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SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

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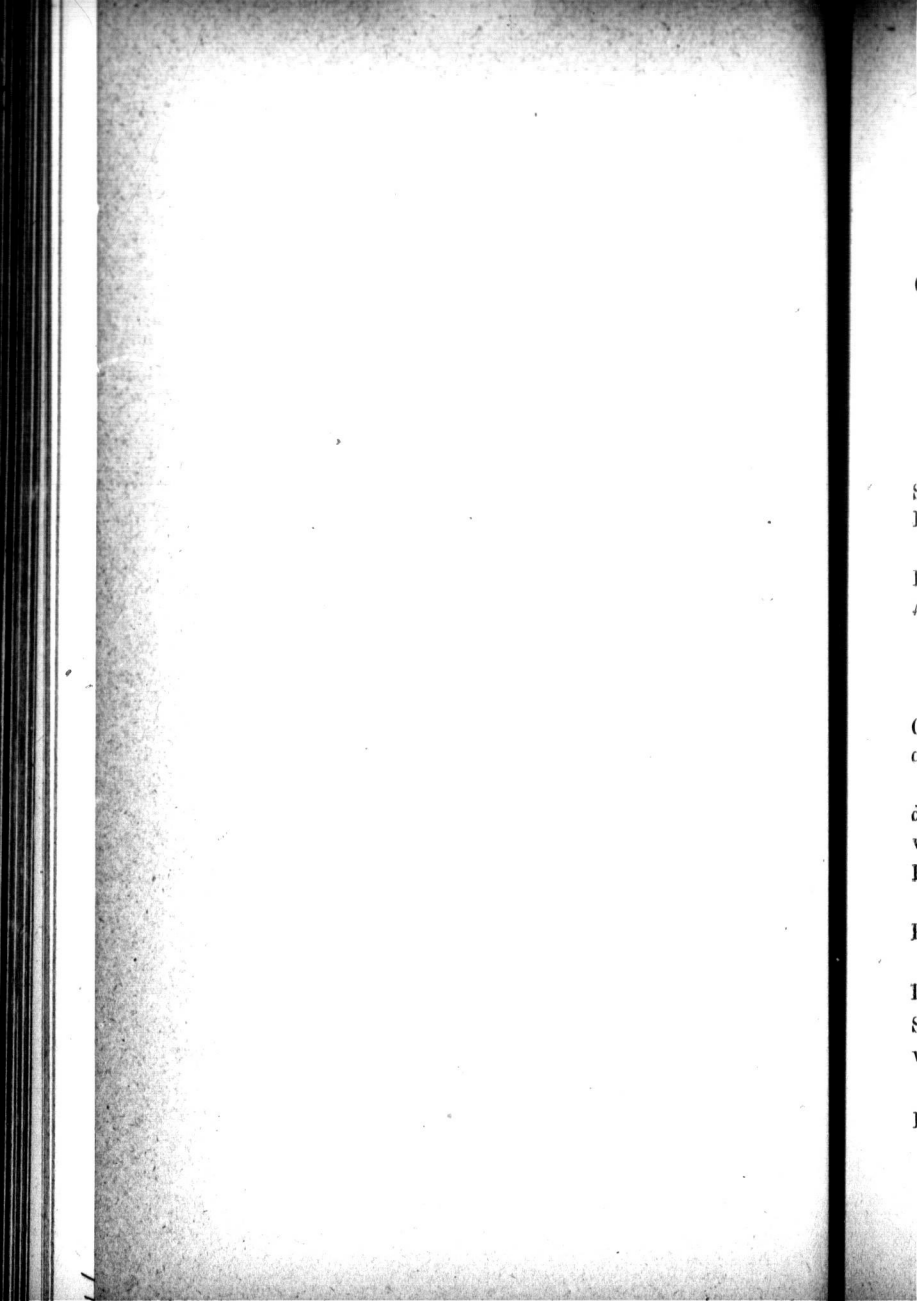
GRAND DIVISION

OF THE

SONS OF TEMPERANCE,

OF CANADA EAST,

ST. ANDREW'S, 10th & 11th JULY, 1867.



SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance
OF CANADA EAST.

St. Andrew's, 11th July, 1867.

$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 p. m.

The Grand Division S. of T. of Canada East, met in semi-annual Session this day, Wednesday, 11th July at St. Andrew's. G. W. A., Rev. J. W. Manning presiding.

The G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows, viz : G. W. A., Rep. D. Dewar ; G. T., Rep. Thompson ; Grand Chap., Rep. Rev. George Anderson ; G. Cou., Rep. Robinson.

Prayer by G. Chap.

Grand Division opened in due form.

On motion of Rep. J. M. Hall, resolved that members of the Order, and Lady Visitors duly obligated be admitted to this Session of the Grand Division.

The G. W. P. named Reprs. McMartin, J. M. Hall and Fessenden a Committee on credentials, who reported the following correct, viz :—

Howard Division, No. 1, John Kelsey, W. P., G. E. McIndoe, E. T. Miles, Henry Greer and George Young, P. W. P.'s.

Perseverance Division, No. 4, Kerr Anderson, W. P., Rev. George Anderson, P. W. P.

Bethel, Ormstown Division, No. 5, James A. Reed, W. P.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, H. B. Wales, P. W. P.

Victoria Division, No. 10, Thomas Barron, Thomas Christie, James Fish, John Jackson, and F. C. Ireland, P. W. P.'s.

Lancaster Division, No. 11, John Helps, W. P., John M. Snider, Donald Cameron, John See, James Cameron, John B. Snider, Kenneth Ross, P. W. P.'s.

St. Lawrence Division, No. 16, Charles Corneil, George Mathison, A. Woods, E. T. Robertson, John O'Farrell, J. A. Kenney, M. Winn, and John Jackson, P. W. P.'s; G. J. Duff, W. P.

The following Representatives being in waiting, were then introduced by the G. Con. and initiated, viz :—

Howard Division, No. 1, John Kelsey.

Perseverance Division, No. 4, Kerr Anderson.

Bethel, Ormstown Division, No. 5, James A. Reed.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, Thomas Lamb, Wm. D. Learmont, and H. B. Wales.

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

Finance Committee—Reps. Allan Brown, F. C. Ireland, and Thomas Lamb.

Good and Welfare Committee—G. Chap., Rev. G. Anderson, P. G. W. P. Stevenson, and Rep. Barron.

Moved by Rep. McMartin, and seconded :

Resolved,—"That this Grand Division adjourn at 5 o'clock, meet again at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 o'clock, adjourn at 10 o'clock, and meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The following question was submitted from St. Lawrence Division, "What constitutes a member in good standing?"

Moved by Grand Chap., Anderson and seconded :

"That the same be referred to a special Committee."—Carried.

G. W. P. named on said Committee, G. Chap. Anderson, Reps. Wanless, Fessenden, McMartin and Wales.

Read G. W. P.'s Report.

Bedford, July 9th, 1867.

Officers and Brothers of G. D. of S. T.

Having so recently returned from the meeting of the National Division of our Order at Wilmington, I find it quite impossible to be with you on the occasion of your present meeting. Notwithstanding my inability to attend, I feel that my absence will be more than compensated by the presence of our esteemed G. W. A., who will preside over your deliberations, with that manly courtesy, and Christian forbearance, which have ever characterized his course, during his useful connection with our Order.

It is a matter of regret that I feel called upon to repeat the words of my predecessor in his last annual Report, viz : "That the state of our Order in Canada East is not so encouraging as we would desire." The reports furnished me by my deputies, indicate a state of apathy in the ranks in many localities; and the general interest in the Cause of Temperance is not so earnest as the importance of the subject demands. How to shake off this dullness and to infuse into our holy cause increased vigor, is the problem that presents itself to my mind.

Many remedies may be suggested, but to me, the most practical one is, to at once put an efficient Lecturer in the field, and thus bring the subject home to every village and hamlet in our land. But the laborer is worthy of his hire, and the Agent thus sent must be supported, and I would recommend that a tax be levied of twenty-five cents per quarter upon every member of our jurisdiction, until a fund shall be obtained sufficient to establish an Agent on a good basis, and when once established I believe the Agency will be self-sustaining.

In Eastern New York this plan has been adopted, and has worked wonderful results. In that jurisdiction, within the last six months there has been 8,000 added to the Order, with a constantly increasing ratio of membership and a corresponding increasing treasury with every hope and prospect of a glorious and triumphant future.

I would recommend that this Grand Division take such steps as will secure the circulation of the greatest possible number of Temperance publications, and I would call your attention to the subject of introducing into our text-books of Education—works on the effect of Alcohol on the human system.

I would recommend that Ladies be admitted to full membership into all Subordinate Divisions. Believing that such a course will very much promote the interest of our Order.

A well selected Temperance Library will be found to be a very great support in a Subordinate Division, and I hope that such action will be taken by the Grand Division as will most encourage the Subordinate Divisions to thus supply themselves.

For the Financial condition of the Order, I refer you to the Report of the Grand Scribe.

I would most respectfully submit the foregoing to your consideration believing that all that can be done will be, both for the good of our Order, and to extend its blessings to all the unfortunate of our race who are suffering from the curse of Intemperance.

WILLIAM JOSLEYN, G. W. P.

Referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Read Report of G. S.

St. Andrew's, 10th July, 1867.

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

WORTHY BROTHERS,

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty to lay before you a Report of the state of the Order in this jurisdiction. In preparing this my Report I have to take the Returns for the Quarter ending 31st March last for my statistics. The Returns for the quarter ending 30th June, received by me are so few as to render it impossible to make any report of the condition of the Order for that quarter. Were Subordinate Divisions more punctual in making Returns there would be no difficulty in laying before the Grand Division a Report of the condition of the Order up to the end of the quarter immediately preceding the meetings of the Grand Division, and I believe if D.G.W.P.'s would in every case withhold the Password until the Returns were made out and the per capita tax appropriated, more punctuality in making Returns to this Office would be attained.

The following is a synopsis of the Returns from 22 Divisions Reporting for

Quarter ending 31st March 1867. The number of working Divisions being 27.

Initiated,	125
Withdrawn,	17
Suspended,	16
Violated the pledge 1st time,	18
" " 2nd time,	2
Reinstated,	3
Expelled for violation of pledge,	15
" for non-payment of dues,	18
Contributing Members,	717
Lady Visitors,	626
Public Meetings held,	10
Receipts,	\$148.00
Paid for benefits,	00.00
Incidental expenses,	152.17
Cash on hand,	128.34
Per capita tax to Grand Division,	82.25

The following is a copy of the annual Return to the National Division for 1866:—

Number of Divisions in operation,	27
Number admitted,	496
Number reinstated,	30
Number suspended,	36
Number expelled for Violation of the Pledge,	68
Number expelled for other causes,	139
Number of Deaths,	2
Number of Violations of the Pledge,	74
Whole number of Members,	878
Number of Lady Visitors admitted,	31
Whole number of Lady Visitors,	920
Whole amount of receipts,	\$819.66
Paid for Benefits,	10.87½
Cash on hand and invested,	1,032.51
Per capita-tax to Grand Division,	525.82
Per-capita tax to National Division three cts. each Member,	26.34
Number of Members in Grand Division,	140
Number of Representatives in National Division,	12
Number of Public Temperance Meetings held,	86
Number of Tracts distributed,	450
Number of Boys and Girls enrolled in Temperance Organizations	478

I very much regret to be under the necessity of reporting the Order in this jurisdiction to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. Apathy prevails to a great extent throughout our ranks with nothing of a missionary spirit prevailing. A thorough arousing has become necessary. How is this to be accomplished? This is a question of much importance and requires a careful and prayerful consideration at your hands. I am myself fully convinced that the employment of an efficient Lecturer would be the means of arousing the members of the Order to a sense of their duty to the Order, and of spreading its principles throughout the community. In order to obtain the services of a suitable lecturer funds are requisite and it is hoped that a sufficient amount will be immediately raised for that purpose.

Since last meeting one new Division has been organized, viz: Dundee Division No. 80, located at Dundee Centre. Perseverance Division, No. 4,

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located at Huntingdon, after having ceased working for a time has again resumed its labors and I am happy to inform you has two Representatives present at this meeting.

The National Division S. of T. of N A. met in Session at Wilmington, Delaware on the 19th June last and continued its sittings until Saturday 22nd. I was not privileged to attend this Session, the M. W.S. however has forwarded me a summary of the most important transactions of the Session, which I now lay before you, as follows.

"The National Division has just held its Twenty-third Annual Session, in Wilmington, Delaware, commencing Wednesday, June 19, and closing Saturday, June 22. The next Session is to be held in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1868. While the Session was one of earnest discussion, very few changes, in any department, were adopted. No change whatever was made in any of our Constitutions. The verse on page 5 of the Ladies' Ritual, it being the part of the W. A., was stricken out of the Ritual."

"The following Resolutions of general interest were adopted":—
Resolved,—"That the Grand Divisions throughout our jurisdiction be and are hereby requested to celebrate in an appropriate manner the approaching Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Order."

"This occurs 29th September, 1867."
Resolved,—"That the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America gratefully receive and acknowledge the kind expressions of fraternal regard, offered by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Good Templars of North America, at its late Session at Detroit."

Resolved,—"That this National Division do respectfully urge upon the attention of authors and publishers the great demand and necessity of books adapted to our Common Schools that shall teach the physiological effects of alcoholic drinks as a beverage, and which shall expose their injurious use as a medicine."

Resolved,—"That this National Division earnestly urge upon all Subordinate Divisions the importance of introducing among their exercises the singing of temperance songs and melodies; and, to facilitate this object, we recommend the use in all Subordinate Divisions of the "Temperance Chimes," as the best collection of temperance music extant."

Resolved,—"That the Most Worthy Scribe be instructed to prepare and have published, annually, a Sons of Temperance Directory, for the use of members of the Order, said Directory to contain a full list of the officers and members of the National Division, with the residence of each, and, also, as far as possible a list of the Grand and Subordinate Divisions, with the place and time of meeting, and such other information as may be considered desirable."

Resolved,—"That the Most Worthy Scribe be requested to present to this National Division, at its next Session, a suitable Charter for Subordinate Divisions, with the cost of the same; and, if adopted, to become the uniform Charter for Subordinate Divisions."

Resolved,—"That the Territory heretofore constituting the jurisdiction of the Grand Division of Southern Kentucky be attached to and placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Division of Kentucky."

Resolved,—"That we regret that so eminent a man as Dr. Howard Crosby, of N Y., should lend aid and comfort to the cause of intemperance, by his bold attack upon the principles of total abstinence, in the endorsement of a Work, entitled "Teetotalism as a Rule of Duty unknown to the Bible."

Resolved,—"That we recognize the great influence which Ministers of the Gospel exert in all moral questions, and are happy to learn of the accession of many clergymen to the ranks of our Order; but, believing the time has come for

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a more universal and decided action, we earnestly recommend Grand Divisions to take such measures as may be deemed necessary to secure the active co-operation of all clergymen within their respective jurisdictions."

Resolved,—"That the practice of drinking moderately of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is as disgraceful as the drunkenness which it causes, and ought to be so considered and proclaimed."

Resolved,—"That it is practicable and expedient, by the adoption of reasonable measures, to secure the members of National Division from the necessity of patronizing liquor-selling hotels while attending our annual sessions."

A Committee reported the following Recommendations:—

"That Grand Divisions levy a tax of two cents per capita per annum upon the members of the Order under their respective jurisdiction, and pay the same over to the National Division, to be disbursed, under the direction of the Most Worthy Patriarch, in advancing the interests of our Order, more especially in those States and Territories which have no Grand Divisions."

Also, "That Subordinate Divisions add twenty-five cents to their initiation fee, which shall be paid over to their respective Grand Divisions, to be used in carrying on the missionary work of the Order in their respective jurisdictions by sending forth lecturers and organizing Divisions."

"The decisions of the M. W. P., on the subject of female membership, communicated to the Order during last year, were all confirmed."

Respectfully submitted,

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

JOHN S. HALL, G. S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand,	- - - - -	\$ 75
" for per cap. tax, from 1st Jan. to 1st July 1867,	105 61½	
" for supplies	- - - - -	1 92½
" Premium received on Canada Bills	- - - - -	10 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid expenses attending annual Session	\$ 3 75
" Postages and express charges	- - - 10 86
" Grand Treasurer	- - - 89 94
Balance to Lecture Fund	- - - 13 74
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Montreal, 9th July, 1867.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

Grand Division S. of T. of C. E. in account with Grand Treasurer.

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To paid M. W. S. per cap tax 1866,	voucher No. 1	\$26 34
" " " for Rituals and Tracts	" 2	6 00
" J. C. Becket, Printing,	" 3	20 50
" F. E. Grafton,	" 4	2 10
" Starke & Co., Printing Charters,	" 5	4 50
" D. Rose, Printing	" 6	15 50
" Grand Scribe on account,	" 7	15 00
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GEORGE ADAMS,
Grand Treasurer.

10th July, 1867.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 6 o'clock.

½ past 6 o'clock p. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as previous Session.

Prayer by G. Chap.

Grand Division opened in due form.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee read and discussed section by section and adopted.

St. Andrew's July 10th, 1867.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee.

Good and Welfare Committee met at 5 p. m., and read over the reports of the G. W. P. and the G. S. also the report of the proceedings of the National Division held in Wilmington, Delaware, June 19th.

Your Committee are sorry that the G. W. P. is not present to preside over this meeting of the G. D. but seeing that his absence is accounted for by his attendances at the N. D., which necessitated his absence for some time from his home and his business, consider his excuse quite satisfactory, and are glad to have his place so efficiently filled by Brother Manning.

Your committee regret that the Cause of Temperance in connection with the Order of the Sons of Temperance is not so prosperous as is desirable in the Province of Quebec, as appears from the reports of both the G. W. P. and G. S.; and concurs in the opinion expressed by both functionaries that an efficient Lecturer is the agency required to resuscitate the cause. Your Committee however with all due deference to the opinions of others do not concur in the levying of a tax for the support of a Lecturer; but recommend that a Lecture fund be raised by voluntary subscriptions; and that the Reps. present be authorized to take up subscriptions for such a fund from the Divisions they represent and the friends of the cause generally. Your Committee is also of opinion that it would greatly facilitate the work of the Lecture Committee, were the members of this G. D. here and now to subscribe to this Lecture Fund, the sums subscribed, to be paid as soon as the services of an efficient Lecturer can be secured by said Lecture Committee.

Your Committee are of opinion that the recommendation of the G. W. P. respecting the admission of Ladies to full membership should be left over till the annual session, and that meanwhile the G. S. be instructed to take steps to ascertain the ideas of subordinate Divisions on the matter.

As regards the dissemination of Temperance literature spoken of in the report of the G. W. P., your Committee think that the tract of the National Division entitled "the Destroyer," should be circulated, which the G. S. informs us can be obtained at fifteen dollars a thousand.

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As regards the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Order of the Sons of Temperance your Committee consider that this Grand Division recommend the subordinate Divisions under their jurisdiction the celebration thereof in some suitable manner, to use it as a means of spreading temperance truth among the people and also of setting forth the advantages of our noble Order.

All which is respectfully submitted
 Yours in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.
 GEORGE ANDERSON.
 THOMAS BARRON.
 W. STEVENSON.

Finance Committee reported as follows :

St. Andrew's, July 10th, 1867.

To the Grand Division of the Province of Quebec.

We your F. Committee beg to report that we have examined the documents and vouchers submitted to us by the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

Committee, { ALLAN BROWN,
 F. C. IRELAND,

On motion Report adopted.

The following notice of motion was then given :

St. Andrew's, 10th July, 1867.

We the undersigned members of the Grand Division S. of T. of Canada East, and Representatives of the following Subordinate Divisions do hereby give notice that at the next annual Session of this Grand Division to be held at Granby in February 1868, we will move that the annual meeting be held in the Summer season, instead of the Winter.

DUNCAN DEWAR, St. Andrew's Div,
 THOS. FESSENDEN, Howard "
 THOS. BARRON, Victoria "
 GEO. ANDERSON, Perseverance "
 W. STEVENSON, Cowansville "
 C. H. MANSFIELD, East Farnham "

The St. Andrew's Division tendered an invitation to the members of the Grand Division to attend a pic-nic to be held to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Invitation accepted.

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

11th July, 1867.

9 o'clock a. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, G. W. A. in the chair.

All officers present except G. W. P.

Prayer by G. Chap.

Grand Division opened in form.

The G. W. P. here entered and took his seat.

Committee named to consider the question proposed by St. Lawrence Division, viz: "What constitutes a member in good standing?" reported;—when after considerable discussion, the Report was withdrawn, the Committee discharged, and a new Committee named to report at Annual Session. The G. W. P. named on that Committee: Grand Scribe Hall and Reps. Martin and Burton.

Moved by Rep. Fessenden and seconded:—That the arrears of per capita tax due by Balaelava Division be remitted.

The G. W. P. here vacated the chair in order to submit the following Resolution.—Chair taken by G. W. A.

Moved by Rep. J. W. Manning, seconded by Rep. Fessenden:

"Whereas, the cause of Temperance is cosmopolitan in its aims, recognizing no distinction of race, colour, sex or creed, and

"Whereas, at a recent sitting of the National Division of North America, held in Montreal, legislation of an exceptional character and subversive of the above fundamental principle of the cause, was enacted, by which a stigma was cast upon our coloured brethren, our Order injured in public estimation and subjected to the hostile criticism of a portion of the press, and

"Whereas, the representatives of this Grand Division honored themselves their constituents, and the cause, by voting on every opportunity against such distinctive legislation," therefore

Resolved,—"That this Grand Division desire to place upon record, its entire dissent from, and its deep regret at such exceptional legislation, and believing in the declaration that God hath made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, would urge upon the National Division, at the very earliest opportunity, the repeal of such obnoxious legislation, and thus make our noble Order a sober world in miniature."

"That the thanks of the Grand Division be and are hereby tendered to our representatives for the stand made by them against the injustice done the coloured race."—Carried.

G. W. P. resumed his seat.

Moved by Grand Chap. Anderson, seconded by Rep. Barron, and resolved:

"That it would be for the interests of the cause of Temperance in connection with our Order, that the Grand Divisions of the Dominion of Canada should be formed into a National Division, and that the Grand Scribe be instructed to enter into correspondence with the Grand Scribes of said Grand Divisions on the subject, in order to ascertain their views."

On motion of Rep. J. M. Hall, it was resolved that the thanks of this Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, S. S. & C., and Vermont Central Rail Roads and to the Ottawa River Navigation Co. for their kindness in permitting our Delegates to travel to and from this meeting at one fare.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Grand Chap. Anderson, and seconded :

"That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the Trustees of the Congregational Church, for the use of said Church to hold the meetings of the Grand Division."—Carried unanimously.

On motion of Grand Chap. Anderson :

Resolved,—"That the thanks of the Reps. of the Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the members and Lady Visitors of St. Andrew's Division, and their friends, for the kind and hearty reception given them."—Carried unanimously.

On motion, ordered that 250 copies of the proceedings be printed and distributed.

The Grand Division closed its semi-annual Session, to meet in Annual Session at Granby, on Wednesday the 5th day of February, 1868.

JOHN. S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

LIST OF DIVISIONS.

No.	NAME.	LOCALITY.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.
1	Howard,	Montreal, 6 Bleury St.,	Thursday.
3	Gough,	Quebec,	Tuesday.
4	Perseverance,	Huntingdon,	Monday.
5	Bethel,	Ormstown,	Thursday.
9	St. Andrew's,	St. Andrew's,	Monday.
10	Victoria,	Lachute,	Monday.
11	Lancaster,	Lancaster,	Saturday.
14	St. Michael's Union,	Athelstan,	"
16	St. Lawrence,	Quebec,	Friday.
17	Lacolle,	Lacolle,	Thursday.
22	Manningville Hope,	Manningville,	"
28	Bristol,	Bristol,	Monday.
30	Balaclava,	Leeds,	Tuesday.
34	Harmony,	New Glasgow,	1st & 15th of month.
38	Richmond,	Melbourne,	Monday.
39	Havelock,	Inverness,	Friday.
44	Granby,	Granby,	Friday.
50	Adamsville,	Adamsville,	Saturday.
54	Hungerford,	Bedford,	"
55	Bedford,	Bedford,	"
58	Cowansville,	Cowansville,	"
59	East Farnham	East Farnham,	Thursday.
64	West Shefford,	West Shefford,	Saturday.
68	Shefford Mountain,	Shefford Mountain,	Saturday.
70	Covey Hill,	Covey Hill,	Friday.
75	Star of Hope,	Rawdon,	Monday.
79	Bute,	Kinnear's Mills,	Tuesday.
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OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

In attendance at the Semi-Annual Session, held at St. Andrews, on the 10th and 11th of July 1867.

G. W. A., J. W. Manning; G. Scribe, John S. Hall; G. Sent, C. H. Mansfield.

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—Bros. J. S. Hall, J. M. Hall, T. Fessenden, T. Robinson, W. Bates, A. Brown, J. Kelsey.

PERSEVERANCE DIVISION, No. 4.—Bros. Rev. G. Anderson, Kerr Anderson.

BETHEL DIVISION, No. 5.—Bro. James A. Reed.

ST. ANDREW'S DIVISION, No. 9.—Bros. Rev. J. W. Manning, D. Dewar, F. McMartin, T. Wanless, T. Lamb, W. Learmonth, W. B. Wales, J. McIntosh.

VICTORIA DIVISION, No. 16.—Bros. Thomas Barron, James Fish, F. C. Ireland.

LANCASTER DIVISION, No. 10.—Bro. J. M. Snider.

COWANSVILLE, No. 58.—Bro W. Stevenson.

EAST FARNHAM DIVISION, No. 59.—Bros. C. H. Mansfield, J. F. Thompson.

LADY VISITORS.

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—Miss Fessenden, Miss M. Fessenden, and Miss H. Wilson.

PERSEVERANCE DIVISION, No. 4.—Mrs. Anderson.

ST. ANDREW'S DIVISION, No. 9.— Mrs. Manning, Mrs. C. Stackhouse, Miss Wanless, Miss Stalford, Miss Manning, Miss M. H. Dewar, Miss E. A. Manning, Miss K. McEwan, Miss M. Wanless and Miss Hyde.

COWANSVILLE DIVISION, No. 58. Mrs. Stevenson.

Address of G. W. P., W. Josleyn, Bedford.

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