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OFFICE OF THE  
GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T.,  
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Kingston, Dec. 20, 1861.

*The Officers and Representatives of the Grand Division of Canada West will take notice that the next Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division will be held in the Town of Oshawa, on the 25th of June next, at 10 o'clock A.M.*

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## Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance OF CANADA WEST.

TEMPERANCE HALL,  
Oakville, 4th December, 1861. }

The Grand Division assembled at 10 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, the 4th of December. About thirty Representatives were in attendance at the opening. The Grand Worthy Patriarch, E. ROWLAND, Esq., presided, and the Grand Division was opened in due form.

The Officers present were EDWARD ROWLAND, Grand Worthy Patriarch; EDWARD STACEY, Grand Scribe; S. W. SHARRARD, Grand Treasurer; W. HAGER, Grand Sentinel.

Vacancies filled:—Representative J. F. WRIGHT, Grand Worthy Associate; Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, Grand Chaplain; Representative R. C. BENEDICT, Grand Conductor; Representative D. DUFF, P.G.W.P. ✓

A portion of Scripture was read and prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM and seconded by Representative J. F. WRIGHT—

That Brother ROBERT JACKSON be Messenger to the Grand Division during its present Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM and seconded by the Grand Treasurer—

That Representative COLE be appointed the Assistant Grand Scribe during the present Session. Carried.

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Moved by Representative D. DUFF and seconded by Representative W. H. JONES—

That the hours of meeting be as follows:—Meet at 8:30 A.M.: adjourn at 12 A.M. Meet again at 1:30: adjourn at 5. Meet again at 6:30. Carried.

On motion the minutes of the Semi-Annual Session were read short and approved.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their first Report as follows:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we have examined the Credentials of the following Divisions and found them correct:—

Cobourg Division ...	No. 9	Peru Division ...	No. 283
Ontario ...	" 26	Milton ...	" 69
Port Hope ...	" 37	Caledon ...	" 102
Oakville... ..	" 61	Grimsby... ..	" 172
Port Credit ...	" 96	Ravine ... ..	" 73
Brougham ...	" 104	Smithville ...	" 141
Pine ... ..	" 134	Ontario ... ..	" 26
Palermo... ..	" 143	Bowmanville ...	" 39
Bradford ... (No Seal)	" 148	Maple Grove ...	" 345
Brunswick Hill... ..	" 170	Glen William ...	" 334
Nelson Star ... ..	" 180	Peel ... ..	" 344
Coldstream ... (No Seal)	" 212	Streetsville ...	" 59
Raglan ... .. (No Seal)	" 217	Haldimand Central ...	" 393
Sharon ... .. (No Seal)	" 222	Alma ... ..	" 186
Bytown ... ..	" 224	Invincible ... ..	" 292
Prospect... ..	" 243	Bond Head ... ..	" 119
Pine Grove ... (No Seal)	" 249	Plainville ... ..	" 398
Tillsonburgh ... ..	" 265	Tyrone ... ..	" 126
Salem ... ..	" 270	Brockville ... ..	" 1
Blythe ... .. (No Seal)	" 271	Thanesville ... ..	" 354
Brooklin ... .. (No Seal)	" 328	Harvest Home ... ..	" 317
Kingston Mechanics' ...	" 374	Nightingale ... ..	" 81
Omagh ... .. (No Seal)	" 378	Malton ... ..	" 295
Trafalgar Star ... ..	" 361	Sheridan ... ..	" 101
Haldimand ... ..	" 56		

The whole respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

J. M. T. HANNUM,  
A. C. HUTCHISON,  
JAMES F. WRIGHT.

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their second Report, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Conductor announced that fifteen Representatives were in attendance, who were introduced and duly initiated.

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A complete list of Representatives initiated at this Session, and all those in attendance, will appear in the Appendix.

Moved by Representative D. DUFF and seconded by Representative J. F. WRIGHT—

That the initiation ceremony be suspended, and that the Representatives for the remainder of the Session be merely obligated. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their third Report, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Conductor introduced five Representatives, who were duly obligated.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their fourth and fifth Reports, which on motion were adopted.

Prayer by Chaplain.

The Grand Division adjourned to meet again at 1:30 P.M.

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### Afternoon Session.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Worthy Patriarch in the chair.

Officers absent when the roll was called:—The Grand Worthy Associate, Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, and Grand Conductor.

The following Officers entered and took their seats:—Rev. J. SHORTT, D.D., Grand Chaplain; E. CARSWELL, G.W.A.; R. WINDATT, G.C.

Vacancy filled by Representative N. C. GOWAN as P.G.W.P.

The Committee on Credentials brought in their sixth Report, which on motion was adopted.

The initiatory ceremony was then duly performed, and eighteen Representatives initiated.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their seventh and eighth Reports, which on motion were adopted.

The Grand Scribe reported that, in accordance with the request of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, he had waited on Brother ALEXANDER MOFFAT, of Ohio, and found him ineligible to be

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admitted into this Grand Division, Brother MOFFAT not having any Credentials, neither had he been initiated into any Grand Division.

The following communication from Oakville Division, No. 61, S. of T., was read:—

OAKVILLE, December 4th, 1861.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE, C.W.:

GRAND WORTHY BRETHREN—On behalf of Oakville Division Sons of Temperance, No. 61, we beg to state that we regard with unfeigned satisfaction your advent amongst us on this auspicious occasion, and feel that it will constitute an era in our history long to be remembered by all classes of our community, and which, we doubt not, will be fraught with blessings, not to our community alone, but to our whole beloved country, knowing as we do that your benevolent object in leaving your homes at this inclement season is to promote the temporal and spritual well-being of our fellow-countrymen, as also the peace and happiness of mankind. Permit us therefore to assure you of our great anxiety to render your stay amongst us as agreeable as possible, and we trust you will use all that fraternal freedom which our intimate relationship justifies. We are also instructed to invite you to attend our Festival, in this Hall, on the evening of Thursday, the 5th inst. In conclusion, brethren, we bid you all hail and welcome to Oakville, and may the Great Patriarch above direct you in all your future efforts, that the demon of intemperance may speedily be banished from our world.

Yours in L., P. and F.,

JOHN COWTON, } Representatives.  
W. H. JONES, }

On motion the address of welcome from Oakville Division was received and the invitation to attend the festival cordially accepted, and the Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representatives Rev. DR. SHORTT, J. LAWRENCE, and N. C. GOWAN, a Committee to draft a reply to the address.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch submitted the following Report:—

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST IN GRAND DIVISION ASSEMBLED:

RESPECTED BROTHERS—By the rapid flight of time we are now assembled on the occasion of the thirteenth Annual Session of this Grand Division. Twelve years are numbered with the past since the commencement of your deliberations, in which time our trophies may be numbered by thousands; our fellow-men have been raised from depths of degradation to receive a brother's hand and a brother's welcome to a fraternity whose objects are the suppression of intemperance and the inculcation of temperance, benevolence and brotherly love. Divisions have been established throughout "our beloved Canada" as beacon lights to guide the "traveller through this world of danger", and we may reasonably claim that our Order has

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accomplished much in directing public sentiment on a subject which, as faithful conservators of a truly noble, patriotic and righteous cause, we are bound, upon our sacred honor, as men, to keep prominently before the world. Our Order has passed through many vicissitudes, incident however to all human organizations aiming at the elevation of our fellow-men. In the zenith of its prosperity, embracing a membership of over 17,000, and having many fluctuations in the interval, we have this day to present you with statistics showing a large declension in our membership. I mention this subject thus early in my Report that your minds may be fixed on some comprehensive effort, to throw new life, new activity, new material, into our Order. However, we have much reason to be thankful that, while other organizations for the same object have fallen into decay and forgetfulness, "the flag of the Red, White and Blue" still floats in the breeze, and its central star shines forth, emitting rays of light and hope and joy to the tempest-tossed mariner on the turbid sea of dissipation and despondency.

May this Session be characterised for peace and harmony; may strong hearts and willing hands, here assembled, give their serious attention to the revival of the Order; and may "He who alone is able to keep us from falling", give you wisdom in all your deliberations for the elevation of the human race.

Without considering at large the causes of our declension in membership, I consider that the nonpayment of dues has been a fruitful cause of the loss and expulsion of our members. Dues, in many cases, have been allowed to accumulate to a considerable sum, and the number of apathetic members so indebted has become so large that wholesale suspension, and often expulsion, has been resorted to. Fully aware that the duties of the Financial Scribes in our Subordinates are somewhat onerous, and perhaps the most responsible in the Division, I would urge on the attention of the brethren more prompt and regular attention to this matter at the expiration of each quarter, as the laws and our Constitution require. The late general election has also doubtless diverted public attention from our Order and its objects. While some may be engaged in advocating our principles, many have become discouraged and have retired from the field. The present season should be diligently improved for the education and elevation of the public mind. There is now a political calm, and the public ear will listen to, and the mind apprehend, the truth, plainly and forcibly uttered. Are you, brothers, prepared to avail yourselves of this seed time? "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven."

As anticipated, there has been as yet no session of the National Division of North America since the Annual Session of June, 1860. Conformably with the notice received at your Semi-Annual Session, a joint Session of the Grand Divisions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Eastern New York was held at Cape May in July last, the Most Worthy Patriarch being present; on which occasion the Most Worthy Patriarch was advised, after considerable discussion, to convene the National Division in the City of Montreal, C.E., in June, 1862. Your Representative faithfully carried out your instructions by advocating Toronto, but was pleased that a location was fixed on, only perhaps second to that which he advocated as your choice. The recommendation of that Advisory Session was considered final until the recent publication of a circular from the Most Worthy Patriarch, from which it appears that (assuming the impossibility of meeting in Nashville, Tennessee) the location of the Bi-Annual Session remains an open question;

and he still invited the expression of the various Grand Divisions on the subject. The report of the Joint or Advisory Session at Cape May, together with the late circular from the Most Worthy Patriarch, will be laid before you; and I would suggest that a respectful memorial or address be transmitted to the M.W.P., urging that the recommendation of the Cape May Session be faithfully carried out.

I would call your attention, as a matter of interest connected with our Order, to the praiseworthy exertions put forth by the Executive of the National Division to extend the benefits of our Order in some degree to the contending armies in the existing revolutionary war. We hear that Divisions are established in camp, and temperance tracts are distributed—thus assisting the soldier, while in exile from the comforts and protection of home, “to lead a temperate, virtuous and honorable life.” It is gratifying also to observe that in the absence of the full statistics of the Order, the Most Worthy Patriarch is enabled to report an estimated increase in the aggregate membership, although in consequence of the disturbed state of affairs the funds of the National Division are considerably reduced.

I regret to state that owing to a serious accident on the New York Central Railroad which took place on Monday the 22nd of June, 1861, I was prevented from attending the Joint Session, to which I was kindly delegated by this Grand Division, being delayed at the Suspension Bridge and Rochester some thirteen hours, arriving in New York two hours too late for the starting of the only boat to the place of meeting. I was thus quite unavoidably deprived of the pleasure of meeting with our American brethren, but have the gratification of knowing that this Grand Division was most ably represented by Brother STACEY, our Grand Scribe, who is prepared to present you with a full detail of his mission. While detained in New York I was most courteously directed by Brother W. H. ARMSTRONG, G.T. of the Grand Division of Eastern New York, to the Cypress Hill Cemetery, the site of the monument under which are deposited the remains of our late lamented Brother, D. H. SANDS, one of the founders of the Order, and to the erection of which well-deserved tribute of respect this Grand Division was a contributor. The monument is indeed a handsome structure, and while reflecting great credit on the zeal and enterprise of the Grand Division of Eastern New York, which took the initiative in the movement and was immediately connected with the responsibility of the undertaking, is also an interesting evidence of the unity of sentiment pervading our Order, the monument being erected by the contributions of no less than twenty-five Grand Division jurisdictions, all of whom

“Revere his memory and would perpetuate his name.”

Having nothing to report as to the progress of our Act of Incorporation since last Session, I would recommend that the best exertions be put forth to secure a continuance of the privileges conferred by the late Act. A memorial has been prepared by the Committee appointed in 1861, at the Annual Session, and the Hon. M. CAMERON of the Legislative Council, and the Hon. O. MOWAT of the Assembly, have kindly consented to take charge of the Bill in the respective branches of the Legislature. Although that Committee have always indulged the hope that there will be little difficulty in procuring the renewal, I would suggest to this Grand Division the propriety of taking the best legal advice as to the proper course of procedure in the event of a refusal. Many Divisions having bought and sold property, loaned money and transacted business under the present Act, may be put

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to much inconvenience and perplexity by its suspension. And although this Grand Division holds no real estate in its corporate capacity, yet as Representatives from the Subordinate Divisions I consider it within the province of this body, and a bounden duty to our constituents, to make all due provision for such an unfortunate event.

Several of our Deputies have rendered the Grand Division good service in organizing new Divisions during the past term, among which I mention Brothers Rev. W. ROWE, J. J. HARGRAVE, Rev. J. FINCH, A. D. HUCKINS, W. KIDD, A. M. SNIDER, R. HOULDRSHAW, D. CRONKHITE, Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, JOHN STEVENSON, Dr. A. WORTHINGTON, Wm. ELLIOTT. Brothers C. FISHER, Wm. SMYTH and JOHN JONES have also been actively engaged in organizing new Sections of the Cadets. Thus eleven new Divisions have been added to our list, and while we make "honorable mention" of these standard bearers, some of whom have planted our banner on the ramparts of the enemy, we are also aware of much service being done for our Order by those who are resuscitating old Divisions and "never weary in well doing." I have much pleasure in acknowledging the promptness with which most of the Deputies have reported during the past term. A negligence in this respect was observable previous to my last Report, but with the assistance of the blanks prepared by direction of the Grand Division, a great improvement has taken place. Many suggestions have been made for the good of the Order, prominent among which I hesitate not to endorse as most important, the employment of a Travelling Agent, or Provincial Deputy, to visit Divisions, with a view to resuscitate them and inspire them with renewed zeal in the cause, to hold public meetings where advisable, and, if necessary, to canvass the vicinity for the purpose of organizing a Division, and to advocate our Order as the most efficient organization for the spread of universal temperance. Having referred to this point in a former Report, I should feel much delicacy in pressing this subject on your attention were it not for the generally expressed voice of the Order through the Reports of Deputies. Let us not lose sight that, to be effective, our Order must assume a more missionary character. With means at our disposal, can we not make, in the ensuing winter, such an investment as would be abundantly productive and compensating.

From the Reports of Deputies we also learn that in many localities the regular meetings of Subordinate Divisions are rendered interesting by recitations, essays, vocal and instrumental music. Now that our benefit system is almost entirely abolished, rendering the routine business of our Divisions much less than formerly, much time might be profitably devoted in this manner to mutual improvement, thus constituting the Temperance Hall the centre of moral and intellectual elevation for the neighborhood.

The Divisions reported are generally actuated by a proper spirit, and are working harmoniously for the good of our institution and the promulgation of our principles. The attendance at our regular meetings, though creditable to Divisions in thinly populated settlements, is far too small in our cities, towns and villages. This is only to be corrected by more individual exertion of every member to renovate and fill up his Division. Individual apathy is what we have to guard against. Let not our beautiful, well arranged, and hitherto efficient machinery and appliances be allowed to rust out for want of a little more perseverance to keep the ground we have already in possession. Let the Deputies of our Order see to it that our institution is represented by one Division at least in each township in the

Province, and let a "real live" membership testify their faith in the ultimate success of a righteous cause by one more vigorous attempt to re-establish our Order. With a strong public sentiment ever increasing in our favor, with a membership embracing many of the leading men of our country, and financially in comfortable circumstances, let us continue our peaceful work until the voice of intemperance is banished from our land.

It is deeply to be regretted that after the frequent resolutions of this Grand Division on the subject, after the renewed pledges and repeated obligations of our Order, there appears so much laxity of principle in the conduct of temperance men with regard to the exercise of the elective franchise. During the past term I have had opportunities of hearing that professed temperance men, by a method of reasoning only known to themselves, have felt it their duty to sink for the time their temperance principles and record their vote in some instances against the return of well-known temperance men. We desire not to "interfere with political opinions, be they what they may", but it surely becomes us, when such errors are so frequent, to redouble every effort in educating the public mind on this matter. If prohibition is still to be our watchword, if Legislative enactments are to be invoked, this great moral question must be a primary, not a secondary, plank in the platform of every temperance man. How necessary that the Sons of Temperance should know and have the courage to perform their whole duty in this respect. A strong, consistent, uncompromising action in this matter will insure more respect, even from our enemies, than a temporary concession to their feelings. On the contrary, many instances have come to my knowledge where Sons of Temperance have considered the question of paramount importance, and have dared, for the first time, to leave the party with whom as politicians they have always acted, for the purpose of publicly repudiating by their votes the liquor influence and the liquor traffic. We trust that the members of our Order have been enabled to act with firmness and determination in this matter; and while we would be "charitable in our judgment of others, let us also be faithful to our vows."

As an important aid to our operations, which, to be successful, must assume a more aggressive position, I feel compelled to repeat to you my conviction that the temperance press should receive more support from its avowed friends; and I would again submit, for the consideration of this honorable body, the best means for sustaining a paper or magazine to be the organ of the Order in Canada. If such a paper could be generally supported by the membership of the Order, the proceedings of our National and Grand Divisions might be published through that medium, thus saving a large amount at present annually expended for publishing in pamphlet form. Many matters of interest might be contributed by Subordinate Divisions, and many communications not necessarily private might be transmitted by the Executive through its columns, now requiring a vast amount of labor and expense to reach the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Division.

As the public advocacy of our cause depends much on our lecturing operations, and as in many localities an ardent attachment to the old "temperance pledge" is reviving, I would suggest to all Divisions the propriety of possessing a pledge book, which might be introduced at the conclusion of all public temperance meetings in connection with our Order, thus forming a list of names accessible to our members and from which valuable reserve they might induce many to enter our circle of friendship. We could at least by this means ascertain the temperance census of our Province, and

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I regret that the movement proposed for the collection of statistics on the subject of the liquor traffic has been so unsuccessful. With our Divisions so widely scattered through this Grand Division jurisdiction, our means of collecting reliable statistics would appear comparatively easy; and if those statistics were reliable, we think that they might be made of great public utility. Let us hope that in any future attempt to collect information the Grand Division may receive more general and cordial assistance from the membership in Subordinate Divisions.

To the "faithful band of Deputies" scattered through the entire western section of the Province I return my sincere thanks for the prompt and efficient manner in which their duties have been performed.

In conclusion, brothers, the past conduct of your Grand Worthy Patriarch is before you. Although the past year has not witnessed the brilliant success of our Order which has characterized former years, I believe that our Order is morally strong for the work we have in the future. My official visits to Subordinate Divisions have been but few, and those confined to the immediate vicinity of my own place of residence. I have answered as promptly as possible numerous constitutional questions which naturally arise in our Subordinate Divisions, in which I have endeavored conscientiously and impartially to keep in view the spirit and genius of our beloved Order, as well as our clearly defined Constitution and Laws, and have generally been gratified by a cheerful compliance, thus obviating to a great extent vexatious and litigious appeals to this Grand Division.

In closing my official correspondence with our esteemed Grand Scribe, I feel assured that I shall be sustained by the hearty response of his numerous correspondents while I bear testimony to the unremitting and zealous attention given to the discharge of his onerous duties, and to his constant watchfulness over the interests of our Order. And to you, my brethren of this representative body, allow me to return my sincere thanks for the high and responsible trust you were pleased to repose in me, and for the kind forbearance and oft-repeated expressions of regard I have received at your hands; and let me assure you that I shall ever look back with much pleasure and interest on the time spent, while holding the highest office at your disposal, in advancing the interests of this institution.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

EDWARD ROWLAND, G.W.P.

Moved by Representative Rev. J. CURTS and seconded by Representative J. SWALLOW—

That the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report be referred to Representatives A. MORSE, Rev. Dr. SHORTT, P.G.W.P., and Dr. ANSON BUCK, to report thereon as soon as possible. Carried.

The Grand Scribe submitted his Report as follows:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, CANADA WEST:

In accordance with the Constitution, I beg to submit my annual Report, embracing some of the transactions during the past term, and the position of this branch of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Canada West.

And permit me to indulge in expressing the joy which I feel in again meeting so many of the Officers and Members of this Grand Division from all parts of the Province, met together in love and peace for the object of aiding each other in promoting the blessed cause of temperance; and, while congratulating the members on the result of their labors, would desire to give humble and hearty thanks to our Heavenly Patriarch for the large measure of success with which he has been pleased to bless the operation of their hands.

I am happy to state that the Order in this jurisdiction, so far as reports have been received, appears in a healthy condition; and although there has been no increase in our numerical strength, yet there is abundant evidence to show that a good work has been done. At the same time I am constrained to believe that much more might have been accomplished with a little more perseverance and effort.

The Order has had indeed much opposition to meet, to combat and overcome. Our opponents are unceasingly watchful and vigilant, while, on the contrary, I fear that many of us are not sufficiently alive to the importance of constant agitation and unremitting watchfulness and effort. This is apparent in the still lamentably large number of brothers who are overcome by the temptations which surround them and the seductions of our un pitying foe.

While some few Divisions appear inactive, our beloved Order as a whole stands up in all its usual power and efficiency, and I find that the average number of new members has been gathered into its fold. Some of the Divisions which were languishing are once more progressing, and the prospects for the future are more promising. But it is indeed urgent and necessary that a more determined effort be made to extend the usefulness of the Order, and a more general interest awakened in instituting new Divisions and in reviving the Order where the most apathy exists. The well-thinking and intelligent portion of the community begin to realize the fact that, in proportion as the Sons of Temperance relax their efforts, just in the same proportion does intemperance, with the manifold curses that follow in its train, increase and multiply.

The necessity of an Agent, or Lecturer, is so obvious at the present time, that it may be hardly necessary to urge upon this Grand Division the importance of providing one. From information received, the desire appears pretty general that a Lecturer should be engaged; but few have considered the ways and means necessary to sustain a Lecturer. An endeavor might be made to collect funds, individually and collectively, to sustain one in the field, at all events during the winter months.

In compliance with the instructions of the Grand Division, I compiled the Semi-Annual Reports, which were printed with neatness and despatch, and forwarded one month after the Session to each Division and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, &c. Blank forms for Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs were also prepared for their Reports, and supplied to each of those Officers. Also "Schedules" of Summary of the Liquor Traffic were drawn up, printed, and sent to each Subordinate Division and Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch, with a request that they be filled up and returned to this Office. The information in some localities was doubtless difficult to procure, still it might have been expected that there would have been more schedules returned. I regret to state that only twelve have been received, consequently this mode of procuring statistics has not been found to work well. In one case

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The usual public notice has been given in the "Canada Gazette" and other newspapers of the intention to make application to Parliament for a continuation of the Act of Incorporation. Petitions also to the three branches of the Legislature have been signed by the Grand Division Committee, which are now ready for presentation when Parliament assembles. The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, M.P.P., has kindly consented to take charge of the amended Bill, and to introduce it at the opening of the Session.

The questions of establishing a National Division for British North America, the appointment of a Grand Division Lecturer, and to memorialize Parliament to erect an asylum for inebriates, have been submitted to all Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction; and a correspondence has been opened with the Grand Divisions of the sister Provinces of British North America respecting a National Division for British North America, in accordance with instructions given at the Semi-Annual Session. The correspondence to and from Grand Divisions will be laid before you.

Since the last Session I had the honor as your Representative of attending the Advisory meeting at Cape May, and have much pleasure in stating that the meeting under the circumstances (the disastrous retreat at Bull's Run had just taken place) was a most agreeable and profitable one, and although out of forty-one Grand Division jurisdictions only nine Grand Divisions were represented on the occasion, still the importance of such an Advisory meeting to the Executive of the National Division and the whole of the Order at this crisis cannot be over estimated. The following is a brief summary published of what transpired at the Convocation:—

"The Convocation of the National Division took place, pursuant to the call of the Most Worthy Patriarch, at Cape May, New Jersey, on Wednesday, 24th June. The following jurisdictions were represented, viz: Eastern and Western New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Canada West and East. The principal subjects brought forward for the consideration of the Convocation were the following:—

"1st. As members of the Order had joined the Federal army in large numbers, it was considered desirable to devise some means to keep alive the principles of our Order in the hearts of those of our members who were absent from their homes, and exposed to great and numerous temptations. It was resolved that Grand Divisions should have the power to grant dispensations to such of their members as were absent with the army to hold meetings as Sons of Temperance in their respective regiments, subject to certain limitations as to the use of the bluebook, the signs and passwords.

"2nd. As to the time and place of holding the next Session of the National Division. After some discussion it was agreed upon unanimously that there should be no meeting of the National Division until June, 1862; and it was also agreed that the place of holding such meeting should be the city of Montreal, provided the affairs of the United States continued as at present; but should such a change take place as to allow of a meeting at Nashville, then it should be held there; and the advice of the Convocation to the Executive was to call the next Session of the National Division at that time and place, under the above limitation. The Most Worthy Patriarch, while expressing his concurrence, stated that before taking any definite action he would take the opinion of the Grand Divisions who were not represented at the Convocation.

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"3rd. The next subject brought up for consideration was that of granting further privileges to Lady Visitors, but there was considerable diversity of opinion as to the extent of these privileges. The matter was allowed to lie over until the next meeting of the National Division, and in the meantime the delegates should elicit the opinion as to this matter in their several jurisdictions. And

"4th. It was incidentally brought up by the Representative from Canada West that it would be conducive, in his opinion, to the good of the Order, at least in his jurisdiction, to allow youths from 16 to 18 years of age to hold subordinate offices. The Representative from Canada East, and one or two others, spoke in favor of the measure, but nothing further was done in this matter."

Upon my return to New York I visited the Cypress Hill Cemetery, for the purpose of seeing the last resting place and the monument erected by the Order to the memory of our late beloved and lamented brother, DANIEL H. SANDS, Past Most Worthy Patriarch. I found the grounds kept in perfect order and in good taste, and it appeared like a city of marble emerging from a forest. The site for the monument has been admirably chosen on the side of a gentle slope, where the white obelisk rises amidst green foliage and evergreen, pointing upwards evermore to that blessed Heaven to which the pure spirit of our beloved brother has ascended. I was accompanied to the sacred spot by Brother E. W. JACKSON, Grand Worthy Patriarch of the State of Maine, from whom I received polite and kind attentions. I afterwards learned that our own esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch had about the same hour paid a similar visit to the grave of our departed friend and brother. "As the magnet to the pole," so the hearts of your brothers were drawn thither, testifying no common grief to the memory of "the Founder of our Order" and to one who was loved so well.

I cannot abstain from reverting to the rapid progress our principles are making in Great Britain and Ireland, and to the vast number of all classes that are flocking to our standard. The Sons of Temperance of England are doing a good work, and are increasing in numbers and prosecuting the cause with indomitable energy. The Grand Division lately held an enthusiastic Session, at which 120 members were present, exhibiting an increase of 600 members during the last term.

The United Kingdom Alliance occupies the foremost rank amongst the philanthropic associations of the age. The late anniversary of the Alliance was all that could be wished. At the large Free Trade Hall, Manchester, the meetings were crowded and enthusiastic. The most eminent and distinguished advocates of the cause were present. The subscription on the occasion amounted to £2450 sterling. The Right Hon. Sir W. C. TREVELYAN subscribed £400. The Right Hon. the Earl of Harrington and forty of the nobility, reverend gentlemen, and gentlemen, were appointed Vice-Presidents, and a powerful Executive Committee of twenty-three gentlemen of influence and talent officers for the ensuing year. It was deeply regretted that indisposition prevented the Right Hon. Lord BROUGHAM from being present at the Alliance meeting. His Lordship used the following memorable remarks on temperance at the Social Science Congress in Dublin in August last:—"Source of disease, of poverty, of crime—how long shall we submit to a conqueror more cruel than the armed invader—to a tyrant the most inexorable of all, which has subdued rational men and avenged the world of unreasoning creatures for the wrongs received at his hands?"

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Recollect the memorable words of that great philanthropist, the Recorder HILL, who in all his various efforts to serve the people, providing for their comfort and reclaiming them from vice, declares, 'Into what path soever I strike, in whatever direction I go, the drink demon starts up before my face and stops the way.' I have said that the community have but to will it, and the chains fall off. The progress of the Grand Alliance since our last Congress has been my encouragement to say so." Just glancing at what is going on in Great Britain, we will now return to home.

The subject of petitioning the Legislature for a Prohibitory Liquor Law will engage your attention, and I am authorized to state that kindred associations would cheerfully co-operate in the work. Would it not be advisable to consider whether as regards public sentiment a restrictive Law, with severe penalties for adulteration, would not as a forerunner to prohibition succeed better? A strong restrictive law would strike a heavy blow at the traffic, and expose the base adulterations of this iniquitous business.

I will now request your kind attention to the statistics of the Order, and regret that so many Divisions have failed to make returns. From those received it appears that there is not much relative change in the condition of the Order since the last Session of the Grand Division. Although the new members admitted each quarter are considerable, still the losses by expulsion for nonpayment of dues and withdrawals overbalance the admissions, and the total membership is diminished. In some localities Divisions have little or no life in them. Under these circumstances it behooves this Grand Division to take prompt and active measures to revive the Order, resuscitate the Divisions which have suspended operations, and to institute new Divisions. There exists the same heart, the same talent, the same love for our great principles within this Grand Division and the Order, which requires only a vigorous effort, individual as well as collective, to raise up the Order to its former position.

I herewith present a summary of Quarterly Returns for quarter ending June, 1861:—

Number of Subordinate Divisions made Returns	...	...	201
"    admitted new Members	...	...	873
"    "    by Card	...	...	35
"    Female Visitors	...	...	4309
"    suspended Members	...	...	561
"    expelled for nonpayment of dues	...	...	291
"    "    violation of Article 2nd	...	...	219
"    withdrawn	...	...	203
"    deaths	...	...	16
"    violated the pledge	...	...	280
"    reinstated	...	...	97
"    violated pledge second time	...	...	34
"    contributing members, computed from 229	...	...	8016
"    Divisions which made returns	...	...	205
"    Public Meetings held	...	...	390
"    Temperance Tracts distributed	...	...	609
"    Representatives to G.D.	...	...	54
Cash received by Subordinate Divisions	...	...	\$2270
Paid for Benefits	...	...	127
Cash in hand, including money invested	...	...	17,112
Total expenses exclusive of Benefits	...	...	1920
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division	...	...	320

The following figures are gathered from the Quarterly Returns received from 179 Divisions ending September, 1861. I find that new members admitted during this quarter are 716; contributing members, 7369. Had the whole of the Divisions reported, how different would have appeared the condition of the Order? I trust that the officers of Subordinate Divisions will see the importance of attending to this matter of making punctual and complete Returns each quarter. A worthy brother very sensibly remarks in sending in three quarterly Returns, too long delayed—"I trust that in future we will be more punctual in this matter. I am persuaded that the numerical strength of the Sons of Temperance is not known, neither can it be ascertained when so many are delinquent in sending their Returns. I am happy to state that our Division is still doing a good work; our members are staunch; we have something like twelve Ministers of the Gospel and a good many of the leading men of this place; and the feeling of our members is this, that as long as there is such a thing as alcohol, that blighting and withering curse in our land, there will be a Division of Sons of Temperance here to wage war with it."

The following Divisions are delinquent in not making Returns for quarter ending September, 1861:—Numbers 3, 5, 10, 14, 15, 16, 29, 34, 47, 48, 53, 55, 62, 65, 67, 68, 71, 83, 84, 90, 93, 94, 95, 105, 108, 111, 116, 121, 122, 125, 126, 129, 130, 137, 139, 147, 149, 150, 158, 159, 162, 176, 177, 184, 185, 189, 192, 204, 206, 208, 209, 212, 213, 219, 238, 247, 251, 252, 253, 256, 260, 261, 263, 273, 280, 282, 284, 285, 290, 299, 314, 316, 321, 322, 324, 325, 332, 337, 338, 340, 342, 343, 349, 351, 352, 358, 360, 363, 368, 374, 382, 385, 386, 389, 390, 391, 397, 400, 407.

Since the Semi-Annual Session the following eleven Divisions have been instituted:—

Name.	No.	County.	Name of D.G.W.P.
Unionist ...	187	Simcoe ...	Rev. J. Finch.
Farmers' ...	181	Ontario ...	A. D. Huckins.
Hornby ...	191	Halton ...	A. M. Snider.
Maple Leaf ...	179	Lambton ...	D. Cronkhite.
Sisterville ...	193	Simcoe ...	W. Kidd.
Malton ...	295	Peel ...	Rev. William Rowe.
Epsom ...	338	Ontario ...	R. Houldershaw.
North Matilda ...	145	Dundas ...	A. Worthington, M.D.
Norfolk ...	110	Norfolk ...	J. J. Hargrave.
Streetsville ...	59	Peel ...	Wm. Elliott.
The Onward ...	197	Lanark ...	J. Stevenson.

The following Divisions have been resuscitated:—

Rural ...	24	Prince Edward County.
South Westmeath ...	159	Renfrew "
Mimico ...	98	York "

I am satisfied that many Divisions that are weak or suspended could be revived by a judicious movement by one or more brothers. A good brother Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch having succeeded in resuscitating a Division, has given the following valuable suggestions:—"The plan adopted in this case was to address notes to all who were supposed favorable to the movement, and also to every known inebriate, to attend a private meeting, &c. Quite an assemblage of comparative strangers met, and it was found that common ground on the temperance question could be taken. The cheering result was the reorganization of the Division."

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Sable ... ..	" 194	Angus ... ..	" 268
Good Hope ... ..	" 353	East Augusta ... ..	" 291
Nelson ... ..	" 200	Lyndhurst... ..	" 28
Newboro ... ..	" 7	Westport ... ..	" 173

I have much pleasure in stating that the following Sections of Cadets of Temperance have been organized :—

Ravine Section ... ..	No. 36	By C. Fisher, D.G.W.P.
Notfield " ... ..	" 37	" W. Smyth, "
Williamsville ... ..	" 38	" J. Jones "

I regret to state that the Returns from Subordinate Divisions are so incomplete respecting Cadets of Temperance that the true condition of this juvenile branch of the Order cannot be correctly ascertained.

The following communications are respectfully submitted :—A special address from S. L. CONDUCT, M.D., M.W.P.; a special circular from S. D. CONDUCT, M.D., M.W.P.; communication from Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Canada East; communication from Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Prince Edward Island; communication from Grand Division Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia; communication from Bowmanville Division, No. 39; communication from Bond Head Division, No. 119; communication from Brother J. A. DAVIDSON, D.G.W.P.; communication from J. J. E. LINTON, Esq., Stratford; communication from W. HAYS, G.W.C.T., I.O. of G.T.; petition of Collingwood Division for a Lecturer.

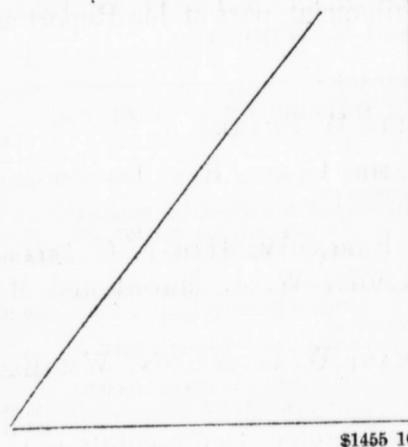
In making arrangements for the Representatives to travel to this Session for half fare, I would beg to express the great obligation I am under to J. C. BECKET, Esq., P.G.W.P., who kindly interceded for us with Mr. HARDMAN, G.T.R. Co., and secured for the Representatives the privilege to travel for one fare.

It is deserving of more than a passing remark that the Order still receives the encouraging support of the Female Visitors, and the honorable example which the ladies give of their fidelity to the cause should stimulate each brother to greater exertions and effort, and to press forward, side by side, with our fair friends in the defence and advancement of our noble cause.

The valuable services of many devoted brothers will be more fully and gracefully alluded to by the Grand Worthy Patriarch. I have received cheering intelligence of the great benefit to the Order which has resulted from the able and eloquent advocacy of our principles by our talented Brother J. MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., who has recently been lecturing in Western Canada with eminent success. Brother R. D. WADSWORTH, D.G.W.P., "faithful to the end," has buckled on his armor anew, determined while health and strength remain to give no quarter to our great adversary. We have reason, brothers, to feel a pride and pleasure that we number amongst our ranks, not only brothers of intelligence and respectability, but also brothers of sterling piety and integrity, and of unswerving fidelity and devotion to the welfare of society. Under a gracious Providence such a brotherhood must wield a mighty influence in the dissemination of the Heaven born principles of our beloved Association.



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 " 313, E. Stacey, G.S., salary .. 150 00  
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 " 315, Express Co. charges .. 1 38  
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 Draft No. 316, E. Stacey, G.S., salary .. 150 00  
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All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

SYLVANUS W. SHARRARD, G.T.

Moved by Representative DR. ANSON BUCK and seconded by  
 Representative J. S. BROWN—

That the Grand Treasurer's Report be referred to the Finance Committee.  
 Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Rep-  
 resentatives on Finance Committee in place of absentees:—  
 Representatives THOMAS MCKEE and E. WILLIAMS.

Representative N. C. GOWAN gave notice that he would to-  
 morrow introduce a motion in favor of a National Division for  
 British North America.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their ninth Report,  
 which on motion was adopted.

Moved by Representative N. C. GOWAN and seconded by  
 Representative J. M. T. HANNUM—

That the election of Officers be postponed until to-morrow. Lost.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

For Grand Worthy Patriarch—ABISHAI MORSE, E. CARSWELL and R. D. WADSWORTH.

For Grand Worthy Associate—N. C. GOWAN, JACOB LAWRENCE, J. M. T. HANNUM, ANSON BUCK, M.D., W. H. JONES, R. C. BENEDICT, J. F. WRIGHT and R. WINDATT.

For Grand Scribe—EDWARD STACEY.

For Grand Treasurer—SYLVANUS W. SHARRARD.

For Grand Chaplain—REV. JAMES CURTS, REV. DR. SHORTT and REV. R. D. WADSWORTH.

For Grand Conductor—JOHN EARLE, W. HAGAR, C. SHARRARD, THOMAS MCKEE, — WILLMOTT, W. J. MASON and M. SILVERTHORN.

For Grand Sentinel—A. AIKMAN, W. C. NELSON, WM. ELLIOTT and D. E. HOPKINS.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Representatives C. H. VANNORMAN, P.G.W.A., A. C. HUTCHISON, and S. PEDLAR scrutineers of the ballot.

On ballot being taken, Representative A. MORSE was duly elected Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Upon the Grand Worthy Patriarch reading over the list of nominations for Grand Worthy Associate, DR. A. BUCK begged permission to withdraw his name.

On ballot being taken, Representative J. LAWRENCE was elected Grand Worthy Associate.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned.

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**Evening Session.**

6:30 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment at 6:30, the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Election of Officers continued.

Representative E. STACEY was elected Grand Scribe by acclamation.

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Representative S. W. SHARRARD was elected Grand Treasurer by acclamation.

Representative Rev. J. SHORTT, D.D., was elected Grand Chaplain.

Representative JOHN EARLS was elected Grand Conductor.

Representative W. C. NELSON was elected Grand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The following Representatives were then duly installed into the respective offices to which they were elected, Rev. DR. SHORTT, the senior Past Grand Worthy Patriarch present, assisting in the ceremonies:—

ABISHAI MORSE	..	G.W.P.	..	Smithville Division, No.	141.
JACOB LAWRENCE	..	G.W.A.	..	Palermo,	" 143.
EDWARD STACEY	..	G.S.	..	Kingston Mechanics,	" 374.
S. W. SHARRARD	..	G.T.	..	Brougham,	" 104.
REV. J. SHORTT, D.D.	..	G.Chap.	..	Port Hope,	" 37.
JOHN EARLS	..	G.Con.	..	Coldstream,	" 212.
W. C. NELSON	..	G.Sent.	..	Bond-Head,	" 119.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch addressed the Grand Division, and was received with great applause.

Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., of Ohio, was then introduced by Brother A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., and was received with the usual honors, and was invited by the Grand Worthy Patriarch to take a seat by his side on the platform.

The Grand Worthy Associate, the Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Conductor, Grand Sentinel, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch severally addressed the Grand Division, and on taking their seats received general applause.

Some discussion took place in reference to the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Scribe's bonds, whether new bonds should be executed each year.

Moved by Representative R. D. WADSWORTH and seconded by Representative T. DOUGLAS—

That the discussion do now cease in reference to the bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe, and that the Grand Scribe do have the said bonds properly drawn out and executed and placed in the hands of the Grand Worthy Patriarch before the close of the Session. Carried.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch requested to be relieved from serving on the Committee to report on the Grand Worthy

Patriarch's Report, and Rev. J. CURTS was appointed in his place.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their tenth and eleventh Reports, which on motion were adopted.

The Grand Scribe read a special communication from the Most Worthy Patriarch, also the following special circular to the Grand Divisions and Members of the Order of Sons of Temperance in North America, from SILAS L. CONDUCT, M.D., Most Worthy Patriarch:—

**WORTHY BROTHERS**—It has been truly said that an ardent desire for the performance of a duty is the task half accomplished. With equal truth it may be said that to be impeded in gratifying that desire is the task duplicated.

The testimony of eighteen years of persevering and faithful labor has established the fact that the National Division of our Order has ever been true and zealous in the discharge of its duties. Whatever obstacles have arisen were from a natural cause, and were not insurmountable. During the present administration a new page has been opened in its history, and, for the first time, a year has elapsed during which the regular Annual Session could not be held. Consequently the duties of the body have devolved upon its Executive Officers, and these must be discharged without direction and almost without any consultation. Responsibilities have arisen which must be met, and these too without law or precedent for a guide. These difficulties have been aggravated by the closure of all communication with many of our Grand Divisions, and especially with that esteemed and worthy Brother occupying the second official chair, the important position of Counsellor and Associate at all times.

Thus the design of the Association has been temporarily frustrated, the desires and efforts of its officers greatly impeded, and their duties multiplied by doubts and fears and anxieties which may be imagined but cannot be described.

The lines have fallen to us in troublous times indeed. Discouragements and uncertainties have met us at almost every step, and we have groped our way thus far in darkness and gloom. But it has not been all darkness—rays of light have occasionally flashed across our pathway and given cheer to the desponding heart. Words of approbation and encouragement have been most gratefully received, and a single line from a judicious and esteemed brother has proved an antidote to pages of stricture from censorious pens.

But more than this, we have been cheered by the fact that our labors have not been in vain, by the proof that the suspension of a session of the National Division would not interrupt the regular working of the Order.

Deprived of the impulse always communicated by these annual gatherings, a diminution of zeal and strength was to be expected; and when, in addition to this, we remember that the same cause which prevented the Annual Session is exerting its paralyzing influence over the entire Order in every State, this decrease in membership and efficiency was expected to be very great. With joy and gratitude, however, we refer you to the statistical Report of the Most Worthy Scribe, where the cheering fact appears that

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The last Reports from six of the above-named gave an aggregate membership of 14,284, which, added to the contributing membership now reported, gives a total of 104,146, being an increase of 9,933 over the last report. With a very large margin of allowance for the crippled condition of our Order in the three States of Virginia, Georgia and Alabama, it will be seen that this portion of our muster-roll sums up at least 100,000, while that of the Lady Visitors is 72,119 actually enrolled. With the number not returned, this list would exceed 75,000, showing an increase of at least 25,000, and a sum total of 175,000 members in all.

The Report from the Most Worthy Treasurer, Brother R. M. Foust, rendered in full to May 15, 1861, has been received, from which it appears that there has been paid into the treasury from July 26, 1860, to May 15, 1861, the sum of \$2,086 15. Add to this the balance from last Report, made June 4, 1860, \$1,495 93, and we have the sum total of \$3,582 08 in the treasury.

The disbursements from June 16, 1860, to May 15, 1861, amount to \$2,953 36, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$628 72. Against this amount there is the Most Worthy Scribe's salary, and bills for printing and other expenses, which will materially reduce if they do not entirely absorb it.

The receipts since May 15, 1861, which was the close of the past fiscal term, have not reached the sum of \$100. From this it is evident that our treasury will not nearly meet our annual expenses, unless the Grand Divisions remit the Per Capita tax more generally than they have done. May we not confidently hope that this simple statement will suffice to stimulate every Grand Division to discharge its obligations promptly, and thus enable the National Division to maintain its hitherto proud position of ability to meet promptly every demand?

The unhappy condition of a large portion of our jurisdiction has not only embarrassed our action, but it has greatly aggravated the vice against which our efforts are all directed. Intemperance has rapidly increased throughout our land, and in all the States involved, directly or indirectly, in this lamentable war, thousands of our own membership—our brothers—are exposed to all the vices and temptations of a camp life. This is true, both South and North as well as East and West. A remedy was early and importunately sought. Whatever protection the Order could afford to its exposed members in either or both these great armies, duty required should be rendered promptly. It was therefore recommended to those Grand Divisions which sought for measures of relief, to grant dispensations to such members as were known to be capable and judicious, to open Divisions in their respective regiments, wherever this might be done without detriment to the interests of the Order. No information has yet been received as to the practical effects of this measure, but we cannot question that it will tend

to diminish greatly the power of temptation, and to aid our brothers while in exile from the comforts and protection of home, in leading "a temperate, virtuous, and honorable life."

Another very important—perhaps more important—means of protection is the dissemination of temperance tracts—strictly temperance. These are "contraband of war" nowhere. They have been published in immense numbers, and are within reach of all who desire to employ a cheap and effective agency of the greatest value. Scatter them broadcast wherever a soldier, especially a brother, may be found.

Conformably to invitations from the Grand Division of New Jersey and the Most Worthy Patriarch, an informal meeting of Representatives from several Grand Divisions was held at Cape May in July last. We had the pleasure of greeting brothers from both the Canadas, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Eastern and Western New York, and Pennsylvania. Ten Grand Divisions were represented. Conference was held in reference to the subject of Divisions in the armies and the next Session of the National Division. On both these topics the views expressed were in harmony with those herein contained.

No formal resolutions were adopted or any definite action had except as matters of opinion requested by the Most Worthy Patriarch for future consideration. To him it was a most gratifying occasion, and the brothers who honored him with their presence and their frank and cordial expression of opinion, have imposed on him obligations not easily repaid.

The period is approaching when the biennial business of the National Division must be transacted. That Session cannot be postponed without very seriously endangering the existence of the Order. If it cannot be held at the locality designated at the last Regular Session, another must be named on some neutral ground, where all can meet in love and harmony. The brothers in Her Majesty's Provinces, with their characteristic liberality, have most urgently invited us to meet on British soil, and have tendered the hospitalities of several different cities and towns.

An expression of the views of the several Grand Divisions as to the time and place of that Session will be very grateful to the Most Worthy Patriarch and will receive his most respectful consideration. This expression may be made more intelligently at the January than at the October Session, and if forwarded promptly will allow ample time for full publication of the notice to every Grand Division.

It is very gratifying to be permitted to believe that there is now nothing beyond the civil dissensions to excite fears for the harmony of the Order. Twice within a year it has been otherwise. Clouds, portending evil, appeared on our horizon, but these soon vanished away, and, so far as is known, there prevails generally an increasing love and devotion to the principles and efficiency of the Order. The crisis through which it is now passing must prove a terrible ordeal to it, as it has to all other associations, and if it survive this storm of angry passions, embittered prejudices, and alienated affections, its course must be triumphantly onward. This glorious result should be the heart's desire of every true Son of Temperance. It is feasible—it is attainable. There is not one valid reason to the contrary. Our principles are in nowise involved in the existing conflict, and whatever may be its results, continued devotion to the cause and the Order must naturally result in strengthening and multiplying the bonds of our brotherhood.

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Kingdoms and republics may rise and fall; governments may be established, overturned, or remodelled. They are the creation of the age, essentials of the times; but "times change, and we change with them." The great principles of humanity and benevolence are unchangeable as the fiat of Him who established them on the broad basis of "love thy neighbor as thyself." They pertain to every age and to every clime. Their influence is not merely humanizing, it is fraternizing; and if we but keep our beloved organization entirely free from all connection with outside issues, its fraternity is perpetuated, and its great aim almost accomplished.

This is a point of the greatest moment; its importance cannot well be over-estimated—the perfect preservation of its present broad, continental, organic unity. It has been pressed officially upon the attention of the Grand Scribes, and is now most earnestly commended to the attention of every member of the Order. No argument can be needed in its behalf. Let me then, brothers, one and all, implore you to stand fast to the unity of the Order, as the very foundation of all our hopes.

But while standing on this ground, let us not stop here. "Let us remember the world has claims upon us." Our Order prospers only in our vigorous prosecution of that truly holy war in which we have enlisted for life, "this insurrection of virtue and humanity against the cruel bondage of intemperance." The most important weapons in this warfare are those of light and love. Through ignorance and delusion, intemperance has acquired colossal dimensions and fearful power. The Press is the great and main instrumentality for removing this cloak, and exposing the monster vice in his hideous and true character. It is a most melancholy and humiliating fact that so much apathy has existed throughout our ranks in reference to this agency. One after another and another, journals established by our own members have been permitted to languish and die; and now, alas! our only official organ of communication, the "Crusader," has shared the same fate. Brothers in a holy cause, why is this? Are our dollars more precious than our principles? Are they better worth preserving than the characters and the souls of our fellow-men—our friends and neighbors at our very doors? Arouse, I entreat you, rescue the Order from the shame of such neglect by liberal subscriptions to such temperance journals as may yet survive in your respective vicinities; and more than this, contribute to their columns and their interest by cheering facts and reports. If there are no such papers in your jurisdiction or section, select from those published elsewhere, and give them free circulation throughout your entire district. And while I would urge upon Divisions the duty of preferring our own journals, I would also suggest to those who have the ability to extend their subscriptions, that the "Journal of the American Temperance Union," of New York city, is the most valuable compendium of temperance intelligence within my knowledge. It is the organ of the Society whose name it bears, and is in direct correspondence with every State and Province of America, as well as with foreign lands.

See to it, brothers, that you are fully equipped with these essential weapons of light, light revealing the beauties and the attractions of our pathway in contrast with the "blackness of darkness" through which the devotee of Bacchus stumbles and staggers into eternal perdition. Thus armed, survey diligently the ground around you—explore it thoroughly; and wherever the enemy is found, open your heaviest batteries upon him, and give no quarter. Gather up tenderly the shattered and wounded victims

of his wiles and his villainy, throw around them the shield of your protection, pour into those stricken hearts the balm of encouragement, let hope irradiate their future with her cheering light, and soon will they be found basking in the benignant beams of that radiant star whose hallowed and genial influence has already diffused so much of joy and happiness throughout a dark and benighted world.

Above all, brothers, forget not the youth. Preserve them from the pestilential blight of this damning appetite; train the children in the paths of virtue and sobriety and sound morality, and with the present generation of drinkers and drunkards the evil ceases. Aid in the accomplishment of this truly Godlike work, and we shall neither have lived nor labored in vain, for Heaven will bless and crown these labors with success.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

S. L. CONDUCT, M.W.P.

Moved by Representative A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., seconded by E. CARSWELL, P.G.W.A.,—

That the following Brothers be appointed a Committee specially to report on the Most Worthy Patriarch's communications:—C. H. VANNORMAN, P.G.W.A., E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P., R. D. WADSWORTH, N. C. GOWAN, and S. MORRELL. Carried.

In place of Brother C. H. VANNORMAN, Brother A. FAREWELL was subsequently appointed.

The Grand Scribe read a circular addressed by him to the several Grand Divisions in British North America in respect to establishing a National Division for British North America, and the answers received from the Grand Divisions of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Canada East and Newfoundland.

Moved by the Grand Scribe, seconded by Representative C. SHARRARD—

That the communications just read be referred to the Committee on the Most Worthy Patriarch's Address. Carried.

The following petitions were presented:—From Thanessville Division, No. 354, for Charter and Ritual, their original ones having been destroyed by fire; from St. Andrew's Division, No. 195, for Charter and Ritual, theirs also having been destroyed by fire; from Bally Duff Division, No. 236, for change of name and location of Division to Manvers; from Collingwood Division, No. 303, for the employment of a Lecturer under the auspices of this Grand Division.

Moved by Representative C. H. VANNORMAN, P.G.W.A., seconded by Representative E. CARSWELL, P.G.W.A.,—

That the petitions just presented to the Grand Division be placed in the hands of the respective Committees. Carried.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned.

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**Morning Session.**

TEMPERANCE HALL,  
Oakville, December 5th, 1861. }

The Grand Division assembled at 8:30 A.M., the Grand Worthy Patriarch, ABISHAI MORSE, in the chair.

Officers present—J. LAWRENCE, G.W.A. ; E. STACEY, G.S. ; S. W. SHARRARD, G.T. ; J. EARLS, G.C.

Vacancies filled—A. FAREWELL as Past Grand Worthy Patriarch ; N. C. GOWAN as Grand Sentinel ; Rev. W. PIRITTE as Grand Chaplain.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Division was opened in due form.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Grand Sentinel entered and occupied his station.

Communications received and read from Brother W. HAYS, the G.W.C. Templar of the Independent Order of Good Templars, expressing willingness to co-operate in petitioning for a Prohibitory Liquor Law ; from Invincible Division, No. 292, in favor of a National Division for British North America ; from Bond Head Division, No. 119, also resolutions in favor of a National Division for British North America ; from Brother Rev. JAMES A. DAVIDSON, D.G.W.P., and Grand Lecturer of California G.D. ; from J. J. E. LINTON, Esq., of Stratford, a MS. tract on "Who Makes, Who Imports, Who Sells Intoxicating Drinks."

Moved by the Grand Scribe, seconded by Representative J. E. COLE—

That the several communications just read be referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers S. PEDLAR, JAMES COX, and JOHN T. ELLIOTT, to report thereon as soon as possible. Carried.

The Past Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Chaplain entered and took their seats.

The Grand Conductor announced two Representatives in waiting, who were introduced and obligated.

An application was presented for a Charter for Royal Arch Division, Coldwater, which was referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Committee on Credentials presented their twelfth Report, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Representatives on

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

#### ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

R. THORNTON, S. R. LISTER and W. ELLIOTT.

#### ON CHARTERS.

E. STACEY, G.S., R. WINDATT and R. KELLY.

#### ON FINANCE.

J. M. T. HANNUM, G. FLETCHER and W. H. ORR.

#### ON PETITIONS.

S. MORRELL, W. POWERS and C. TALLMAN.

#### ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., T. MCKEE, and J. LAWRENCE, G.W.A.

#### ON APPEALS.

✓ Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, Dr. ANSON BUCK, W. J. MASON, J. TERRY and W. BEATTY.

#### ON PUBLICATIONS.

E. STACEY, G.S., Rev. W. PIRRITE, W. H. ORR and R. C. BENEDICT.

The Committee appointed on the Oakville Division address submitted the following suitable reply:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION :

Your Committee to whom was referred the address and invitation of Representatives COWTON and JONES, on behalf of Oakville Division Sons of Temperance, beg leave to report the following reply:—

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance receives with grateful feelings the truly fraternal address with which the Oakville Division has welcomed its advent to the flourishing and hospitable town of Oakville, and accepts with cordiality the kind invitation of the Oakville brothers.

The Grand Division trusts that its present Session in the town of Oakville will not be unproductive of benefit to the temperance cause in this neighborhood. It is with a view to a more general good that its Sessions are held in various locations, and although it cannot venture to anticipate all that

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All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

N. C. GOWAN,  
JONATHAN SHORTT, D.D.,  
J. LAWRENCE.

Moved by Representative G. FLETCHER, seconded by Representative J. CAMPBELL—

That the foregoing Report and Reply be received and adopted. Carried.

Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A. of Ohio Grand Division Sons of Temperance, addressed the Grand Division at great length in an eloquent and able manner, and at frequent intervals he received the applause of the Representatives. The address will appear in the Appendix.

Moved by E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative J. TERRY—

That we have much pleasure in the recollection of the active and praiseworthy services formerly rendered to the Order in Canada by Brother J. MOFFAT, and more recently under the auspices of the National Division of North America, and now cordially invite our esteemed brother to join in the deliberations of this Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by the Grand Conductor, seconded by Representative Rev. W. ROWE—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be given to Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., for his interesting address, and that he be requested to allow its insertion on the Minutes of the Grand Division, and that its publication, or so much of it as may be judged necessary, be secured in such public newspapers as are friendly to the cause.

Moved in amendment by Representative Rev. W. PIRRITE, seconded by Representative W. HAGER—

That the very able address of Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., be published in pamphlet form and scattered through the land.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Representative J. W. CORTER, seconded by Representative J. H. CAMPBELL—

That the address of Brother J. MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., be referred to the Committee on Publications.

On being put from the Chair, both amendments were lost and the original motion carried.

Moved by Representative W. H. ORR, seconded by E. CARSWELL, P.G.W.A.,—

That a copy of Brother MOFFAT's address be sent to the proprietors of the Toronto "Globe" and "Leader," with the respectful and earnest request of this Grand Division that it receive insertion in the several editions of those papers. Carried.

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21 The Grand Worthy Patriarch announced that he had placed in his hands the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe properly executed and sureties given.

✓ The Grand Worthy Patriarch directed that Representative JAMES QUIGG be appointed on Committee of Provincial Inebriate Asylum in lieu of Dr. JOHN BEATTY, P.G.W.P., who is unavoidably absent.

Moved by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM, seconded by Representative A. C. HUTCHISON—

That the first order of the business at the afternoon Session be appointing the place for holding the Semi-Annual Session. Carried.

✓ Representative A. C. HUTCHISON presented the thirteenth Report of the Committee on Credentials, which on motion was adopted.

✓ Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., having explained in reference to the eligibility of Brother ALEXANDER MOFFAT, P.W.P., to be initiated into the Grand Division, S. of T., of Ohio,

It was moved by the Grand Scribe, seconded by Representative J. QUIGG—

That Brother J. MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., having explained that Brother ALEXANDER MOFFAT, P.W.P., now in waiting, has been elected to the Grand Division of Ohio, and can vouch that his credentials are in order, be admitted, obligated, and introduced as a Visitor to this Grand Division. Carried.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned.

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### Afternoon Session.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

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The Grand Chaplain read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer.

The Grand Scribe and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch entered and took their seats.

The Grand Scribe read the minutes of the previous Session, which were approved.

Representative J. M. T. HANNUM presented a Report of the Committee on Credentials, which on motion was adopted.

The Grand Scribe intimated that a communication had been received from JOHN WILSON, P.G.W.P., regretting that he could not attend the Grand Division on account of serious indisposition; also a communication from J. BREAKENRIDGE, P.G.W.A., congratulatory, and regretting his inability to be present at this Session.

Brother ALEXANDER MOFFAT was introduced and obligated, pursuant to resolution at the morning Session.

The Committee on Grand Scribe's Report submitted the following Report, which appears as amended:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
Oakville, 5th Dec., 1861. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., OF CANADA WEST :

We, your Committee on the Grand Scribe's Report, beg leave to submit that we have felt much pleasure in considering that ably written document. Our cause is a blessed one indeed, and we are sure that the members of this Grand Division will join in hearty and devout ascriptions of praise to Him who is the Father of mercies and the Author of every good and perfect gift for his favoring smiles upon our noble Institution.

It is pleasing to know that our Order is in a healthy condition, though in consequence of absence of Quarterly Returns the real strength of our cause cannot be ascertained. That more perseverance is necessary to preserve our members from falling into the snares laid for them by wily and treacherous foes cannot be questioned; and it is extremely desirable that by every means within our reach, through every instrumentality at our command, and to the utmost extent of the talent possessed by our members, there should be a constant advocacy of our principles, with a view to the steady adherence thereto on the part of our membership.

We have agreed to recommend that the interests of our Order will be best promoted by the employment of local labor, or the appointment of Deputies Grand Worthy Patriarch to organize and resuscitate Subordinate Divisions and receive a certain sum for each Division which such Deputies may organize.

We think the time has not come for action in the matter of organizing a National Division for British North America.

13 The matter of petitioning Parliament for the establishment of an asylum  
 35 for the reformation of inebriates being in the hands of a special committee,  
 42 we have only to re-approve prompt and energetic action in that direction.

The Prohibitory question, we think, must be kept before our Legislature by petition, and less than entire prohibition we cannot ask. At the same time, if our Parliament do not feel justified in granting us the law we ask of them, a restrictive measure limiting still further the number of licenses to be granted, and attaching thereto a decided prohibition of the use of drugs or other poisonous substances in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks, with a heavy penalty for violations, would be acceptable. We think it highly becoming to acknowledge the kind reception of our Representative at the Advisory meeting of the National Division, and express anew our sympathy, deep and heartfelt, with our brothers in the adjoining republic in the present struggle. Our prayers go up continually for a speedy, satisfactory and permanent peace, and will continue to ascend to God till answered.

"Honor to whom honor is due" is a noble and Scriptural principle, and our attention is called to it by a reference to the Sands monument, the liberality of British teetotallers, and the mention of honorable names among the nobility of England. We rejoice in the success of the British National Division and the United Kingdom Alliance, and we sincerely wish them increasing prosperity.

We trust that a deeper interest will be manifested in future in the Cadet organization, and would suggest that a form of Quarterly Return be printed along with the regular Quarterly Returns on the same side of the sheet, and that Deputies be required to see that they are duly filled up and sent to the Grand Scribe.

We recommend that the thanks of this Grand Division be presented, through the Grand Scribe, to the Managers of Railroads who have kindly indulged the members of this Grand Division by allowing them to pass over their roads at half fare.

Our thanks to the ladies who have favored our Subordinate Divisions with visits are justly due, and we are satisfied will be properly conveyed at the earliest opportunity, not only through our minutes, but in every Subordinate Division throughout the land.

The prompt and courteous manner with which our worthy Grand Scribe discharges all his duties calls forth once more the expression of our entire confidence in that excellent brother, and our earnest wish that his valuable life be spared to work with us and for us in this Grand Division.

The whole respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

R. D. WADSWORTH,  
 R. C. BENEDICT,  
 ALEX. C. HUTCHISON.

✓ Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded  
 ✓ by Representative G. FLETCHER—

That the Report be received and adopted. Lost.

Moved by Representative J. CAMPBELL, seconded by Representative D. DUFF—

That the Report be taken up and considered clause by clause. Carried.

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First clause read, and on motion was approved.

Second clause read, respecting Grand Division Lecturers.

Moved by Representative Dr. A. BUCK, seconded by Representative W. HAGER—

That clause second be struck out and the following substituted:—"We have agreed to recommend that the interests of our Order will be best promoted by the employment of local labor, or the appointment of Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs to organize and resuscitate Subordinate Divisions and receive a certain sum for each Division which such Deputies may organize." Carried.

Third clause read, respecting a National Division for British North America.

Moved by Representative Rev. W. ROWE, seconded by Representative SAMUEL MORRELL—

That the third clause be altered as follows:—"We think that the time has not come for action in the matter of organizing a National Division for British North America." Carried.

Fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth clauses read, and on motion were approved.

Moved by Representative G. FLETCHER, seconded by Representative J. CAMPBELL—

That the Report of the Committee as amended on the Grand Scribe's Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. QUIGG, seconded by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM—

That this Grand Division hold its next Semi-Annual Session at Oshawa, on the fourth Wednesday in June, 1862. Carried.

In the absence of the Committee on By-Laws and Ceremonies for Female Visitors, submitted at the Semi-Annual Session from the Mooretown Division, the Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following a Committee to report at this Session:—E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P., E. STACEY, G.S., and Representative Rev. W. ROWE.

The Finance Committee submitted the following Report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Oakville, C.W., 5th Dec., 1861. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION ASSEMBLED:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Grand Treasurer's and the financial part of the Grand Scribe's Report, beg to report that they

have examined the same and find them correct, a statement of which is respectfully submitted as follows:—

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Your Committee would further report that they find the following unpaid accounts, which they would recommend to be discharged, viz.:—

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Messrs. Armstrong & Benedict, printing account ...	14 54
Account of E. Stacey for postage ...	4 58

In all... ..\$140 13

After paying the above accounts there will still remain the handsome balance to the credit of this Grand Division of the sum of \$919 70.

Your Committee feel that they cannot close this their Annual Report without expressing great satisfaction with the ability and untiring perseverance manifested by the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer in the discharge of the onerous and important duties pertaining to their high and responsible offices.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

J. M. T. HANNUM,  
THOMAS McKEE,  
E. WILLIAMS.

Moved by Representative J. TERRY, seconded by Representative C. SHARRARD—

That the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30.

**Morning Session.**

TEMPERANCE HALL,  
Oakville, December 6th, 1861. }

The Grand Division met at 8:30, pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form—A. MORSE, Esq., G.W.P., in the chair.

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Absent—Grand Chaplain, Grand Scribe, Grand Conductor, Grand Sentinel, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Vacancies filled—Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, Grand Chaplain; W. HAGER, Grand Conductor; Dr. ANSON BUCK, Grand Scribe; A. FAREWELL, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

A portion of Scripture read and prayer offered.

Minutes of previous Session read and adopted.

Representative J. A. MARA gave notice—

That at the next Semi-Annual Session of this Grand Division I will move that our rules be so altered as to permit Sons of Temperance in good standing to be admitted as Visitors to the Grand Division.

The Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Chaplain, Grand Scribe, and Grand Sentinel, entered and took their seats.

The Committee on Asylum for Inebriates submitted their Report as follows:—

OAKVILLE, 5th December, 1861.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF CANADA WEST:

Your Committee appointed at last Session to prepare and submit a draft of memorial to the Legislature on the important matter of establishing an asylum for inebriates in the Province of Canada have given the subject their earnest attention, and succeeded in obtaining valuable historic and statistical information from the superintendent of such an institution, established in Boston, Mass., some years ago, and known as the "Washingtonian Home."

The documents furnished by ALBERT DAY, Esq., at the instance of one of our number, bring out prominently the following leading or fundamental principles as the basis of organization, management, and success.

Intemperance is both a crime and a disease—a physical as well as a mental and moral disease; in some cases the individual incessantly under the most overwhelming desire for stimulants, disregarding every impediment, sacrificing comfort and reputation, withstanding the claims of affection, consigning his family to misery and disgrace, and denying himself the common necessaries of life, drinks to gratify his insane propensity. The inebriate drinks but to fan the flame which burns and consumes, and this he will continue to do unless absolutely excluded from all means of gratifying the propensity.

The victims of intemperance are not, as a general thing, men of low and degraded minds, of little mental force or obtuse sensibilities, fit only for the lock-up or prison. Far from it. Facts connected with the past history of many of them warrant the assertion that they had been ornaments to the society in which they moved; had been surrounded by friends; were of excellent education, superior abilities, and of no small experience in the walks of life, having held offices of responsibility and trust.

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of all the finer qualities that constitute man ; and any infringement upon what they deem to be their inalienable rights only serves to sink them still deeper in the pit of degradation into which they have gradually and almost unconsciously fallen. These natural qualities being for the time stultified, not annihilated, and it only requires a real expression of sympathy to make this apparent. The unfortunate inebriate is more sinned against than sinning.

The management of an institution for the reformation of drunkards must lie in the hands of individuals who combine in their character, in large and just proportions, kindness, patience, and firmness ; and who understand the peculiarities of the patients they have under their care. The unfortunate victims of intemperance require kindness, sympathy and love—not force, violence and restraint—excepting always where a man wild with delirium, knowing not where he is or what he does, with the design of murder or some other terrible sin floating in his brain, seeks to injure himself or others. Such an institution must have no locked doors, no prison bars, no galling and sickening chains. The entry and stay of every patient must be voluntary. Meantime all the genial and healthful influences of kindness, instructive reading, cheerful conversation, and family worship, need to be employed, that amid this sunshine and heavenly showers the bow of promise may discover itself—to the fallen man his hope.

The statistics were interesting and encouraging. All classes of society have furnished the institution with inmates—clergymen, lawyers, physicians, literati, merchants, tradesmen, manufacturers, mechanics, and agriculturists. Those who have been admitted have been of almost every age between 18 and 65, but by far the greatest number between 30 and 40, when they were in the meridian of capacity. As might be expected, nearly the whole were inhabitants of the United States, but a very few from the British Provinces or of foreign birth. About three-fifths were married persons and two-fifths unmarried. Only males are admitted. More than fifty per cent of the entire number who have been inmates are known to be leading the lives of sober and temperate men at the present time ; but four-fifths are supposed to be the average of reformations. A conference meeting on Sabbath evening and temperance meeting on Tuesday evening, with daily family worship, comprise the whole of the social means of religious improvement ; the employment of other means more private or public being left to the choice and discretion of the patients. The cost on the average for each inmate has been \$12.

The Government of Massachusetts has granted an act of incorporation to the Home and votes annually \$3,000 to \$5,000. The saving to the State, in the shape of reducing expenses of jail, house of correction, house of industry, insane asylum, house of reformation, police and municipal courts, city police and night watch, is immense ; property and life more safe, insurance less, expense of fire departments lessened ; and, it is hoped, petty larceny will soon be of rare occurrence ; in fine, intelligence, industry, virtue, temperance and religion will be triumphant in the same ratio as such institutions are multiplied.

The State of New York is manifesting great interest in the institution to be established at Binghamton. Already \$150,000 have been granted by the Commonwealth, and Gov. MORGAN has stated that \$75,000 more will be necessary to finish the premises. More than five thousand applications are in before the building is completed for the reception of any.

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Your Committee would recommend that, if possible, means be employed to secure the bringing up of this important subject in the House at a favorable time, to allow a delegation from this Grand Division to explain the nature of such an institution, and urge its claims upon their attention, there being some danger that merely documentary explanations might be overlooked, or, not being understood, be wrongly interpreted. The appointment of such delegation is recommended to be made at once and to consist of one or more members of the Grand Division. 42

Further, we recommend that a place should be fixed upon for the location of the asylum and a name chosen; that a subscription book be opened to receive donations; that an organization take place at as early a day as possible, when an act of incorporation should be applied for; that prominent temperance men of wealth and position in all parts of Canada should be entreated to subscribe to its funds and patronize its noble object; that information be prepared for the press, and personal influence be employed to have it published immediately in all our Canadian newspapers.

Finally, the following is submitted as a draft of memorial to the Legislature, which, it is hoped, will receive the sanction of this Grand Division, and ultimately the hearty co-operation of the honorable body to whom it is directed:—

**“TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA, &c.**

**“The Memorial of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Canada, met in Annual Session in the Village of Oakville, Canada West,**

**“HUMBLY SHEWETH :**

“That your memorialists have had under their consideration the desirableness of having in Canada an asylum, providing a retreat for inebriates, and the means of reforming them. Satisfactory information has been obtained of the successful working of such an institution in the State of Massachusetts, which will be laid before your honorable House at the proper time.

“Your memorialists sincerely regret the necessity for an institution of this kind, and hope the day is not far distant when the need of it will no longer be required; yet as intemperance exists in the community to such an alarming extent, we rejoice that the friends of the inebriate sympathise with him in his misery, and are disposed to lend him a helping hand, that he, if possible, may be extricated from his degradation.

“In the Province of Canada, it is believed, there are no less than 25,000 confirmed drunkards, while tens of thousands more, by drinking habits, are preparing themselves to sink to the same level.

“Your memorialists would desire to present the true condition of the unfortunate class referred to with much greater particularity than is usual in the customary form of a petition. It is believed that the present method, provided by law for the guardianship and punishment of victims of intemperance, imperatively calls for investigation. It is believed that a large portion of this class may be restored to usefulness and respectability by the establishment of an inebriate asylum—an asylum in which influences pervade which brace up and purify the mind rather than degrade it, restoring the fallen brother to complete health, and impart to him ability, when he leaves its walls, to move forward with courage and with hope, and undis-

mayed by the odium which, as the occupant of a house of correction and the companion of felons, he is conscious will ever cling to him.

"We do not attempt to present the appeal of the wretched drunkard himself; the only object we have in view is to call the attention of the Legislature to a subject of great magnitude in its bearings, inasmuch as it is closely connected with our present pauper and prison discipline, and relates to the well-being of the community and at least three-fourths of those who now crowd our lock-ups and prisons.

"Your memorialists humbly pray for the appointment of a committee of your honorable body to receive information and report, hoping the issue will be the establishment of a Provincial Asylum for Inebriates.

"And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

The whole respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

R. D. WADSWORTH,  
JAMES QUIGG,  
JACOB LAWRENCE,  
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Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative G. FLETCHER—

That the ~~able~~ Report submitted by ~~Brother WADSWORTH~~ be received and adopted. Carried.

The Committee on the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report submitted the following Report:—

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND DIVISION:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Address report as follows:—

(1.) Acknowledging the good hand of God upon us in all the vicissitudes incidental to human organizations, we deeply regret that any apathy on the part of brothers should allow a membership that once reached over 17,000 to suffer the large declension alluded to by the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

(2.) We trust that in the present Session some comprehensive measures may be taken to throw new life and new activity into our Order; and we heartily sympathize with the prayer of our Grand Worthy Patriarch that "He alone who is able to keep us from falling" may give us wisdom in all our deliberations for the elevation of the human race.

(3.) We believe with the Grand Worthy Patriarch that the nonpayment of dues, owing perhaps in some instances to want of regularity and efficiency in the execution of the important office of Financial Scribe, may be one principal cause of the declension of our membership.

(4.) We regret that the continuance of civil war among our Brothers in the United States should continue to interfere with the full and proper working of our Order, but we are pleased to hear that such successful efforts are being made to promote the cause of temperance in the large army of the Republic.

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(5.) We believe that, in the existing state of things, a meeting of so many members of the National Division as can be got together, in some city on British territory, will be the best thing that can be done under the circumstances.

(6.) We believe that much good would arise to our Order from carrying out the suggestion of the Grand Worthy Patriarch in the employment of a suitable and efficient Travelling Agent, or Provincial Deputies, to visit Divisions, to resuscitate them and inspire them with renewed zeal in the cause; to hold public meetings where advisable; and if necessary, to canvas the vicinity for the purpose of organizing new Divisions, and to advocate our Order as the most efficient organization for the spread of universal temperance. And we sympathize with the Grand Worthy Patriarch in the idea that, to be effective, our Order must assume a more missionary character.

(7.) We are glad to learn that in many localities the regular meetings of Subordinate Divisions are rendered interesting by recitations, essays, vocal and instrumental music; and we recommend this plan to all our Divisions.

(8.) We regret that temperance publications are not better supported, but we cannot see our way clear to recommend the establishment of any paper or magazine as the organ of our Order. The large sum of money required for properly setting up and duly sustaining such an enterprise would swallow up more funds than there is any prospect of our being able to raise.

(9.) We agree with the Grand Worthy Patriarch in his suggestion as to the propriety of each Division possessing a Pledge Book, which might be introduced at the conclusion of all public meetings held in connexion with our Order.

(10.) We agree with the Grand Worthy Patriarch in recommending that the best exertions be put forth to secure the continuation of the late Act of Incorporation; and should a difficulty arise in procuring the renewal of the same, we recommend this Grand Division to carry out the suggestions of the Grand Worthy Patriarch.

(11.) We agree with the Grand Worthy Patriarch that much credit is due those Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs who have been so actively and successfully engaged in organizing and resuscitating Divisions and Sections of Cadets, as well as for their promptness in making their Quarterly Reports—a thing which is absolutely essential to the full efficiency of our Order.

(12.) We entirely coincide with the Grand Worthy Patriarch in his favorable remarks on the ability and fidelity of our Grand Scribe, and we cannot conclude this Report without expressing, as regards the Grand Worthy Patriarch himself, our cordial concurrence in the testimonies of regard and approbation so heartily exhibited to him by the unanimous action of our Grand Division at the present Session on his retirement from the chair.

All which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

JONATHAN SHORTT, D.D.,  
JAMES CURTS,  
A. BUCK.

Moved by Representative Rev. WM. ROWE, seconded by  
Representative SAMUEL MORRELL—

That the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

✓ The Special Committee on Communications from the Most Worthy Patriarch and Grand Divisions of British North America submitted the following Report:—

26 GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN:—

43 Your Special Committee on official communications beg leave to report that we have examined the highly important communication from the Most Worthy Patriarch, and hereby express our strong sympathy with the head of our Order in his regrets for the injury done the temperance cause in the States of America by the troubles in that land.

Your Committee, however, are rejoiced to learn that notwithstanding the evils arising to our Institution from the unhappy war in the neighboring Republic, the membership of our Order has not only not decreased but has largely increased in many sections of our work.

On the subject of the communication from the Grand Scribe of Prince Edward Island, your Committee report that they have read and carefully considered not only that valuable document, but also all the interesting communications received from the British Provinces on the subject of the place of meeting for the next Session of the National Division. Several cities have been named in the communications we have read, but your Committee are of opinion, that the city of Montreal, which place was named by the unofficial meeting of the National Division held at Cape May, should be recommended by our Grand Division as the place of meeting; and your Committee therefore beg your honorable body to request the Most Worthy Patriarch to name that city forthwith as the place where, under all circumstances, it is most prudent for the National Division to hold its next Session.

Upon the subject of the formation of a National Division in and for the Provinces of British North America, your Committee recommend that a conference upon that subject, composed of all the delegates from the Provinces, be held at the next Session of the National Division.

All which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

A. FAREWELL,  
EDWARD ROWLAND,  
S. MORRELL,  
R. D. WADSWORTH.

✓ Moved by A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative J. M. T. HANNUM—

That the foregoing Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Representative J. CAMPBELL, seconded by Representative S. MORRELL—

That that part of the Report stating Montreal be altered to London. Lost.

The Committee on Petitions submitted the following Report:

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH:

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions presented by the following Divisions, viz.:—Thanesville, 354; St. Andrews, 195; Bally Duff, 236; Collingwood, 303—beg to report, That after careful consideration

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we recommend that the prayer of Thanessville and St. Andrews Divisions, for Charters, Rituals, and Cards (their original ones, along with their Halls, having been destroyed by fire), be granted: also, that the petition of Bally Duff Division, for change of name and location to that of Manvers, retaining their number, viz., 236, and for the appointment of a Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch for their Division, be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

WM. ROWE,  
S. MORRELL,  
W. POWER,  
C. TALLMAN.

Moved by Representative Rev. W. ROWE, seconded by Representative S. MORRELL—

That the Report be received and adopted. Lost.

Moved in amendment—

That that portion of the Report recommending the employment of a Grand Division Lecturer be struck out, and the Report adopted. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. LAWRENCE, G.W.A., seconded by Representative W. HAGER—

That this Grand Division appoint six Provincial Deputies for the purpose of organizing Subordinate Divisions and resuscitating those gone down; and that each Provincial Deputy shall receive the sum of Eight Dollars for every Division organized, that sum being an appropriation of Charter fee and for Rituals from this Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P., seconded by A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P.,—

That the Officers of this Grand Division and the Past Grand Worthy Patriarch be a Committee to appoint Provincial Deputies, and to arrange plans and field of operation for said Deputies. Carried.

The Committee appointed on Mooretown Division By-Laws and Ceremonies for Female Visitors submitted the following Report:—

OAKVILLE, Dec. 6, 1861.

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Forms and By-Laws suggested by the Mooretown Division as additions to and explanations of the Ladies' Ritual, beg to report that they have examined the same, and highly appreciate the interest taken by the said Division in that interesting and valuable auxiliary to our Order.

Your Committee recommend that the By-Laws presented by Mooretown Division for the government of that Division be approved; and any Subordinate Division may be permitted to adopt said By-Laws and Ceremonies as approved for the Mooretown Division.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

W. ROWE,  
E. STACEY,  
E. ROWLAND.

Moved by Representative A. C. HUTCHISON, seconded by Representative J. K. ANDERSON—

That all in the Report after the words "this Division" be struck out, and that the following be inserted instead: "And any Subordinate Division may be permitted to adopt said By-Laws and Ceremonies as approved for the Mooretown Division"; and that the Report so amended be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative S. MORRELL—

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That Brother Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH be appointed the Delegate from this Grand Division to attend the contemplated Committee to be appointed by the Legislature upon the subject of an Asylum for Inebriates.

On motion it was resolved that Brother A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., be associated with Brother Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH to attend on a Parliamentary Committee on this important subject.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned.

### Afternoon Session.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Worthy Patriarch presiding.

Roll of Officers called.

Absent—Grand Conductor, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Sentinel.

Services of Chaplain by Rev. W. ROWE.

Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

Moved by Representative Rev. W. ROWE, seconded by Representative Rev. W. PIRRIE—

That the Grand Division hereby instructs its Representatives to the National Division to do their utmost to procure the passage of a resolution altering that part of the regulation of the Constitution of the National Division which pronounces the admission of colored persons into our Order illegal.—See Journal N.D., Boston, 7th session, p. 47. Carried.

Moved by Representative Rev. R. D. WADSWORTH, seconded by Representative J. E. COLE—

✓ That the Grand Division earnestly recommends to the members of Subordinate Divisions that they sustain as far as possible the temperance

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The Grand Scribe stated that he had received from Brother H. ROSE, P.G.W.P., Montreal, 100 copies of the "Life-Boat," which were presented to the Grand Division and distributed amongst the Representatives.

Moved by Representative Dr. A. BUCK, seconded by Representative A. C. HUTCHISON—

That this Grand Division request the Grand Worthy Patriarch to appoint such Brothers Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs as their respective Divisions may recommend at the first meeting in October quarter of each year. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative W. H. ORR—

That a copy of the Report and Petition emanating from the Committee on the erection of an Inebriate Asylum be furnished the "Globe" and "Leader" for publication. Carried.

The second Special Committee on Communications submitted the following Report:—

GRAND DIVISION COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
Oakville, Dec. 7, 1861. }

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH AND MEMBERS :

The Special Committee appointed upon communications from the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, Independent Order of Good Templars of Canada ; JOHN J. E. LINTON, of Stratford, C.W. ; Brother J. A. DAVIDSON, of California ; Bond Head Division, No. 119 ; and Invincible Division, No. 292—beg leave to report that we cordially accept the proffered co-operation of our faithful ally in the cause, the Independent Order of Good Templars, through its Grand Worthy Chief Templar, Brother WM. HAYS, in securing for this Province the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Your Committee would recommend the disposal of the temperance literature and manuscript presented to this Grand Division in such a manner as would most conduce to the well-being of the Order and our great cause.

In reference to the communication received from our esteemed and worthy Brother J. A. DAVIDSON, D.G.W.P., now zealously working for the uplifting of fallen humanity in California, your Committee would advise that the Grand Scribe, in behalf of this Grand Division, tender him our hearty and cordial congratulation.

Your Committee further recommend a due consideration of resolutions contained in communications received from Bond Head and Invincible Divisions.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

SAMUEL PEDLAR,  
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Moved and seconded—

That the Report be received and adopted after erasing the last clause relating to the establishment of a National Division for British North America. Carried.

Moved by Representative Dr. A. BUCK, seconded by Representative GEORGE FLETCHER—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be tendered to the Oakville Division and the inhabitants generally for the hearty reception and hospitable entertainment given to this Grand Division during its sojourn in their midst, and that the Grand Scribe transmit a copy of this resolution to the Oakville Division and the Mayor of the town. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. CAMPBELL, seconded by Representative S. MORRELL—

That the Grand Division appoint a Committee consisting of Brother FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and our Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, to consider the propriety of establishing another Grand Division for Upper Canada and report at our next Semi-Annual Session. Lost.

Moved by Representative A. C. HUTCHISON, seconded by A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P.,—

That the sum of Eight Dollars be appropriated from this Grand Division to our esteemed Brother W. H. ORR, P.W.P., for preparing a full and valuable report of the proceedings of this Annual Session for publication in the newspapers. Carried.

Moved by E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative D. DUFF—

That in the resolution authorizing the appointment of Provincial Deputies the word "six" be struck out. Carried.

Moved by E. CARSWELL, P.G.W.A., seconded by Representative J. W. FEWSTER—

That the sum of Eight Dollars be paid the Assistant Grand Scribe for his services during this Session of the Grand Division, and the same sum to our Messenger. Carried.

Moved by Representative E. WILLIAMS, seconded by Representative W. HAGER—

That our respected and esteemed Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, EDWARD ROWLAND, Esq., merits the thanks of this Grand Division for the very able, courteous, impartial and efficient manner he has discharged the various duties devolving upon him during the past year. Carried.

Moved by Representative Dr. A. BUCK, seconded by Representative D. KIRKWOOD—

That this Grand Division have much pleasure in tendering their thanks to our most respected Grand Worthy Patriarch, ABISHAI MORSE, Esq., for

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the very able and impartial manner he has discharged his duties in presiding over the deliberations of this Session. Carried.

Moved by Representative THOMAS DOUGLAS, seconded by Representative J. SIDNEY—

Whereas some of our Divisions have suffered much from a few factious members black-balling candidates,

Resolved—That our Representatives to the National Division be instructed to suggest the propriety of so amending the Constitution as to increase the number of black balls necessary to reject a candidate. Carried.

Moved by Representative W. HAGER, seconded by Representative E. WILLIAMS—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due to our esteemed Grand Scribe, E. STACEY, for the prompt and very efficient manner in which he continues to fill the office and discharge the important duties of Grand Scribe of this Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by Representative G. FLETCHER, seconded by Representative R. KELLY—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to Representative S. W. SHARRARD, Esq., for his punctual attendance and the efficient discharge of his duties as Grand Treasurer for so many years. Carried.

Moved by Representative D. DUFF, seconded by Representative J. A. MARA—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be presented to Brother JOHN MOFFAT, P.G.W.A., and Representative of the Grand Division of Ohio, for his fraternal visit to this Grand Division, and for his advice and assistance in our deliberations. Carried.

Moved by Representative Rev. W. ROWE, seconded by Representative E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P.,—

That the salary of the Grand Scribe for the ensuing year be the sum of \$600—same as last year. Carried.

Moved by Representative J. BARCLAY, seconded by Representative D. DUFF—

That a Committee be appointed to revise our rules of ceremony with the view of shortening them as much as is compatible with the well-being of our Order, and report at the Semi-Annual Session of this Grand Division. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative S. MORRELL—

That a Special Committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and place in proper hands for circulation petitions to the Legislature in favor of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law, and that Brothers E. STACEY, G.S., the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, do compose said Committee. Carried.

Moved by Representative A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative W. POWERS—

That while we look forward to the passing and enforcement of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law for Canada as the final results of the efforts of temperance men and temperance organization, yet in the opinion of this Grand Division it is the duty in the meantime of all well-wishers to the cause of sobriety and good order to make use of all legal and proper means for the enforcement of all such laws and regulations, Municipal as well as Provincial, as are calculated to lessen the evils of intemperance. Carried.

Moved by Representative E. ROWLAND, P.G.W.P., seconded by Representative E. POWERS—

That all eligible Officers of this Grand Division be elected Representatives to the National Division. Carried.

Moved by Representative E. H. MILLS, seconded by Representative J. K. ANDERSON—

That the Grand Scribe get the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Division printed in pamphlet form as usual. Carried.

Moved by Representative Dr. ANSON BUCK, seconded by Representative E. WILLIAMS—

That if the National Division is held in Canada East or West, our Grand Worthy Patriarch, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, A. FAREWELL, P.G.W.P., J. LAWRENCE, G.W.A., and E. CARSWELL, P.G.W.A., be paid Representatives; if not held in Canada, Brother A. MORSE, G.W.P., be the only paid Representative from this Grand Division. Carried.

The Grand Division adjourned to meet in the town of Oshawa on the fourth Wednesday in June, 1862.



EDWARD STACEY,  
*Grand Scribe.*

*In attend  
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## OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

*In attendance at the Annual Session of the Grand Division,  
at Oakville, C. W., on the 4th, 5th and 6th December, 1861.*

ABISHAI MORSE, Smithville	... ..	Grand Worthy Patriarch.
JACOB LAWRENCE, Palermo	... ..	Grand Worthy Associate.
EDWARD STACEY, Kingston...	... ..	Grand Scribe.
S. W. SHARRARD, Brougham	... ..	Grand Treasurer.
REV. JONATHAN SHORTT, Port Hope...	... ..	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN EARLS, Toronto...	... ..	Grand Conductor.
W. C. NELSON, Bond Head...	... ..	Grand Sentinel.
EDWARD ROWLAND, London	... ..	Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Visitors from the Grand Division, S. of T., of Ohio:—JOHN MOFFAT,  
P.G.W.A.; ALEXANDER MOFFAT, P.W.P.

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*Of John Moffat, Esq., P.G.W.A. of the S. of T. of C. W., and Grand Lecturer, and P.M.W.C. National Division of North America, delivered before the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Canada West at its recent Annual Session in Oakville, December 5th, 1861.*

DEAR BRETHREN,—Associated as I have been with our noble Order ever since its organization on the 22nd of June, 1848, when, in connection with seventeen others, in the good old town of Brockville, I assisted in planting our banner of Love, Purity and Fidelity, on Canadian soil, I need not tell you that it affords me more pleasure than words can well express to meet again around our annual council fire those veterans of our cause, who, in prosperity and adversity, in sunshine and shade, have ever been faithful to their obligations and untiring in their zeal for the advancement of those principles of truth and righteousness which we are united to perpetuate. After an absence of three years I felt that in returning to visit my former field of labor my brethren would naturally expect of me some account of my sojourn in the neighboring Republic, and of the progress and prospects of our Order in the several States which I have visited. Fearing that the excitement consequent upon meeting old friends and the interchange of fraternal greetings would unfit my mind for giving anything like an intelligible sketch, and cause me to forget many of those suggestions which I wish to offer, I have thought that the importance of the subject, as well as courtesy to you, demanded that I should commit my thoughts to paper, instead of addressing you in my usual extemporaneous manner. Were I simply to make a temperance speech, or offer a word of exhortation, this would not be necessary, for a seven years' advocacy of the cause has made the subject pretty familiar to my mind. But this is not the time nor this the place for mere temperance speeches. We meet not here men whose minds are wavering, or who require arguments to prove the excellency of our principles. We meet here the representative men of the Order—I may say the standard-bearers of our army—who meet not only for mutual congratulation and encouragement, but for serious inquiry and consultation as to the best ways and means for the accomplishment of our great purpose, the overthrow of our common enemy, the enemy of our race, our country, and our God. Under these circumstances whatever affects other portions of the field of struggle affects us, and it becomes us to gather all the information we can from every quarter, to study carefully the plan of operations in other jurisdictions, that we may emulate their excellencies and gather wisdom from their defects.

Time will not permit me to give more than a brief outline of my travels and labors since last I had the pleasure of meeting you. I have visited the States of Ohio, Kentucky, portions of Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and a portion of Pennsylvania, and in all those places I was received in the most cordial manner. Everywhere the Sons of Temperance extended to me a "brother's hand and a brother's welcome." With reference to the state of the Order in each of those States I cannot now speak as fully as I would like. Up to the period when the fraternal strife which is now desolating that once prosperous and happy country broke out, the progress of our Order was onward and upward. Since that time it has suffered much. In those Southern States which have been transformed into a battlefield it has, as we would naturally expect, been well nigh annihilated; and even in the other States a great falling off in membership has been experienced. In Ohio many of the leading Divisions have been obliged to suspend in consequence of their members leaving to fight the battles of their country. We have faith, however, that when God in his mercy shall again permit the sword to be sheathed, those soldiers will lay down their weapons of war only to gird on the moral armor and contend with a more exalted heroism against that enemy of their country before whom more of the flower of their land has fallen than ever has, or ever shall fall, by traitor hands.

In this struggle we as Sons of Temperance in Canada must feel a deep interest. We have much to bind us in fraternal sympathy to the brethren of the neighboring Republic. I speak not now of the many ties of mutual advantage that unite us—of a common ancestry, or of those stronger bonds of commercial relationship. I speak of the sympathy we owe them as temperance men. However much we may differ with them in our views of political economy, and however much we may prefer our own system of government to theirs, no unprejudiced mind can fail to behold in their mighty efforts for the elevation of humanity much to command our admiration and esteem. Especially as temperance men we must ever cherish towards them feelings of profound respect and gratitude. We cannot forget that in that land the discovery was first made that drunkenness was caused by drinking, and that there the standard was first raised against that tide of iniquity whose scathing waves threatened to deluge the earth. We remember it, too, as the birthplace of that noble Order whose interests we are this day met to advance. We remember it, too, as the land that has produced a host of moral heroes, who have gone forth to battle for truth and righteousness, animated by a large-hearted benevolence and an undying faith that He who can perfect praise out of the mouths of babes and sucklings would grant them their reward. However the opponents of our cause may sneer at the temperance reform, I boldly challenge the world to produce in the history of any reform brighter examples of self-denial and self-sacrificing devotion than can be furnished by the temperance reform in the present age and in the neighboring Republic; and I have faith that a future generation will appreciate and bless the memory of those self-denying servants of humanity and humanity's God. Of course I speak not now of all that class of mountebanks who have entered the field as a convenient way of getting a living, and trusted to low wit and vulgar grotesque grimace to draw together a gaping crowd, that under the name of Moral Reform they might extract from them a few dimes. Nor do I refer to that higher class, who, depending upon dramatic power and a retentive memory, recite all the beautiful things they find floating upon the sea of literature to delighted audiences. No; these are not the characters to whom the temperance reform is indebted for its

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present high position. These are not the men whose utterances will live in men's hearts and bear fruit in their lives. It is not by mere flowers of rhetoric or the exciting influence of dramatic performance that our cause is to be perpetuated, but by the power of truth, promulgated by earnest souls, hallowed by the influence of a living faith, and enforced by the undying eloquence of a life of self-denying devotion to the cause. I might mention the names of many whose lives and labors furnish bright examples of the kind of effort required. There is the Rev. P. HUNT, the drunkard's friend, who resigned his comfortable pastorate, travelled all over the Union, and for over twenty years endured the scoffs and jeers of the liquor dealers, the fury of mobs, and, worse than all, the cold-hearted indifference of professed friends, until now, worn down by toil, he has retired in penury to wait the summons—Come, ye blessed of my Father. There is that heroic old veteran, JOHN MARSH, D.D., of New York, who, passing by all the allurements of fame and the hopes of worldly wealth, has devoted all the energies of his great mind, his eloquent voice, and powerful pen, to this reform. There is Dr. JEWETT, of Boston, who left a profitable profession, which, with his brilliant intellect and indomitable energies, would soon have won him wealth and distinction; but inspired by a noble zeal for the elevation of humanity and the glory of God, he has for a quarter of a century borne his plume in the thickest of the fight, and all along struggled with poverty while he contended with vice. There is that noble champion, THURLOW W. BROWN, of Wisconsin, whose two-edged sword of soul-melting pathos and scathing denunciation has made the liquor dealers of the State tremble, and yet he is obliged with one hand to till the soil to win his children's bread, while with the other he wields his caustic pen, because he is too noble and too highminded to *dicker* with committees for so many dollars a night. There, too, is that self-denying statesman whose name will live in connection with the great legislative reform he inaugurated while the world lasts, for while men have intellects to appreciate moral worth, or hearts to feel for humanity, the name of NEIL DOW will never be forgotten. And last, though not least, I might mention the lion-hearted CARY, who for twenty years has so nobly contended for the right, leaving all the comforts of a luxurious home, and neglecting his business, has travelled East, West, North, and South, and by his powerful logic and soul-stirring appeals, rousing the energies of the people to do battle against the accursed system. These and a host of others whose names might be mentioned, all form links in that fraternal chain that binds our hearts in sympathy to the temperance men of the United States. Nor can I allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the deep sense of personal obligation I feel that I am under to them for the manner in which they rallied around me, when broken in spirit and embarrassed in circumstances, I left the land in which I spent the best of my life's young energies. I shall never forget the deep interest they took in my welfare, and when I contrasted their kindness with the indifference with which I had become unhappily familiar, you need not wonder that they won the gratitude of the stranger's heart. But after all, I have never forgotten my own native land, and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to lift up my voice in behalf of suffering humanity in connection with what I have always considered my own Grand Division; for amid all my wanderings I have always looked back to Canada as the spot, and the Grand Division of Canada West as the organization, around which clung my heart's holiest affections. And even now I can scarcely realize that I am only a visitor here. Had I the means to sustain myself, I feel that Canada

would still be the field of my labor. But enough of this. Let us now turn to subjects from which we may derive more profit. I proceed to offer some suggestions based upon a somewhat extended observation, which I think would tend to increase our prosperity and usefulness.

First, I would notice that our Divisions are too apt to lose sight of the great object of our organization. While many of our members are full of zeal for the prosperity of the Division, they seem to take no interest in the public advocacy of the cause, forgetting that the Division is only valuable in so far as it is instrumental in spreading those principles which form the bond and basis of our organization. The longer I live, and the more extended my observation, the more fully do I become convinced that the Sons of Temperance is pre-eminently the Society best adapted to the accomplishment of the great work we have before us as temperance reformers; but, then, however perfect a system may be in all its parts, unless it be intelligently worked, it will accomplish but little. The most costly and perfect machinery that ever human ingenuity devised is useless unless a motive power be supplied to put it in motion, and even after that power has been applied, it must be devoted to that work for which it is specially adapted. In the Sons of Temperance, then, we have a splendid combination of means to an end—a machinery which commands our admiration. Let us, then, inquire earnestly how shall we best use this instrumentality. In this season of mutual interchange of thought let us calmly look at the question in all its bearings. Let us remember that in coming together as a Grand Division we assume fearful responsibility. We are apt on such occasions to be carried away by the pleasure of meeting old friends, and transform our meeting into a kind of holiday jubilee, forgetting that to our hands are committed sacred trusts, and that on the measures we adopt, the principles we promulgate, and the suggestions we offer, depend in a great degree the prosperity of our cause. Let us then come to the examination of the subject with the solemn seriousness of men who feel that they have important duties to perform, and that their actions will tell upon society for weal or woe down to the last period of time; and looking up to Him in whom are all the treasures of knowledge, pray for that grace and wisdom that shall enable us to discharge our duty in such a way as shall tend to His glory and the elevation of our race.

In order to realize the nature of any work we must understand clearly two things, viz, the object to be worked upon and the design to be accomplished, or, in other words, we must have a clear idea of the end to be attained. This is the case with all labor. The sculptor first studies carefully the most perfect models, the most graceful forms of beauty, and then, when he has his ideal fixed in his mind, he selects his block of marble, measures its dimensions, studies the grain or strata, and endeavors to ascertain if his ideal really exists in that rough block. The engineer calculates the height of the mountains to be levelled, the depth and breadth of the chasms to be spanned, the distance in the solid granite through which the iron horse must plough his way, before he is even ready to begin his work. And thus it is with every business of life. To insure success in any enterprise we must at all times fully understand the great end and object to be attained. Have we all, then, as professed leaders in this great work, earnestly and seriously grappled with the subject? Are we all prepared to give a clear, definite, intelligent statement of what we wish to accomplish through the instrumentality of the Sons of Temperance? I fear not.

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accomplish. Simple as this question may appear, there are many, very many, even in the temperance ranks, who do not fully understand it; and especially is the object of our mission misunderstood by the mass of society. We are generally looked upon by the world as an organization whose special object is the reformation of drunkards; and, unless they belong to that class, they think we have no claims upon them. Now, this is but one of our incidental labors, and by far the least important part of our work. Our great aim is to so change the social usages of society as to prevent men from becoming drunkards. A moment's reflection would convince the most obtuse mind that this is our only hope of ultimate triumph. Had we the assurance to-day that by the blessing of God upon our labors we should in the year 1862 succeed in reforming every poor degraded drunkard in the land, this would indeed be a joyful assurance; but it would afford us no guarantee that our country would never again groan under the scathing influence of the rum curse; for while the cause existed which made them drunkards, another army would rise up to fill their places. On the other hand, had we the assurance to-day that we should succeed during the coming year in breaking up the whole drinking usages; that by our example and arguments we should lead the educated, wealthy and professedly Christian part of community to see their true position, to realize their responsibility in aiding to perpetuate by the power of their example those usages which produce all that misery and crime that stalks in poverty and rags through our land; could we get them to resolve that social, respectable, fashionable drinking should for ever be abandoned, then could the eye of faith see in the vista of the future a bright and glorious day when the world would be cleansed from the pollution of strong drink. Then, this is the work we have to do as Sons of Temperance, viz., educate the world on the moral turpitude of those drinking usages: and, in order to do this, we must ever bear in mind that one of the most important duties of our Order is to keep ever before the people the fearful iniquity of magnifying and making honorable the liquor traffic by entrenching it behind the strong battlements of Legislative protection. On this subject many temperance men are behind the times. They think we must not say a word about prohibition till public sentiment clamors for its enactment. These persons forget that law is itself the most powerful educator, and that we will have very great difficulty in persuading the mass of mankind that a system is morally wrong which the law of the country proclaims to be right. I shall refer to this view of the subject in another portion of the address. On the subject of prohibition and the iniquity of the license system we must cry aloud, and spare not, till we arouse the conscience of the nation to behold the sin of thus striking hands with iniquity. We must hold up to universal execration the arguments of those men who argue that the traffic must be kept up because, forsooth, money goes from it into the treasury. This is in itself the best argument that could be used against the legalization of it. Look at the principle involved. The Government, then, becomes a partner in the crime, and assumes the position of a trader in the present happiness and eternal welfare of its subjects. With one hand she thrusts her citizens upon the clotted altar and with the other grasps greedily for the price of their blood. She stands upon her scaffold of gaping skulls mid convulsing hearts, surrounded with the dying and the dead, and smiles at the working of the infernal engine which she has set in motion for gain. Like the heathen mother, she destroys her own for a price, and crowds her offspring, whom she should protect and foster, beneath the wheels that roll in blood and ruin.

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Men professing the religion of Christ sit down and say to those who can prove a good moral character—For so many pieces of silver we will betray these into your hands. In this way life and hope are made a legal article of trade, and coolly bartered away by those who sit in high places. Evil is thus sown with a high hand, and we reap an abundant harvest of woe, want, vice and death. O, methinks it is enough to sicken the heart of every honest Canadian to think he is by the laws of the country made a partner in this unholy bargain. Reeves, Town Councillors, look well at money received from licenses before you vote it away; it is the fee of an accursed indulgence; it is a tribute offering of blood; it has been wrung from the palsied hand of the dying, and is clammy with human gore; it is corroded by the briny tears of weeping orphanage and widowhood. Look to it well that it be judiciously expended, for an inflexible Judge has placed on an eternal record its cost. Over against it the Angel Scribe has written in imperishable lines the crimes which were committed by the authority it purchased. These great truths must be kept before the public, and we have faith that our labor will not be in vain, though we may not immediately see the result; yet truth, wherever and whenever uttered, is accompanied with a power that never dies. Every breach made in the ramparts of vice will remain a breach for ever. I believe in Bryant's sublime utterance—

"Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again—  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But error wounded writhes in pain,  
And dies amid her worshippers."

In the history of the past we have much to encourage us. 'Tis true, all has not been accomplished that we could have desired. The power of the liquor curse is still felt. Victims are still falling all around us. But then look at the great social change that has been wrought. Thank God that now it is at least respectable to abstain. Once it was not so. We have succeeded in throwing up a high wall of protection around our sons and daughters. They can now go out into society and lose nothing socially though they touch not, taste not, handle not, the wine cup. Let us then, thanking God for the past and trusting Him for the future, go forth to the work with strong hearts and willing hands. We cannot see all that has been done. The seed scattered by human hand may have bloomed into living ideas in some heart, and may bring forth a rich harvest in years yet to come. Shall we then despair or apostatize because we have not yet stormed the citadel of wrong? God forbid; for while we have truth on our side, one man and truth are stronger than the whole world, or as one has well expressed, God and one man makes a majority. Taking then, for our motto, "Sub solie, sub umbra Virens," let us be diligent; let us never lose an opportunity of bringing the subject before the world. Every new convert we make is of importance, for the opinion of each individual contributes to form the public sentiment, as the labors of the animalculæ of the ocean contribute to form those coral reefs that rise above the waves and stand as everlasting monuments of the power of combined effort.

Here, then, you have a brief outline of the work to be done. The next question is, how shall we accomplish it? The answer is, not by confining our efforts within the narrow limits of the Division room, nor even by the reformation of an occasional drunkard, but by a constant effort to spread truth, both through the instrumentality of the press and the public lecture. The great want of our Order is the concentrated efforts of some minds. In this age of hurry, bustle, and excitement, it is vain to expect any organiza-

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tion to maintain a vigorous growth. That is dependent upon the occasional spasmodic effort of a few benevolent men, who take up the subject only when they can snatch a few hours from the pressing cares of life. The subject is of itself wide enough and important enough to command all the energies of the most brilliant intellect. There should be in every jurisdiction several first class minds devoted to the advocacy of the cause. But the question here arises, how shall these men be sustained? This question is not very difficult to solve. What would hinder, say every 100 Divisions, to have appointed over them a special Deputy of known ability and integrity, who might visit them all, say twice a year, and hold at each two public meetings, and by proper concert of action, so that the travelling expenses would not be heavy, the sum of \$1000, or \$5 for each meeting so held, would be amply sufficient to defray all the expenses. This would not be a burden grievous to be borne. Of course it would require some effort, but the conclusion forces itself upon me that, if the prosperity of our Order is not worth this amount of effort, it is not worth the attention of intelligent beings at all. But one may ask, where could we get the men? This question is, if possible, easier answered than the other. When we manifest to the world that we are in earnest, and that we will sustain men in the field, and that we shall look upon the lecturer as a man whose labors we appreciate, and as a man engaged in a high and honorable calling, instead of treating him as a kind of travelling mendicant whom we patronize for charity sake, the men will not be wanting. Where do our Bible Societies, our Tract Societies, or even our Churches, get their men? Show that there is a demand, and men will be found with talent and zeal to supply the demand. But, says one, the men who are fit for those positions would not do for temperance lecturers. Why not? we ask. We must throw away that foolish notion that has been too common, that a man, in order to be a successful advocate of temperance, must combine in his person all the extraordinary characteristics of logician, divine, statesman, and buffoon. Any man who possesses fair oratorical power, and whose heart and soul are in the work, can by concentrating his energies upon the subject make a successful and useful advocate of temperance. Is the subject, indeed, of so little importance that we must have an intellectual prodigy to plead it before we can command attention? Must we, before we can interest the world in our cause, produce a man who can astonish his audience by the profoundness of his reasoning, transport them by the flights of his fancy, melt them to tears by the power of his pathos, and anon throw them into hysterics by the pungency of his wit? Away with such nonsense. If we can find men whose hearts are right, whose mental endowments and literary acquirements would fit them for usefulness in the pulpit or at the bar, they will do good service on the temperance platform. Our cause has suffered by depending too much upon "star lectures."

In order to secure concert of action, a plan has been adopted in Ohio which deserves a passing notice, as it has been attended with happy results. The Divisions of several counties have formed what they call Quarterly Councils, where delegates meet from the several Divisions of the county once a quarter. At those meetings they adopt plans of operation for the ensuing quarter, appoint places to hold public meetings, &c., &c. I have attended several of those meetings, and believe them well adapted to advance the cause. I have noticed that the Order is most vigorous in those counties where these councils have been established. There is another feature of the temperance reform to which I wish to call your attention, as I think it deserves our special attention, inasmuch as it throws some light upon the

spirit of the license question. At the time the Constitution of the State was revised, the leading temperance men, fearing that they had not strength enough to carry prohibition, took as their second choice the position that a clause be inserted denying the State the power ever to grant a license, thus leaving the liquor traffic to stand upon its own basis. And strange as it may appear, this move was bitterly opposed by liquor sellers and their minions. They clamored for a restrictive measure. Now, can any sane mind believe that it was their zeal for the welfare of society that prompted them to desire restrictive legislation? No; their object was to secure a monopoly and to throw the responsibility of their wicked business upon the people. They knew, too, that their respectability depended upon the sustaining influence of legislative protection. The temperance men triumphed, and though the boon they asked was small indeed, yet the securing of it was a triumph, and experience has proved that no legislation at all was far preferable to the iniquitous compact with evil that before existed. Its effect was, as foreseen, to rob the business of its proud position, and the consequence is that in many of the rural towns of the State not a grog shop can be found.

I cannot close without again exhorting the sons of Canada to declare an uncompromising war upon that unholy alliance which disgraces our fair country, which magnifies and makes honorable a traffic that is filling our land with blood. Yes, the land smokes with blood: there is a crimson glare by the hearth and the saloon; the cry of murder rings out upon the midnight air, and the clots of its slaughter are thick upon the morning altar; the licensed pits of our country are belching forth violence and death; midnight assassination strikes hands with noonday murder, and together lift boldly their smoking hands to public gaze; half chilled corpses are lying by the desolate hearth, and innocence is wailing and sobbing upon lips that are cold forever; the enginery of the pit rolls on in infernal grandeur, propelled by the power of the law, and grinds to ruin the infatuated hosts; the greenest and holiest sanctuaries of earth are wasting day by day by public sanction; the brightest hopes of earth and heaven are crushed out forever; the land is filled with rottenness and death, for our rulers have for money made a covenant with death and established iniquity by law; the heart sickens at the sight, and, looking up to heaven, exclaims—How long, O Lord, how long till the light of thy truth shall open the eyes of a deluded people? Have they not yet suffered enough? Are pauperism and crime yet to have fresh hosts? Are there hungry graves yet to fill? Are there homes yet to be desolated, and hopes yet to be blasted? Must tragedies yet be enacted that will freeze the blood and cover earth with a pall of woe? I feel that each manly heart here is ready to exclaim—This system must and shall have an end. And if you cannot overcome it in your day, resolve to make Hannibals of your sons to come after you to the fight. I trust that you will go from this your annual council animated by a higher purpose and a nobler faith. Close up the ranks, brothers, and gird yourselves for the struggle. The Order is yet a power in the land; let us resolve to make that power felt; rebuild the altars that have fallen down; and, by the light of faith and hope, kindle again the watch fires; and so sure as there is a God who rules in righteousness, we shall yet prevail.

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## TO THE RECORDING SCRIBE.

**WORTHY BROTHER**—Please give your kind and immediate attention to the following important subjects:—

### PETITION, PETITION, PETITION.

With this Journal of Proceedings you will receive a special circular containing a form of Petition to the Legislature for a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law, and instructions regarding its preparation and circulation for signatures. The Petitions are to be prepared in triplicate, and each is to be written. Let us be up and at work, and flood the Legislature once more with huge petitions. Enlist all Temperance Men, Divisions, Templars, Lodges and Societies in this good work, and secure the joint co-operation of all favorable to the good cause.

### PROVINCIAL DEPUTY GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCHS.

It is the wish of the Grand Division Executive Committee to procure the valuable services of a few exemplary devoted Brothers, who have talent and ability, to act as Provincial Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs. They will be required to lecture and advocate the claims of our Order, to hold public meetings, visit Subordinate Divisions with a view to resuscitate them, and to inspire them with renewed zeal in the cause, and the primary object will be to organize new Divisions. See pages 41 and 44.

The Grand Division Committee will be happy to receive testimonials and recommendations to assist it in making suitable appointments, and to arrange plans and field of operations for said Provincial Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs.

It may be unnecessary to mention that only a few Provincial Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs can be appointed, as it is desirable that each should have several counties in which to labor with better advantage.

### POSTAGE.

See that all your letters, &c., are prepaid, and enclose a stamp if an answer is required.

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