance to mankind, to perpetuate those movements which confer great and essential benefits on individuals and society, or are instrumental in removing great social and national evils; and it being universally admitted that Intemperance is both a social and national evil, and also generally conceded that the only effectual remedy for it is Total Abstinence for the individual, and Legal Prohibition for the Nation; therefore, any movement for the promotion of the above principles is conducive of the best and highest interests of mankind and should be protected in society. And, whereas, it is both natural and reasonable that those who have common rights to protect, common interests to defend, and common rights to obtain, should act together and know each other; and being aware that through want of that organization which secures concentrated effort, the benevolent object of Patriots and Christians are often frustrated, and the best and noblest exertions for the public weal defeated. Therefore, we, the members of ourselves and our fellowmen from the many evils of Intemperance, for the elevation of our intellectual and moral character, and for cementing more closely the bonds of the common brotherhood of man, cultivating feelings of mutual respect and extending our social relations. And with the views of avoiding all misunderstandings and securing the needed organization, we announce our platform in the following "General Prin-

ciples," solemnly pledging ourselves to each other and to the world, depending upon Divine Aid, to preserve and maintain them ourselves, to acilitate and promote their requirement and dissemination, and to transmit them unimpaired to posterity.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1st. The title of the Society shall be "National Order of United Templars."

2nd. The Order shall consist of an unlimited number of members, male and female, without regard to creed, or nationality, who must during the time of membership, maintain a good moral character, and keep unreservedly the pledge of Total Abstinence, and who steadfastly believe in the power and existence of Almighty God as the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and in the Bible as His revealed will.

3rd. The members shall be formed into Adult and Juvenile Societies, according to age, under the government of such higher grades as are established in each Nation or Great Division thereof, with an International Council over all to preserve the unity of the whole Order.

4th. The fundamental principles of the Order are Total Abstinence from using or giving, No License for the sale or disposal, and the Legal Suppression of the manufacture and importation of all kinds of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

5th. The Pledge is, No member shall make, buy, sell, use, give, offer, furnish, or cause to be furnished to others, as a beverage, any kind of intoxicating liquors, be they what they may, or by whatever name they may be known, but each shall in all moral ways discountenance their use in community, and endeavor to spread the principles of Total Abstinence.

6th. The modes of working shall be forming the members into Societies to meet with these objects in view:

1st. To initiate and welcome new members.

2nd. To study and discuss all questions bearing upon the Temperance Reformation.

3rd. To give moral and social support and encouragement to each other, especially to those who are making the first effort to abstain from intoxicating drink.

4th. To hold public Temperance meetings to set forth the principles of Temperance by lectures and addresses upon the religious, political, moral, social, commercial and physiological aspects of the question.

- 5th. To influence public opinion by means of the press, distribution of tracts, and missionary operations.
- 6th. To unite its members in a brotherhood so that they may care for and visit one another.
- 7th. To train the young in Temperance principles by the formation of Juvenile Societies in connection with the Lodges.
- 8th. To encourage and co-operate with all agencies, both moral and legislative, which seek to promote the general objects of the Temperance movement.
- 7th. The wearing of badge or regalia shall be entirely optional, but when worn they shall be of the form adopted by the International Council
- 8th. Each grade shall have entire control over all its own business affairs, decide all its own questions of law and order, subject to appeals as provided by the constitution adopted by each National Lodge, each Lodge being subject to the Lodge next higher in authority in all matters not inconsistent with such constitution.
- 9th. The National Lodge shall be the highest Court of Appeals and the highest legislative body in the Order, but each subordinate grade may make such By-laws for its own good government and the furtherance of the cause as its local wants may require, provided, they do not contravene the "Declaration" and "General Principles" the constitution and rules ordained by the National Lodge or the By-laws of the Lodges higher in authority.
- 10th. The Primary and Juvenile Lodges shall be composed of persons received in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of such Lodges, and the ceremonies adopted for the reception of members by each National Lodge.
- 11th. All the higher grades of Lodges shall be composed of Representatives from the lower grades upon an equitable principle of representation by membership, and no member of such higher grades shall be allowed to have more than one vote.
- 12th. All officers and committees shall be elected by the members of each grade, and no officer shall have absolute power, or be able to set aside any constitutional law by dispensation or otherwise.
- 13th. Degrees shall form no part of the Order proper, but shall form a separate department, working under a distinct charter, and with the specific objects of securing life-long adherence to the principles of Total Abstinence, of agitating for and attaining the Legal Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, and for promoting the principles of mutual benevolence and brotherly love among the members as an exalted brotherhood, to be confined to tried members of the full age of 21 years, and governed by a system and constitution distinct from those governing the Primary Department.

14th. The Order proper shall not be a Secret Society properly so called, but all ceremonies shall be open to the investigation of the public, the only secrecy being the mode of recognizing members, secured by Pass-words and Unwritten Work, in order to secure privacy of operation. Members of other Total Abstinence Societies may be received by Primary Lodges as visitors or members in accordance with the regulations prescribed by each National Lodge.

15th. The greatest possible freedom consistent with the common power, interests, and working of the higher grades shall be secured to individual members and the Primary and Juvenile grades.

16th. In order to secure National unity and co-operation there shall be a National Lodge in each Nation or Great Division thereof, as France, United States, &c., and in the British Empire, one each for Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australia, &c.

17th. The National Lodge shall be the source of supreme legislation for the good government, uniformity, and general management of the Institution within its jurisdiction, having power to make, alter or amend the constitution, rules, ceremonies, or forms required for its own working and that of the different grades under it, and to divide its own jurisdiction into Grand Lodges.

18th. As soon as there are two Grand Lodges in any Nation or Great Division thereof, the Chief Templar of the Senior Grand Lodge shall call a meeting of the Executives of the different Grand Lodges, at a convenient time and place, for the purpose of organizing a National Lodge, which shall be organized by the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers,—the "Declaration" and "General Principles" being the charter of its rights and privileges. The Chief Templar calling the meeting shall preside till the officers are installed.

19th. As soon as there are five Primary Lodges in any of the Divisions into which any National Lodge may divide its jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge shall be formed in accordance with the plan proposed by such National Lodge.

20th. Grand Temples shall have the power to divide their territory into districts, fix the amount of per capita tax to be levied by Primary Lodges in the jurisdiction, to receive and decide appeals, and determine all questions of law and usage, regulate their own special business, and to have the sole right and power to grant, suspend or revoke charters within its assigned boundaries, but in all acts to be subject to and not conflict with the sovereignty of the National Lodge.

21st. As soon as there are two Primary Lodges in any District into which a Grand Lodge may divide its territory, a District or County Lodge may be formed according to the plan provided in the Constitution.

22nd. District or County Lodges shall have power to adjudicate or appeals from the decision of Primary Lodges, of settling disputes or redressing grievances arising in Primary Lodges, to appoint members to visit Lodges, to help and encourage them in the work, and to do all the acts necessary to promote the interests of the Order in the District, consistent with the authority of the Lodge Constitution.

23d. With a view of consolidating the Order into one united whole and of preserving a uniformity of principles and private working, there shall be an International Council, to be composed of Delegates from each National Lodge jurisdiction, each National Lodge and each Grand Lodge having the power to send a Delegate; this Council shall meet quadrennially at such places as may be agreed upon by the Council in session, and shall organize by the election of a President and Secretary.

24th. The International Council shall have no power of legislation. Its only function shall be to originate the quarterly and other Passwords, to control the unwritten or private work, adopt motto, emblems, insignia, &c., and as far as possible preserve the unity and amity of the Order by way of counsel, suggestion or recommendation.

25th. That the permanency of a united Brotherhood may be maintained and the concentration of joint interests conserved; the same insignia, passwords and private work shall be used throughout the whole Order, and the following motto and emblem shall be a binding tie for all members of this Order throughout the world, an impress of which shall be upon all charters, certificates of membership and other legal documents.

26th. The motto shall be—
and the emblem shall be—

27th. In order that the missionary work of the Order may be properly prosecuted and the cause extended without the clashing of power, and at the same time the principles of local self-government be maintained, no National or Grand Lodge shall issue any charter to any person in the jurisdiction of any other National or Grand Lodge, provided that National Lodges alone shall have the power to issue charters for National or Great Divisions thereof, where no Grand or National Lodge has been organized.

28th. And further that our cosmopolitan principles may be extended to the whole brotherhood of man without destroying the principle of National independence, each National Lodge shall have the power to introduce the Order to other countries, provided, that as soon as two Primary Lodges have been placed in good working order said Primary Lodges shall each elect seven members as representatives to Grand Lodge, who at the call of the Superintendent Deputy of that jurisdiction shall organize a Grand Lodge for that particular country by adopt-

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ing a constitution and electing officers, the Superintendent Deputy to occupy the chair till the officers are installed and such Grand Lodge shall be the Provisional National Lodge of the Nation or Grand Division thereof, but shall enjoy the full power of framing Constitution, Ceremonies, &c. to suit the tastes of their own people, so long as it does not conflict with the "Declaration" or "General Principles," which shall be the charter of its rights and privileges."

29th. Such Provisional National Lodge shall have the sole right to grant charters and under laws for the government of the whole Order in its jurisdiction, until such time as a second Grand Temple is formed in accordance with No. 20 of these "Principles," when a National Lodge shall be formed according to No. 19, which shall assume all the powers and duties hitherto enjoyed by such Provisional Lodge.

30th. For the purpose of extending the Order, the Chief Templar of a National or Grand Lodge may appoint Deputies in accordance with the regulations of such National or Grand Lodge with power to organize Lodges, but said Deputy shall have no authority to dictate laws and usages or to control the Lodges, and such appointments shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Lodge of which such Chief Templar is an officer.

31st. Each National Lodge shall adopt a form of certificate of membership and said withdrawal or clearance, and all members and Lodges in every other jurisdiction are bound to acknowledge them, provided they bear the motto and emblem mentioned in No. 27 of these Principles, and are properly signed and sealed.

32nd. Each charter shall bear the signature of the National C. T. and the Secretary and the Grand C. T. and Secretary of the jurisdiction in which the Lodge is located.

33rd. In the Primary and each of the higher grades there shall be fourteen officers, as follows:—Chief Templar, Vice Templar, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Counsellor, Chaplain, Financier, Assistant Secretary, Marshal, Deputy Marshal, Guard, Sentinel, Past Chief Templar, all to be elected by the members, except the last, which is honorary, and shall perform such duties as are established by each National Lodge.

34th. That upon the adopting of the "Declaration and General Principles" by any organized body of Total Abstainers the union shall be considered consummated, and up till the first meeting of the International Council each Order shall retain its present motto, emblems, private work, charter, certificates, &c., but the passwords shall be those issued alternately by the negotiating bodies in the order of seniority.

35th. This shall be considered as the basis of Union between the B. A. O. G. T., N. T. O., I. O. F. T., A. T. E. F. of St John, B. T. and — and shall be known as the Declaration and General Principles of the Na-

tional Order of United Templars, the articles of which shall not be revoked, altered, amended, added to, or new ones established by any member or department of the Order, except by the counsel of all the National Lodges, but shall stand as a monument of Union and a declaration of the simplicity, economy and utility of the principles and working of this world-wide, yet nationally-independent Total Abstinence Society.

SPECIAL TERMS OF UNION WITH THE B. A. O. G. T.

1st. The passwords to be given alternately by the negotiating Orders in order of the date of their organization, the British American Order taking precedence.

2nd. That the B. A. O. G. T. have the same number of members on the Committee to prepare a Constitution and By-laws and Ritual that the British Order will have.

3rd. That the first officers of the National Lodge be chosen alternately as between the British and British American Orders, the first chosen being made from the British Order, &c.

4th. That the National Lodge be composed of its own officers and all its Past Chiefs and Vices and Representatives from all the Grand Lodges in its jurisdiction on the following principles of Representation, one Representative for each Grand Lodge of 1,000 members or under, and one for every 2,000 additional members

5th. That the Past Chief Templars of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars be considered Past Chiefs of the National Lodge, and as such enjoy the privileges of membership in that body as mentioned in the previous section, and that the B. A. O. G. T. shall elect an equal number of Past Chiefs from among their Past Grand Chief Templars who shall enjoy the same privileges.

6th. That the National Lodge meet bi-ennially.

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On motion of Rev. A. M. Phillips and D. C. Fraser,
B. A.,

Resolved,—That the consideration of the Report on Union be made the order of business for to-morrow afternoon's Session, immediately after reading the minutes.

Lodge adjourned after prayer by Rev. A. Lucas.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Lodge met at appointed time. M. W. G. C. T. in the chair. Opened in due form. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Beckwith. Minutes of afternoon session read and adopted.

J. W. Morrison, from special committee appointed at last Annual Session to collect a note of hand given by R. McNeil and J. W. Falconer, as Officers of the G. Lodge of P. E. Island, to Rev. James Scott, while acting as Secretary of the Supreme Lodge, read the following report, which on motion was adopted :—

Most Worthy Grand Chief, Officers and members,

Your Committee appointed at the last Session of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge to collect from Messrs. J. W. Falconer and R. McNeill the amount of a note of hand in the following words :—

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge, we promise to pay the Rev. James Scott, 8G Secretary, or order, as soon as the funds of the Grand Lodge will permit, the sum of one hundred dollars, being the balance due the Supreme Lodge as liabilities of our Grand Lodge.

J W FALCONER, G. W. C. T.,
R McNEILL, G. W. Secretary.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., 30th July, 1867."

Your Committee, after repeated applications to Mr. McNeill, who resides some twenty-four miles from Charlottetown (Mr. Falconer having left the Island) received from that gentleman the following letter (see letter annexed*). It will be observed from the foregoing letter, that there is no hope of ever receiving the amount, or any part of the said note—

coupled with the fact, that if sued for, as Mr. McNeill informed one of your Committee, (J. W. Morrison) that he would claim the Statute of limitation.

Anexed will be found the note of Messrs. Falconer and McNeill.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND,
AUG. 22, 1874.

JNO. WM. MORRISON,
B. WILSON HIGGS,
R. M. BARRATT.

(*COPY OF LETTER)

STANLEY BRIDGE, NEW LONDON, 2nd July, 1874.

J. W. MORRISON, ESQ.,

Dear Sir,—In reply to your application, respecting the Rev. Mr. Scott's alleged claim against me, I beg emphatically to inform you that I do not owe the Rev. Jas. Scott the value of one farthing or upwards. While he was acting in the capacity of Supreme Secretary and I as Grand Secretary, and Falconer Grand Chief, we were indebted to the Supreme Lodge to the amount of \$100, which was settled by note to Scott in our official capacity. Scott should have given that note up when he retired from the Secretaryship to the parties appointed to settle Supreme liabilities. By referring to the Report of the Supreme Lodge in St. John in 1866, August 4, we find the liabilities of the Supreme: Rev. Mr. Savage, \$39; Rev. Jas. Scott, postage and petty charges, \$36.20; balance due P. H. Stewart, \$100.80; Mr. Savage's note for stock printing, \$98.80; Dr. McNeill, \$60. Now, sir, at this Session the late lamented H. B. Mitchell was elected as Supreme Grand Chief, and Mr. Scott Supreme Secretary, to meet again at Liverpool, N. Scotia. Previous to that meeting Mr. Scott called on us at Charlottetown, to settle Supreme affairs. We gave him that note as a voucher for our liabilities in official capacity.

Mr. Scott was not re-elected at Liverpool, and he retired with that note in his pocket. Mr. Mitchell who, with others, bore the heat and burden of the day, undertook to settle affairs as they came due, but our note he could never get, consequently, as our funds came in, I forwarded them to Bro. Mitchell, who, I believe, disbursed them to the best advantage.

If I owed Mr. Scott, or any other man, I don't think they would allow seven years to elapse without presenting their claim. I hold no money belonging to Grand Supreme, or Most Worthy, and assuredly I am not indebted to Mr. Scott. He got a lot of cards struck off at the Patriotic office, amounting to \$5. I paid that for him, reducing the amount to \$95. I am out of the Order, and I have long since nearly forgotten these matters.

Anything I had to do with Mr. Scott was officially in his official capacity, and by referring to the Supreme liabilities in St. John, we find due him, for postage and petty charges, \$36.20. Where is his claim for \$ 00? The note was subsequent to that time. I do not want to impute motives, but leave Mr. Scott and the Most Worthy where they are. The whole thing can be found in the Report or proceedings of the 4th Annual Session, with the basis of union of the Worthy Supreme Grand Lodge, held at St. John, N. B., in 1866, and on page 34 you will find the resolution authorizing him to settle the books and ascertain amounts due.

I should therefore hope that there is honor and integrity enough in

the Most Worthy to repel any charges made against an absent person ; and if Mr. Scott has aught against me he has the press and courts of law to do him justice, but he must remember that I have the privilege of not being condemned without being called upon to enter a defence, and I am prepared to meet Mr. Scott any where.

Wishing your cause much prosperity and success,

I remain yours fraternally,

R. McNEILL.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, we promise to pay the Rev. Jas. Scott, S. G. Secy, or order, as soon as the funds of the Grand Lodge will permit, the sum of one hundred dollars, being the balance due the Supreme Lodge, as liabilities of our G. Lodge.

J. W. FALCONER, G. W. C. T.
R. McNEILL, G. W. Secretary.

CHARLOTETOWN, P. E. I., 30th July, 1867.

On motion of Rev. A. Lucas and C. Full,

Resolved,—That a Public Prayer-Meeting be held in this Hall, in connection with this M. W. G. Lodge during its Session, each morning from seven to eight o'clock.

Moved by D. C. Fraser, B. A., seconded by Thos. Hetherington, that on reading the report of Special Committee on note of R. McNeill and J. W. Falconer, to Rev. James Scott, be it

Resolved,—That the amount be not paid until a statement of the items of the note be given by Rev. James Scott ; also that the Committee be continued, and that they make enquiries relative to the amount paid on said note by the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

R. M. Barratt moved to amend by striking out "the amount be not paid until a statement of the items of the note be given by Rev. James Scott," and inserting "Rev. James Scott be furnished with a copy of the report of the Committee."

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended was then put and carried.

Rev. J. McLeod read the following report of Committee on Public Meetings, which was adopted.

The Committee to arrange for Public Meetings beg leave to report—

1. That a public Temperance meeting will be held in the City Hall, on Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be presided over by the M. W. G. Chief. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. A. Lucas, R. M. Barrett, Esq., Rev. A. M. Phillips, D. C. Fraser, B. A., and S. Watts, Esq.

2. That a public meeting will be held in the City Hall, on Monday evening, (31st inst.) at 8 o'clock, at which meeting addresses from the M. W. G. Lodge, the W. G. Lodge of N. B., and the T. and P. League of N. B. will be presented to Lieutenant-Governor Tilley. The meeting will be presided over by the M. W. G. C. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. T. W. Campbell, Rev. T. Todd, Prof. G. E. Foster and James Watts, Esq.

3. That each speaker will be limited to fifteen minutes.

4. That a Children's meeting will be held in the basement of the W. M. Church, on Monday, (31st inst.) at 5 p.m., to be addressed by J. E. Pidgeon, R. M. Barratt and C. Full.

Your Committee respectfully submit this partial report, and ask leave to sit again.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 27, 1874.

J. McLEOD,
E. C. FREEZE,
JUDSON ESTABROOKS.

Lodge adjourned on motion; closed in usual form.
Prayer by Rev. J. McLeod.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 1874.

Lodge met as usual. M. W. G. C. Templar in the chair. Opened in due form. Prayer by Rev. Thos. Todd. Minutes of evening session read and approved.

A cordial invitation was extended to the M. W. G. Lodge by E. C. Freeze, on behalf of St. Ann's Lodge, to attend an excursion pic-nic up the Rivere du Loup Railway, on Tuesday next. Accepted on motion, and all the members of the M. W. G. Lodge urged to attend.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and C. Full,

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to arrange for an open Air Meeting, to be held on the pic-nic grounds during the afternoon.

D. C. Fraser, B. A., Prof. G. E. Foster, and E. C. Freeze were appointed a Committee in accordance with the above resolution.

In accordance with notice of motion at last Annual Session, S. Watts moved, seconded by Rev. J. G. Reud,

That Art. 2 M. W. G. Lodge Constitution be amended, by striking out all words after "given" in 14th line, and inserting "on the first day of the Annual Session of the M. W. G. Lodge."

Lodge adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Campbell.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Lodge called to order by Past M. W. G. C. T. Phillips, the M. W. G. C. T. being absent at the time of opening. Opened in due form. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Beckwith. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The order of the day, the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union, was then taken up.

On motion, the Lodge resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

On the Committee rising, the M. W. G. C. Templar called the Lodge to order, and the Chairman, J. W. Morrison, reported progress, and asked leave for the Committee to sit again.

Report adopted on motion, and privilege granted.

Lodge adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Reud.

EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Lodge opened in due form. M. W. G. C. Templar in the chair. Prayer by Rev. A. Lucas. Minutes of afternoon session read and adopted.

E. C. Freeze, from the Committee on Political Action, submitted the following report, which on motion was adopted:—

Report on Political Action.

COMMITTEE ROOMS M. W. G. LODGE,
Fredericton, 29th Aug, 1874.

M. W. G. CHIEF.—

The Committee on Political Action beg leave to report, that while they fully realize the necessity of removing the great evil of the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic drinks by a stringent prohibitory law, and also believe that no true temperance man should hesitate to use his best exertions in this direction; yet your Committee are of the opinion that it would not be wise to make our Templar organizations a political machine, or in any way bind them to become political; with this view they believe a large majority of our membership agree. That, individually, we should do what we can at the polls to elect true temperance men to fill the offices of the country, your Committee believes; but as a Society, the introduction of the political element would be likely to do us very great injury.

Your Committee are pleased to report that, in the organization of the Temperance and Prohibitory Leagues in the different Provinces of the Dominion, a political necessity is supplied, that these Societies are carefully watching the enemy, and your Committee have reason to believe that wise and energetic political action will be taken by them at the proper time, which will meet the political wants and necessities of all temperance organizations.

Your Committee recommend, therefore, that this M. W. G. Lodge leave the political action, for the present at least, in the hands of the "Temperance and Prohibitory Leagues," and at the same time they suggest that you direct your Secretary to correspond with all Temperance Leagues, making known to them our sympathy for their work, and our individual willingness to co-operate in their labours.

You will permit your Committee to repeat the sentiment, that "Temperance men should support temperance men," all things being equal, and that in every lawful way they should prove their friendship to the

cause by showing their interests in temperance institutions, and special regard for the Brotherhood.

Signed in F. H. & C

E. C. FREEZE,
WM. McMASTER, Jr.,
JNO. WM. MORRISON.

On motion of E. P. Flewelling and Wm. McMaster, jr.,

Resolved,—That election of Officers be the order of the day for Monday Afternoon Session, immediately after the disposition of the minutes of the preceding Session.

S. Watts, from the Standing Committee on Publication, submitted the following report:—

Publication Com. Report No. I.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Aug. 27, 1874.

Your Committee on publications, appointed at the last Session of this M. W. G. Lodge, begs to report the following recommendations:—

1st. That negotiations be entered into with the publishers of the "British Templar," with a view to securing its weekly publication as the authorized organ of this Order, at a subscription price of not less than \$1 per year.

2nd. That a Standing Committee on publications be appointed, and directed to negotiate arrangements, and give effect to the proposition as far as possible contained in the foregoing, and report at this present Session.

3rd. That this M. W. G. Lodge, in case the foregoing arrangements are completed, regard the publishers of the "British Templar" as their printers for the execution of all printing required, and that the several W. Grand Lodges be recommended to recognize and patronize such publishers in the same manner.

S. WATTS,
A. M. PHILLIPS,
D. C. FRASER,
ROBT. MARTIN,
B. M. BARRATT,
E. C. FREEZE.

On motion, it was resolved that the report be taken up section by section.

Section 1 adopted.

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Report as a whole on motion adopted, and the following appointed as a Committee in accordance with Sec. 2:—E. C. Freeze, Wm. McMaster, Jr., D. C. Fraser, B. A., Rev. A. M. Phillips, C. Full, Rev. J. McLeod, J. W. Morrison and R. Martin.

J. P. Bell gave notice that he would not bring up the notice of motion given by him at last Session, pending union,

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and Rev. J. McLeod,

Resolved,—That three subjects of general interest to the Order be selected by a Committee, and that members be appointed to read papers on these subjects at the next Annual Session, the reading of, and discussion upon, said papers to be the order of the day for three morning or evening sessions.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, Prof. G. E. Foster and D. C. Frazer were appointed a committee in accordance with the above resolution.

Appeals and Memorials.

The Committee on Appeals presented their report through C. Full, chairman. After the reading, the M. W. G. C. T. ruled the appeal out of order. The case stood as follows: T. B. Smith having appealed from the decision of St. John Lodge No. 2, New Brunswick, to the Grand Lodge of N. B., and the decision of St. John Lodge having been sustained by the Grand Lodge, E. C. Freeze feeling aggrieved thereby, then appealed to the M. W. Grand Lodge.

The M. W. G. C. T. decided appeal out of order, because not presented to the M. W. Grand Lodge, by T. B. Smith, the first appellant.

Bros. Babbit, Foster, Freeze, Smith and Harrison appealed from decision of the chair. Upon the vote of the Lodge the decision of the chair was reversed.

Report of the Committee was re-read.

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Most W. G. L. Room, Aug. 31, 1874.

Your Committee on Appeals and Memorials beg leave to report that there is but one appeal, it being as follows.—

It appears by record sent to this M. W. G. L., that Sheriff Harding, of St. John, having purchased two tickets for a dinner given to the Lieut.-Governor, on the 13th January, did so with the knowledge that liquor was to be purchased by a portion of the money raised by the sale of these tickets. He appears to have brought a charge against himself, wishing to have the case tested, whether or no he had violated his obligation by purchasing tickets for the above named dinner.

We notice that the matter was discussed in the primary Lodge of St. John, and upon motion it was decided that Harding had not violated his obligation by the said purchase.

Bro. T. B. Smith, of St. John Lodge, appealed from the decision of St. John Lodge, to the W. G. Lodge.

The Committee of the W. G. Lodge report as follows: That they are of opinion that Bro. Harding did not violate his obligation by the mere act of purchasing the said tickets, and also decided that the appeal of Bro. Smith should not be sustained.

Bro. Freeze then appealed to this M. W. G. Lodge, on the decision of the W. G. Lodge.

Your Committee of this M. W. G. Lodge agree with the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

CHAS. FULL,
JOHN McDONALD,
W. P. FLEWELLING.

Moved by L. P. Ferris, seconded by E. J. Estabrook that report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by J. P. Bell, seconded by S. Watts, that report be laid on the table. Amendment carried.

Lodge adjourned on motion. Prayer by Rev. J. McLeod.

MORNING SESSION THIRD DAY.

Monday, August 31st, 1874.

Lodge opened in usual form. M. W. G. C. T. in the chair. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Campbell. Minutes of Saturday evening's session read and adopted.

Prof. G. E. Foster, from Committee to prepare an Address to Lieut.-Gov. Tilley, presented the following, which was adopted:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,—

In pursuance of resolutions passed by the Worthy Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Dominion of Canada, we are here to present you with an address expressive of the hearty approval of the members of these bodies of your consistent and manly course in making total abstinence your motto in your administration of the duties and hospitalities which devolve upon you as Lieut.-Governor of this Province. This is the first year in the history of our country when any representative Temperance body has had the pleasure of meeting in a Province whose official head was in full accord both in profession and action, with the fundamental principles of our cause; and we cannot but congratulate you in giving in your own person so powerful a proof of the efficacy of past labor and so happy an omen of future success.

From the blue hills and broad fertile plains of our northern and western Provinces,—from the rolling uplands and rocky coast of our surf-washed countries by the sea,—from the Bermudas and the Australian colonies where the sun of a milder clime looks down on a thrifty and happy British people,—and most of all from your own contented and hopeful New Brunswick—comes from twenty-five thousand British Templars hearts a glad "God bless and keep the only Temperance Governor in our dominions!"

The reproach has too long been cast upon our cause that its principles could not stand the test of high position and eclectic circles. You, sir, by your consistent and noble conduct have at once vindicated our principles and answered our slanderers. Upon your induction into office, the eyes of thousands of British Templars and Temperance men were fixed upon you, directed by hearts filled with a deep longing, and throbbing too with the fears of uncertainty. But your prompt banishing of "strong drink" from the domain of your duties dispelled all anxiety, fulfilled the manly hope of temperance men, and caused thousands of hearts to throb with gladness and joy; and we hesitate not to say that, as your defection would have brought a dark cloud of distrust and sadness upon all our ranks, so also does your fearless maintenance of principle give buoyant hopefulness to our hearts and induce a noble faith in man and a happier spirit of labor and love.

Too long has the "social glass" been handed from the father to the son, from the clergyman to his parishioners, from the Bishop to his flock, from the Governor to the governed; and the deep, sad wall of misery thus entailed and perpetuated from the higher to the lower, from the fashioner to the fashioned,—has arisen from every village and hamlet of our fair land. In you, sir, we rejoice that so hazardous and cruel a course has been broken in upon, and that now, from the highest circle in our country goes forth the command of an honorable example, "Touch not, taste not, handle not!" and that the hand of the Governor reaches down and joins the thousand hands of the governed, in the stout battle for common safety and freedom from the world's giant curse.

In conclusion, be pleased to accept the hearty wishes of the Templars of this Dominion for your continued health and prosperity, and that as in past years they have noted and admired your determined and consistent Temperance course in all the temptations of Dominion official life, and your maintenance of the same even against the time honored customs in your present sphere of duties as Lieut.-Governor of a Province, so may you long be spared to honor your high position and reflect the light of your influence and example to the world.

Signed in behalf of the M. W. Grand Lodge,

D. C. FRASER, M. W. G. Secretary.

Signed in behalf of the W. G. Lodge of N. B.

GEO. E. FOSTER, W. G. C. Templar.

Prof. G. E. Foster, from Committee to prepare subjects for special papers to be read at next Annual Session, read the following report, which on motion was adopted:—

Report Com. on Subjects for Papers

Lodge Room, Aug. 31st, 1874.

M. W. G. CHIEF AND BROTHERS,—

Your Committee, appointed to select subjects for papers and discussions for next Annual Session of M. W. G. Lodge, beg leave to recommend the following subjects or themes for papers:—The best methods of Temperance work—Templarism; its relation to the church and the world—Our Order; its special field of labour in the Temperance Reform.

A. A. M. PHILLIPS,
G. E. FOSTER,
D. C. FRASER.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, Prof. G. E. Foster and D. C. Fraser, B. A., were appointed to prepare papers on the above subjects.

On motion of T. B. Smith and D. C. Fraser, resolved that Report of Committee of Appeals be taken from the table.

After reading of papers, moved by W. McMaster, seconded by J. P. Bell, that report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by H. Martin, seconded by T. P. Smith, that the resolution of the Lodge of New Bruns-
 Wick be referred to a committee. Amended and carried.
 Lodge adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. Lucas.

W. M. HERRARD, D.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Lodge called to order by M. W. G. C. T. Opened in regular form. Prayer by Rev. A. Lucas. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The order of the day was then called for, and the M. W. G. C. T. declared the 18th order of business, election of Officers. T. B. Smith, J. Thompson and were appointed scrutineers.

On the vote being taken, the following were declared elected:—

- M. W. G. C. T., D. C. Fraser, B. A., Barrister, New Glasgow, N. S.
- " " V. T., Julia A. Merritt, St. John, N. B.
- " " Secy., Rev. A. M. Phillips, Victoria University, Cobourg, Ont.
- " " Treas., J. W. Morrison Secy. Board of Works Ch'town, P. E. I.
- " " Lect., Rev. J. C. Denison, Fredericton, N. B.
- " " Secy., Rev. A. Lucas, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
- " " Rec., E. P. Prewelling, Halifax, N. S.
- " " Mar., J. R. Pidgeon, Indiantown, N. B.
- " " Phil. Mem., A. A. Gosline, Smith's Creek, N. B.
- " " Rec., L. H. Forbes, Little Harbour, N. S.
- " " Secy., G. Graham, New Glasgow, N. S.

S. Watts from the Committee on Officers' Reports, submitted the following, which on motion, was adopted:

Report of Com. on Officers' Report.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the several Officers' Reports, beg to state that they have distributed the reports among the different standing committees, to whom the several parts specially belong, and

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therefore we have still little to report. We find our only duty is to consider the statement with reference to our foreign work, submitted by our esteemed Father, Wm. A. Phelps, and Bro. Phillips, but of larger estimation to the Y. C. School. We would not be so unkind to our Order, or to the principles of total abstinence as to be parties to giving additional publicity to the sentiments quoted by Bro. Phillips, as having been uttered by the Chief officer of a sister institution. We desire to provoke union not discord among all the **Perseverance** bodies, and Bro. Phillips, in view of the witness in which he is held, and in a knowledge of the fact, that his written and printed sentiments referred to, are themselves a sufficient denial of the adverse criticisms, can afford us our satisfaction certainly easy; to pass them by without further comment.

It seems to your Committee quite unnecessary to enter in detail upon a review of the foreign work, in which Bro. Phillips has been so energetically engaged. The Report he has presented shows what he has done, and with what results. We can only express, and thus reflect the views of this M. W. G. body, our profound satisfaction at learning that the work engaged in has resulted in establishing an institution of benevolence and hopefulness on so many distant shores; transferred from the country of our birth, we have no doubt, our order will find congenial soil, and flourish grand, and fair as a thing of beauty and joy forever.

We cannot give expression to our feelings of gratitude to Bro. Phillips, for his personal labors in this matter, and every recommendation that the thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge be conveyed to him, by its constitutional Chief. **WATSON WATSON**

On motion of S. Watts and D. C. Fraser

That the hearty thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. W. A. Phelps, and Bro. Phillips, for the important service rendered this Order in connection with the foreign work.

Mary J. McNeil, from the Committee on Juvenile Work, read the Report, which was on motion adopted:—

MARY J. McNEIL
JULIA A. ALLEN
J. F. REED
Report of Com. on Juvenile Lodges.

Wm. A. Phelps and Bro. Phillips has been instrumental in the organization of the juvenile work in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. G. Chief,—

Your Committee on Juvenile Lodges, beg to report, that they have had this subject under consideration.

They cannot but express their regret that so little has been done in the past, in sustaining and extending this department of our jurisdiction. Your Committee regret to find that not more than twenty Lodges, numbering about 1,000 members, now exist in connection with this M. W. G. Lodge, and, judging from the past, they fear that, ere long, unless an immediate effort is made to reanimate the cause, this department of our labour will dwindle away and die.

Your Committee, believing there is a fault somewhere, which the want of success proves to be too true, that fault should be sought for, laid bare, and if possible, removed. If it be a constitutional defect, which is believed by a large number of our members, then let the Constitution be changed and made to aid, rather than hinder the organization of these Lodges; but, if it be a lack of zeal on the part of the members of the Primary Lodges, which must be admitted to exist too generally, then let us, one and all, determine to return to our respective homes, and organize as many Juvenile Lodges as possible, before the next annual gathering of this body, and determine to sustain this part of our cause at all hazards. Your Committee cannot believe the fault lies wholly in the Constitution, for Juvenile Lodges have been sustained under it successfully; yet, they do believe the Constitution may be amended and so improved as to give greater encouragement to this department of our work.

Much has been written on this subject, many admirable suggestions have been made by Committees of former years, hence your Committee takes the liberty to recommend, that British Templars, every where, will read the reports on this subject, for the years 1872 and 1873.

In conclusion, they recommend that a Committee of three be appointed at this Session to enquire into the cause of the want of success in our Juvenile department, and report at next Session, either in person or by proxy, recommending such changes in the Constitution as it, in its judgment, may think desirable, and give an explanation of what they think necessary to make the Juvenile Lodges a success; for, on this, your Committee believes, largely depends the moulding of the future temperance sentiment of the country.

The mass-meetings of the children, as inaugurated last year at our annual meetings, to impress upon their young minds, the importance of early engaging in the Temperance work, and thus give them a sympathy with the cause, your Committee believes should be perpetuated—hence recommends its continuance.

Signed in F. H. & C. G. H.

MARY J. McNEILL,
JULIA A. McRRITT,
J. E. REUD,
E. C. FREEZE.

R. M. Barrett, Rev. T. W. Campbell and E. C. Freeze were appointed a Committee of inquiry on the Juvenile work, in accordance with the recommendation of the above report.

On motion of Rev. A. M. Phillips and Rev. A. Lucas.

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Resolved,—That in order to further promote the interests of the Juvenile work, this Lodge do call the attention of its Counsellor, and of the various Grand and County Counsellors under our jurisdiction, to the following portion of their duties (see Sec. 6, Art. 5 M. W. G. Lodge Constitution), "he shall be the guardian of the rights and liberties of the Juvenile Lodges, having special charge of the working and promotion of that department," and do request them to devote special attention to the spread of Juvenile Templarism. That the M. W. G. Counsellor be directed to communicate with the W. G. Counsellors, soliciting their aid and urging them to duty, they to act as his deputy, and to furnish him with all needed information respecting the Juvenile work in their respective jurisdiction; they in their turn acting through the County Counsellors, soliciting information and developing the Juvenile department. The Counsellor of each grade of Lodge to submit a full report of the Juvenile work under his charge at each Session of the Lodge, of which he is an Officer, and forward a copy of the same to the Counsellor of the Lodge next higher in authority.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, from the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report, which on motion was adopted:—

Finance Committee.

TEMPERANCE HALL, FREDERICTON, N. B.,
August 28, 1874.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:—

That we have examined the books and accounts of the M. W. G. Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct.

The total receipts this year from all sources, as per reports of Sec. and Treas. are \$1086 85
Total expenditure during the year 1207 50

Over-paid by M. W. G. Secretary \$120 65

We find by last year's Report the following bills were unpaid at that time:—

M. W. Secy., D. C. Fraser	.....	\$213 55
" " for 1872, salary	.....	300 00
" " Expenses	.....	5 30
		<u>\$518 85</u>
M. W. Treasurer, P. H. Stewart	.....	\$102 36
" " expenses for Treas. and Vice	.....	56 36
		<u>158 72</u>
Rev. A. M. Phillips, expenses of office	.....	\$35 10
" " expenses	.....	28 10
" " vote of Lodge	100 00
		<u>163 20</u>

(Finance continued.)

W. B. Huestis, 1871	12 00	
" 1872	29 60	
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B. M. Barrett		41 00
Rev. G. A. Mitchell		16 80
W. P. Flewelling		7 95
J. N. Freeman		5 30
Rev. W. Savage		72 20
J. B. Woodland		50 00
Rev. James Howell		25 00
Barnes & Co.		21 00
		34 50
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		\$1115 12

These bills have been reduced by payments during the last year as follows:—

D C Fraser	\$518 85
P H Stewart	37 55
Rev A M Phillips	63 20
W B Huestis	12 00
B. M. Barrett	16 80
W P Flewelling	5 30
Rev Wm Savage	50 00
Barnes & Co.	34 50
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	\$738 20

Leaving the following sums still unpaid:—

P H Stewart	\$121 17
W B Huestis	29 60
Rev G A Mitchell	7 95
Rev A M Phillips	100 00
Rev Jas Howell	21 00
J N Freeman	72 20
J B Woodland	25 00
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	\$376 92

To the foregoing must be added the following sums:—

D C Fraser, over-paid this year accounts... \$120 65	
" salary 1873-4	200 00
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	\$320 65

To which again must be added the following bills, which have been presented to our Committee, and we recommend the payment of the same:—

John Palmer, office exp. and atding Session	\$15 00
Mary J McNeill, M W Vice	13 50
D C Fraser	12 13
E P Flewelling, services as Recorder	10 00
Geo E Foster, rent of hall for M W G Lodge meeting	8 00
Total Liabilities	<hr/>
	\$58 63

To meet these Liabilities we find the following assets:—
 Stock in hand of Secretary \$100 00
 Due from Grand Lodge as per Secy's report 798 62

\$898 62

Leaving a balance in favor of M. W. G. Lodge of \$142 42

Your Committee would reiterate the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the last Annual Session, that the most rigid economy be practiced, but would suggest that this body do, previous to the election of Officers, not only fix the Secretary's salary, but appropriate a certain sum for Officers' expenses, to be divided among all the officers that are required by Constitution, to do special work, and submit reports to this body according to an equitable percentage.

We also urge that the Most Worthy Secretary do take immediate steps to collect the arrearages due this Lodge by Grand Lodges.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,

A. M. PHILLIPS,
 CHAS. FULL,
 G. J. GRAHAM.

Moved by R. M. Barrett, seconded by L. P. Ferris, that the Secretary's salary for the ensuing year be \$200.

Moved in amendment by D. C. Fraser, B. A., seconded by Rev. A. Lucas, that the salary be \$275.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by J. W. Morrison, seconded by J. R. Pidgeon, that the salary be \$300.

Amendment to the amendment lost.

Amendment carried.

On motion of J. P. Bell and Wm. McMaster, Jr., resolved, that we now proceed to fix the place and time of next Session.

Invitations were received from Cobourg, Ontario, and New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

These places were put in nomination, and on the vote being taken, New Glasgow was declared the next place of meeting.

The last Friday, second Wednesday, and last Tuesday in August, 1875, were severally named as the time.

On the vote being taken, it was declared that the next Annual Session would be held on the last Friday in August, 1875; hour to be fixed by the Executive.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and Rev. A. M. Phillips,

Resolved,—That when this Lodge adjourn it stand adjourned until after the public meeting this evening, and that the evening session be opened at 10 p.m., or as soon thereafter as attendance at the public meeting will permit.

On motion of Wm McMaster, Jr. and D. C. Fraser, B. A., *resolved*, that the time of this Session be extended to 6 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. Beckwith submitted the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which on motion was adopted:—

Com. on Correspondence Report.

M. W. G. C., and Members,—

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that we have examined the correspondence handed to us by the M. W. G. Secretary. We find that perfect harmony has existed, and the work attended to in a business-like manner. Believing that much of our success depends on the work of this office, we are pleased with the manner and spirit in which the labor of this department has been performed during the past year.

Submitted in F. H. & C.

REV. W. H. BECKWITH,
D. PALMER,
THOS. HETHERINGTON.

Rev. A. M. Phillips read a letter from W. R. G. Samuels, M. D., Deputy M. W. G. C. Templar for New Zealand, giving his ideas on Templarism, and the best means of making it more a practical Society.

On motion of Rev. A. M. Phillips and Rev. W. H. Beckwith,

Resolved,—That we fully accord with and heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by Dr Samuels in the letter just read, but believe that each jurisdiction should be left to arrange for the recommendations as its local wants may require, and that our Secretary be instructed to acknowledge such letter in accordance with this resolution.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, from the Committee on the State and Extension of the Order, read the following report, which on motion was adopted:—

State and Extension of the Order.

M. W. C. T.

Your Committee on the State and Extension of the Order, feel that we have arrived at the most important period in our Order's history, and upon the action of this Most Worthy Lodge depends the future well-being of the Order.

We have passed through the fiery ordeal of trials, opposition, mismanagement and inexperience, and felt the shock of re-action which ever follows the excitement of a new movement, and though our ship may show the effects, and we keenly feel the result, yet we can report what we never could before an actual, real, working membership of 22,000; who are not with us because of excitement or novelty, but through true love to our cause. To these might be added an estimated membership of Lodges not heard from of 2,000, and Juveniles, 1,000, making the whole, British Templar Army 25,000.

We regret exceedingly to see the falling off in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and from all the information at our disposal, we are inclined to think that the loss of membership in these provinces is not actual, but arises from the tardiness of County Secretaries in making returns, by which Grand Secretaries are not in possession of the actual position of the Primary and Juvenile Lodges in their jurisdictions. Your Committee are of opinion that the bringing of these lower grades into closer and more direct communication with the Grand Lodge, would be most conducive to the best interests of the Order in these Provinces. A continual increase has been reported in Ontario and Nova Scotia since the change in manner of receiving reports from Primary Lodges. Your Committee feel that the more important part of their work is upon the extension of the Order. The extension of the Order is truly and really our work, inasmuch as it implies extending the principles of Total Abstinence in the world, and therefore all should be heartily engaged in this work. Your Committee can only recommend that the best means of extending the Order is "work" and only "work."

Our members have sometimes been discouraged by the means used by some sister organizations to establish themselves in the temperance field, but while we may not altogether justify every act or approve of all the means used, yet we cannot but admire the zeal which has characterized the promoters of these organizations, and we must acknowledge that the cause of Temperance has been greatly enhanced thereby, and should, instead of leading to inaction, stimulate our whole Order to greater activity.

The field is white unto the harvest, and only waits those who will thrust in the sickle first and farthest, and with most effect. Your Committee would therefore call upon all British Templars to come to the front and occupy a position, consistent with their calling, as members of this National Institution.

That Institution which puts forth the most effort is the most likely to succeed, in fact our prosperity will be in proportion to our work, and your Committee find the most prosperous portions of our Order, are those where the most actual work has been performed. From our experience in connection with our own and other Orders, we are unmistakably convinced that there is need of greater activity upon the part of this Most Worthy Lodge and all grades subordinate to it.

As the best means of extending our Order your Committee are most emphatically of the opinion that the most effectual means are through an effective lecturing agency, and would urge upon every Grand Lodge to establish a Lecture Fund, and through its Executive employ agents to canvass every school district in their respective jurisdictions.

We are also of opinion, that much might be done for the extension of the Order by Deputies, and we would urge Primary Lodges and Grand Chief Templars to exercise the utmost care in the selection of Provincial Deputies, and strive to utilize them in the organization of new Lodges, by appointing at least one active special Deputy in each legislative division.

Your Committee cannot close their report without making special reference to the report of your Chief Templar, who has so ably conducted the business of this session, and watched our interest during the past year, to whom we humbly submit, the thanks of this Lodge, should be given.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS,
 PROF. G. E. FOSTER,
 REV. A. LUCAS,

On motion of Rev. A. M. Phillips and Rev. A. Lucas,

Resolved.—That the thanks of this Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to our retiring Chief Templar, Palmer, and Secretary, Fraser.

On motion of Rev. A. Lucas and C Full,

Resolved.—That our M. W. G. Recorder, E. P. Flewelling, receive the sum of \$10 for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office.

Lodge adjourned in accordance with resolution.
 Prayer by Rev. J. E. Rend.

EVENING SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Lodge called to order at 10.30 p.m., as per resolution of adjournment at last session. M. W. G. C. Templar in the chair. Opened in due form. Prayer by Rev. A. Lucas. Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

On motion of Wm. McMaster, Jr. and Rev. T. W. Campbell, resolved, that we do now proceed to the installation of Officers.

The Officers elect were then duly installed by M. W. G. C. Templar, John Palmer, Sheriff Queen's Co., Gagetown, N. B., assisted by the M. W. G. Mar., after which he took the chair of Past M. W. G. C. T.

On motion of E. P. Flewelling and Sheriff Palmer,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Lodge are justly due and are hereby tendered to the retiring Marshal, Wm. McMaster, jr., for the able, efficient and gentlemanly manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during this session.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and R. M. Babbitt, resolved, that the Lodge do now adjourn to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

Lodge closed in due form. Prayer by Chaplain.

EVENING SESSION—FOURTH DAY.

Tuesday, Sept. 1st, 1874.

Lodge met as per resolution of adjournment at last session. M. W. G. C. T. in the chair. Lodge opened in due form. Prayer by Chaplain. Minutes of last session read and approved.

On motion of Rev. A. Lucas and J. W. Morrison,

Resolved,—That this body rejoice to acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God in the preservation of the lives of its members, which is manifest in the fact that there will be no obituary page this year in our journals.

On motion the Lodge took a recess of 15 minutes, to allow St. Ann's Lodge to treat the members to Ice Cream.

M. W. G. C. T. took the chair and Lodge resumed business.

On motion of Jas. Watts and Rev. A. Lucas,

Resolved,—That the most cordial thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge are due and hereby tendered to the members of St. Ann's Lodge, for the generous and large-hearted courtesies extended towards the members of this body during this Annual Session, and for the pleasures afforded the Delegates through the instrumentality of the very successful picnic and enjoyable Ice Cream Festival in which they have been permitted to participate, and for the successful carrying out of which, special thanks are due to the earnest and indefatigable efforts of the Sisters of St. Ann's Lodge.

Prof. G. E. Foster presented a bill of \$8 for rent of Hall, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Geo. Graham and B. Harrison,

Resolved,—That the Special Finance Committee appointed at last Annual Session, be tendered the thanks of this Lodge for their able report upon the Treasurer's Report, subsequent to the Session.

Thanks tendered by the chair.

Letter from Richard Craig, Truro, read to the Lodge.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and J. P. Bell,

Resolved,—That the communication just read be placed on file without action, the subject matter having been legislated upon at last Annual Session, (see report of Session, pages 50 and 51).

On motion of Hon. W. P. Flewelling and B. Harrison,
Resolved,—That the Secretary be instructed to print 2,000 of the
 Journal of Proceedings of this Session.

Rev. J. McLeod, from the Committee on Making
 Lodges Attractive, &c., submitted the following report:—

Making Lodges Attractive, &c.

M. W. C. T., and Members,—

Your Committee to whom were referred the subject of making Lodges more attractive, &c., beg to report, that they find it one on which there exists such a diversity of opinion, and upon which there has been so much written, that it is impossible for them to satisfy themselves, in the short time at their disposal, as to suitable suggestions to submit to this M. W. G. Lodge. They therefore beg to call the attention of Lodges to previous reports on this subject and urge practical action thereon, and would ask the Lodge to appoint a member to prepare a special report on this subject, and submit it at the next annual session.

In F. H. & C.,

J. McLEOD,
 WM. McMASTER, Jr.,
 THOS. H. FORBES.

Prof. Geo. E. Foster was appointed to submit a special report at the next Annual Session, on the best means of making Lodges more attractive, profitable and stable.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, from the Standing Committee on Constitutional Changes, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted by the required two-thirds vote.

Com. on Constitutional Changes.

M. W. G. C. and Members,—

Your Committee on Constitutional Changes, beg leave to recommend that the sections of the report on this subject, for 1872, (see Report of Session, pages 20 and 21), still lie on the table pending union. In reference to Degrees, your Committee recommend that the conferring of Degrees be left optional with Primary Lodges, and that Sec. 3, Art. 6 be amended by erasing "and has taken, previous to nomination, all the De-

degrees given in a Primary Lodge? *Provided that County, Grand and Most Worthy Lodges have the power to confer Degrees on Delegates coming to their Sessions without having received them.*

In F. H. & C.,

A. M. PHILLIPS,
JNO. WM. MORRISON,
SAMUEL WATTS.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and C. Full,

Resolved,—That the Standing Committee on Rituals and Constitutional Changes be continued, until the subject of union is finally settled.

On motion of Rev. A. M. Phillips and C Full,

Resolved,—That the Lodge do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Union.

In due time the Committee rose, and through its Chairman, J. W. Morrison, reported the Committee's Report adopted, with a few verbal amendments in the "General Principles," and the insertion of its own Officers and all its Past Chiefs and Vices in 4th of the "Special Terms," and the addition of the 5th Term.

[NOTE.—The Report of the Union Committee is published as amended.]

The Report was on motion, adopted by an unanimous vote.

On motion of Prof. G. E. Foster and Rev. W. H. Beckwith,

Resolved,—That the Executive of this M. W. G. Lodge be a Committee to lay the basis of Union, accompanied by an explanatory circular thereon, before all the County and Grand Lodges under our jurisdiction for approval; provided, that in Counties where no County Lodge exists, the same be submitted to the Primary Lodges in said Counties for their action, and that the Secretaries of all Lodges, before whom such basis is laid, be required to send a report of the action of his Lodge to the M. W. G. Secy., within ten days after such action is taken.

Rev. A. M. Phillips presented the Report of the Committee on the Foreign Correspondence as follows, which on motion, was adopted:

Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. G. C., and Members.

Your Committee, on the Correspondence from the Foreign work, beg leave to report that we have had the voluminous correspondence of our Foreign Deputies, and cannot but heartily endorse the action of all our Deputies in their efforts to extend our Order in the territory under their charge. As the Deputy in Britain wishes to retire, your Committee are of opinion that his resignation should be accepted, and, as he suggests, the work, which consists mainly of Union with other Orders, be carried on by your Secretary.

Your Committee feel that the thanks of the Lodge are due to our retiring Deputy, Bro. McGregor, and also to Bros. Wilson and Penney, our Deputies in Australia, who have really proved themselves prodigies in the temperance work. From the correspondence placed in our hands, your Committee are of opinion that the brethren in Australia should have full power to amend the Constitution and adapt it to their wants, so long as they use our passwords, preserve the private work unchanged, and leave the pledge unaltered.

Bros. Dr. Samuels of New Zealand, Gushue of Newfoundland, and Morris of Bermuda, equally deserve the thanks of this body for their unflinching attachment to our Order.

Submitted in F. H. & C.,

A. M. PHILLIPS,
SAML. WATTS,
T. W. CAMPBELL.

Rev. J. McLeod submitted the Report of the Special Committee on Publication, which on motion, was adopted:

Report on Publication.

Com. Rooms, Sept. 2, 1874, 1 a.m.

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report that Bro. Jas. Watts has made the following proposition regarding the publication of the *National Templar*.

To publish 2,500 copies weekly, the M. W. Grand Lodge to guarantee him 2,500 subscribers at \$1 a year, Bro. Watts to have all the subscriptions, quarter of the paper for advertising, and also a bonus from this Lodge of \$200. Bro. Watts also proposes to charge thirty-five cents per quire for all papers required over 2,500.

Your Committee cannot agree to accept said proposition, and they suggest to the Lodge the propriety of instructing your Committee to continue negotiations.

E. C. FREEZE,
JNO. WM. MORRISON,
D. C. FRASER,
A. M. PHILLIPS,
J. McLEOD.

On motion of E. C. Freeze and Rev. A. M. Phillips,

Resolved,—That should the Standing Committee on Publication secure terms for the publication of the *National Templar*, which are approved by the Executive of this M. W. G. Lodge, the Committee be authorized to publish said journal.

On motion of Bros. Fraser and Martin,

Resolved,—That the thanks of this M. W. G. Lodge be given to the proprietors and Managers of Railway Lines and Steamboat Companies who have kindly carried Delegates to and from this M. W. G. Lodge, at reduced fares.

Minutes of this Evening's Session were then read and adopted.

The minutes of the Annual Session were then adopted as a whole.

No farther business offering, the M. W. G. C. Templar announced the 15th order of business, closing. At 1.15 o'clock, a.m., Wednesday, Sept, 2nd, the M. W. G. Lodge closed its Eighth Annual Session in Faith, Hope and Charity, to meet at its Ninth Annual Session in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on Friday, August 29th, 1875.

D. C. FRASER, B.A.,

M. W. G. C. Templar.

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS,

M. W. G. Secretary.

E. P. FLEWELLING,

M. W. G. Recorder.

Appendix.

CIRCULAR ADDRESS

TO THE

Members of the Order of British Templars.

GREETING:—

It is with gratitude to the Author of All Peace that we have to report a most peaceful and harmonious Session of the M. W. G. Lodge. Your representatives, feeling their responsible position, gave themselves up to the work of the Session, and by prudent legislation have endeavored to preserve, establish, and advance our Order and its principles, thus advancing the interests of the great Temperance Reform. In connection with this we would call your attention to the fact that in erecting a Temple dedicated to Total Abstinence and Prohibition, they have endeavored to make Christ the chief corner stone, faithful, fervent prayer having been daily offered for the final triumph of our principles; we most earnestly exhort all County and Grand Lodges to make provision for public prayer-meetings in connection with all their Sessions, and Primary Lodges also to give due prominence to this important auxiliary. Matters of grave importance were debated with that calmness and consideration that should always characterize legislative assemblies, such as maintaining the integrity of the Pledge, abolishing Degree qualification for office, &c. But paramount among the subjects under consideration, was the great question of Union, by which seven Templar Orders in different parts of the British Empire are being brought into one grand united army. The basis adopted retains all the valuable and essential principles in each Order, respecting only the non-essentials, the three great features of our Order, acknowledgement of the Christian Religion, a liberal lodge and National independence, still being prominent. We are

quite confident that upon mature deliberation you will agree with us that we have not made too great a sacrifice to gain so desirable an object. We ask an unbiassed and careful consideration of the whole Basis of Union, that the decision of County and Grand Lodges may be in the best interests of the Order and the cause of God.

We have still under consideration the establishment of an organ for the Order under this M. W. G. Lodge, with every prospect of success, but in the meantime we urge you to support the organs published in the interests of the Order already, viz., the *Canadian and British Templars*. From some parts of our jurisdiction came the most cheering accounts, while from others the prosperity of former days is not reported. This should be a source of deep heart-searching by every British Templar. Let the following questions be prayerfully considered:—Am I truly and sufficiently imbued with the great Total-Abstinence principles? Am I sincerely engaged in the moral warfare for the extermination of the Liquor Traffic? Do I as a Christian recognize the relation of the Temperance Reform to the cause of Christ? Do I feel my responsibility in connection with this cause as a worker in Christ's vineyard? Finally, do I realize British Templarism as organized temperance effort, and thus an instrument in the hands of the Lord?

• We would urge upon you the importance of strong attachment to our own individual Order and the advancement of its particular interests in preference to all others; not that we would foster the slightest vestige of bigotry or unlawful opposition, but on the contrary, "with charity for all and malice towards none," preferring our own from an honest conviction that the Order is best adapted for carrying on the Temperance Reform in Canada, by advancing its interests we are advancing the cause. While dwelling upon this point allow us to call your attention to our well graded system of Lodges and well regulated division of labour; by our Constitution the wants of the work, whether local or general, are provided for in every department. The local wants of Primary and Juvenile Lodges are provided for in our County Lodges, while the general interests of the cause are attended to by Grand Lodges, through the division of labor among well regulated staff of officers. Allow me here to call attention to the importance of selecting men for offices and not offices for men; any

organization or institution will be just what its official leaders make it, and how very important that these be "the right men in the right place," men qualified and adapted to the official position. Let individual or local feelings be lost for the sake of the Order's good.

We would urge the establishment of a Missionary Lecture Fund similar to Ontario, by every Grand Lodge, and a more thorough attention, to and development of the Lecture Work, and in order to this, care should be taken in the choice of County and Grand Lecturers; they should be men who, though they may not enter the field themselves, will thoroughly work up this department; but besides all this there must be individual activity and liberality by every British Templar. The members of the Order alone should subscribe \$25,000 for Lecturing purposes, which could be doubled by friends of the cause. Who is able to tell what might be done to deliver the land from the curse of intemperance if every British Templar would do his duty.

In our zeal for the advancement of the Order generally, let us not neglect the youth if we would gain the future men and women of the Nation to our cause and Order, they should now be trained in our principles. The Juvenile Department of our Order is too sadly neglected, and must be until Counsellors feel that their office is more than honorary; let not only Counsellors but individual members feel that they have special charge of the working and promotion of the Juvenile department, and see to it that a Juvenile Lodge is organized in connection with every Primary Lodge.

Hoping that the year upon which we are entering will be one of great prosperity,

We are your faithful servants in the Order,

D. C. FRASER, B.A.,

M. W. G. C. Templar.

REV. A. M. PHILLIPS,

M. W. G. Secretary.

Resolution of 7th Session, 1873.

NOT PUBLISHED IN MINUTES.

The following resolution should have been published in last year's report, but was over-looked :—

Moved by Rev. Wm. John Maxwell, seconded by Rev. A. M. Phillips, That a committee of three be appointed to devise a scheme of degrees in connection with this Order, based upon the principles of Prohibition, and mutual benevolence, and that this committee submit a set of regulations, rituals, &c., for such degrees at the next Annual Session of this Most Worthy Grand Lodge, and would name as a committee Bros. D. C. Fraser, with mover and seconder.

Questions and Answers.

The following questions were proposed and answered :—

1.—Can a Chief, on vacating his chair, be elected to a subordinate office, or must he of necessity occupy the chair of the Past Chief?

ANSWER.—He must fill the Past W. Chief's chair, unless he is re-elected Chief.

2.—If a member nominated to office is not eligible, because of not having the third Degree, and his supporters or party keep the Lodge in debate or dispute till after Degree meeting, can that member then be elected?

Ans.—Presiding Officer at fault in allowing dispute to go on so long. (This difficulty cannot now occur, as Degree qualifications for office are abolished.—*M. W. G. Secretary.*)

3.—If a member leave a Lodge, but the Secretary neglect to remove his name from the book, and then join again by being re-obligated and paying usual fee, would you consider that member had left the Order, or could he, without taking his Degrees again, be elected to office?

Ans.—Honors are lost by breaking connection.

4.—A member of a Primary Lodge having taken all the Degrees and then retired from the Order, on being re-obligated is he supposed to take the Degrees again?

Ans.—Must take the Degrees again.

5.—What is considered the year of this M. W. G. Lodge?

Ans.—There is no specified time, but usage makes us consider the time intervening between the Annual Sessions.

Notices of Motion.

I hereby give notice that at next M. W. G. Lodge Session, I will move for an amendment of Art. 3 M. W. G. Lodge Constitution, looking to a more permanent basis of the composition of that body.

GEO. E. FOSTER.

I hereby give notice that a change in the Constitution of Juvenile Lodges will be sought for at the next annual meeting of the M. W. G. Lodge.

E. C. FREEZE.

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next annual session, to alter Constitution of Primary Lodges so as not to admit persons to membership under 18 years of age.

JOHN P. BELL.

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next session of this M. W. G. Lodge, that in the 6th general rule the words "and visitors to" be inserted after "of" in last line.

REV. A. LUCAS

Public Meetings.

In connection with the Session of the M. W. G. Lodge the following meetings were held:—

A prayer-meeting was held every morning. The attendance was large, and the influence for good was manifested in the harmony that prevailed during all the deliberations of the Session.

On Sunday evening after the church services a very enthusiastic mass-meeting was held in the City Hall. There were upwards of 700 present, forming a most appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. McLeod, of Fredericton. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. W. Campbell, of Ontario, and addresses delivered by Rev. A. Lucas, of P. E. Island; R. M. Barratt, Esq., of P. E. Island; Rev. A. M. Phillips, of Ontario; D. C. Fraser, B.A., of Nova Scotia, and Samuel Watts, Esq., of New Brunswick. The speakers were all in their happiest moods, and delivered eloquent, stirring and effective speeches.

Addresses from the M. W. G. Lodge, the W. G. Lodge of New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Temperance and Prohibitory League were presented to Lieut.-Gov. Tilley at another meeting held in the City Hall on Monday evening. This meeting was as interesting and successful as the preceding one. The chair was taken by the M. W. G. C. T., Palmer. Rev. A. Lucas opened with prayer. In replying to the addresses, the Lieut.-Governor gave an effective speech; referring to his advocacy of temperance principles in the Provincial Parliament; meeting successfully the objection that Prohibition would cause financial loss; and closed by wishing success to the Order of British Templars, "which he denominated" the most active temperance organization. The Governor was followed by Rev. T. W. Campbell, Prof. G. E. Foster and James Watts, Esq., who delivered earnest and practical addresses.

In connection with a pic-nic given to the M. W. Grand Lodge by the members of St. Ann's Lodge, a very successful mass-meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church at Keswick. Excellent speeches were given by several gentlemen, especially by Rev. C. H. Haynes and Messrs. J. R. Pidgeon and W. H. Needham.

A meeting for the children was held in the basement of the Methodist Church, at which quite a number of little ones were addressed by Messrs. R. M. Barratt, J. R. Pidgeon and Charles Full.

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