



ANNUAL SESSION
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OF THE
SONS OF TEMPERANCE,
HELD AT
QUEBEC, 7th, 8th and 9th July, 1869.

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The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of the Province of Quebec, met in Annual Session this day, Wednesday, July 7th, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

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

Officers present:—Rev. J. W. Manning, G. W. P.

John S. Hall, G. Scribe.

Rev. E. S. Ingalls, G. Chap.

R. Goddard, G. Con.

Wm. Josleyn, P. G. W. P.

G. W. P. filled vacancies as follows, viz:—Reps. T. Robinson, G. W. A.; Rev. T. Gales, G. Treas., and Wm. Bates, G. Sent.

Prayer by G. Chap.

Grand Division opened in form.

G. W. P. named Reps. Wm. Brodie, Sears and Stevenson, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following correct:—

Gough Division, No. 3, Alex. Walker, Senr. W. P.; Wm. Brodie, Robert Brodie, Alex. Smeaton, Peter Johnston, Thomas Davidson, Wm. Hall, James Geggie, J. P. McKwan, John Sears, George Lamb, Wm. More, Wm. Anderson, and Thomas O'Neil, Sen. P. W. P's.

St. Andrew's Division, No. 9, Alex. Dewar, W. P.; John Dewar, D. Dewar, F. McMartin, W. D. Learmonth, T. Lamb, and J. McGregor, P. W. P's.

Victoria Division, No. 10, Rev. F. C. Ireland, P. W. P.

St. Lawrence Division, No. 16, J. Smyth, W. P.; George Mathison, J. O'Farrell, Alex. Woods, Martin Wenn, J. R. Healey, P. LeSueur, Chas. Corneil, S. Corneil Wm. McWilliams, Fred Mathews, and Robert Craig, P. W. P's.

Wellington Division, No. 20, Alex. Lamb, W. P.; John Middleton, and John Pitcairn, P. W. P's.

Adamsville Division, No. 50, H. A. Porter, W. P.

Dominion Division, No. 54, J. N. Mills, W. P.; G. Halerow, R. Alcombrack, C. Best, and Wm. Watson, P. W. P's.

Cowansville Division, No. 58, David Cameron, W. P.; W. Stevenson, John Dent, James Jones, J. J. Ruitter, Henry Rose, D. Duffy, S. N. Smith, C. E. Cotton, T. Foster, and Rev. C. P. Watson, P. W. P's.

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

Gough Division, No. 3, Alex. Walker, Thos. O'Neil, and Wm. More.

Victoria Division, No. 10, Alex. Stewart, and Gavin J. Walker.

St. Lawrence Division, No. 16, Charles Corneil, John Smyth, Robert Craig, John R. Henley, F. Matthews, S. Corneil, Martin Wenn, and P. LeSueur.

Cowansville Division, No. 58, David Cameron.

G. W. P. named the following Committees:—Good and Welfare;—Reps. Gales, Stewart, and Woods.

Finance:—Reps. Stevenson, Dewar, and Whitten.

Appeals:—Reps. Smeaton, Walker, McNaughton, Sears, and Wm. Brodie.

Publications, &c.—G. Scribe Hall, Reps. Robinson, and Gales.

G. W. P. named Reps. Smeaton, Corneil, and Sears, a Committee to fix hours of meeting of this Grand Division, who reported as follows:—That this Grand Division do adjourn at half past twelve, p.m. meet at 2 o'clock, adjourn at half-past 5 and meet again at half-past seven.

Moved by Rep. Woods, and seconded.—That the nomination and election of Officers, take place at the evening Session. Carried.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 p.m.

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7th July, 2 o'clock.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as morning Session.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Division opened in form.

G. W. P. read his report, referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Quebec, July, 7th, 1869.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of the S. of T. of the Province of Quebec.

Again by the goodness of God permitted to assemble in Annual Session it becomes us to acknowledge our deep obligations to him who has so graciously spared our lives and brought us in safety to this City.

It affords me peculiar pleasure to have the privilege of addressing the Grand Division in this ancient city of Quebec. A city of many interesting historical recollections and upon the fate of which has sometimes hung humanly speaking, the destinies of the Province. Within its time honored walls many a deed of daring and bravery has been performed and still lives in song and history. Here many a council of war has been held from which veterans have gone forth sternly resolved to do or die. Here many a proud army has mustered and from hence marched to engage in deadly fray. But times change and men change with them and to-day it is not, surrounded by "the pomp and circumstance of war," that we meet, but in the interests of humanity; not to destroy life but to save it. We are met to hold a council of war and I pray that the result of our deliberations may be that we shall each go from hence more than ever determined to battle unflinchingly for the right. It is not the Glarions startling clang, or the wild clamour of martial music that call us to arms but the cry of suffering humanity summonses us to the field and bids us nobly do our devoir on the battle ground. And best of all is, God is with us, then

Onward Brethren onward go,
Fear not ye to face the foe.
God and truth are on your side,
Needful strength shall be supplied.

In my last address to you I directed your attention to the healthful signs of the times in connection with the cause of Temperance and since then there has been no diminution, but rather an increasing activity in promoting its interests and from all parts of the habitable globe our fellow workers are sending their words of cheer and the evidence of success.

The Supreme Parliament of our Order has recently held its sittings in Washington, and I regret that I could not avail myself of the privilege, you have honored me with, of taking part in its deliberations and I am therefore unable to tell you of its doings, but in this respect you will not lose as our W. G. S. was as usual in his place and will no doubt in his report embody some of the most important of their proceedings.

I learn however from the Public Press that the meetings were well attended, their deliberations very harmonious and the reports from all parts of the jurisdiction cheering, and also that important changes have been made in the working of some part of our organization to all of which our Grand Scribe will doubtless call your attention.

In accordance with the resolution passed at our last Annual Session I have received, through the Grand Scribe, Reports from the following Divisions

Howard, St. Andrews, Howick Star, Bethel, West Shefford, Cowansville, Adamsville, Georgetown Advance, Victor a, Bristol, Granby, Wellington, and from these I learn that the order is in most of the localities in which these Divisions are situated in a flourishing condition, only two or three of them being at all despondent and, from the well known and praised worthy activity of the Brethren of these localities, we may hope that the depression is only temporary and that soon we shall hear from them that the cloud has passed away and that they are again enjoying the sunshine of prosperity. Most of these Divisions report that the interest of their meetings is sustained by reading, singing, recitation, debates and other engagements of a similar nature and tendency. I regret that a very partial response has been made to the appeal of this Grand Division for funds to sustain an efficient Lecturer in this Province, and I feel perfectly satisfied that unless this want can be met no permanent prosperity will be enjoyed. Since the last Session by virtue of the resolution then passed I have authorized the St. Michaels Union, and Hungerford Divisions to change their names, the former to Union and the latter to Dominion.

During the month of March I made arrangements to visit the Divisions in the Counties of Chateaugay and Huntingdon, and had the pleasure to visit and speak on behalf of our Order for the Howick Star, Georgetown Advance, Bethel, Huntingdon, Dundee and Union Divisions, and I trust with beneficial results to these Divisions particularly, and to the cause of Temperance generally, the sudden break up of the roads proved a barrier to my further progress and I was very reluctantly compelled to beat a retreat.

During my period of office I have had the great pleasure of signing charters for three new Divisions and also of being successful in recussitating four others and of these latter, two are in good working order and doing well, and the other two I trust are only taking breath for another onward movement.

I would earnestly impress upon the representatives present, and through them upon the Divisions, the great importance of promptly making the quarterly returns, as upon these depends our Grand Scribe's ability to keep us posted in the statistics of the Order.

I would also remind the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs, that they are required to ascertain that the quarterly reports have been duly forwarded and the per capita tax appropriated, before communicating to the Worthy Patriarch the password for the current quarter.

Brethren at this our Annual Session we are called on to look onward to the future as well as take a retrospective glance, and here, it is our duty, and should be our aim, to legislate for the furtherance of our noble Order where it already exists, and its extension into neighbourhoods where it has not yet been introduced, and it is not alone the Province of your Grand Worthy Patriarch to make suggestions and offer advice, but each representative should consider himself bound to add to the common stock and thus not only give the Order the benefit of divers minds, but also of the wisdom which flows from a multitude of counsellors.

During the interval of our Sessions a call was issued by the Sons and Good Templars of Ontario for a Temperance Convention to be held in Toronto, and strange to say, without, as far as I know, any reference to either of the Organizations in this or the other Provinces, a Society purporting to represent the Dominion was formed, and another meeting is called for the fall of this year to assemble again in Toronto; I cannot but express the opinion that it would have evidenced a more fraternal feeling if other organizations had been consulted, and that a greater measure of success would, in all probability, attend its second call if some other City more centrally situated had been selected for its sittings. It will however be for you to consider the propriety of being represented at the next meeting.

From the returns that have come under my notice I am satisfied that greater efforts must be put forth and greater liberality exercised before we

can expect to see our Order occupy its proper position in this Province and the question then arises; how can we best promote through our Order the interests of Temperance in this Section of the Dominion?

Permit me to point out to you some of the means that may be employed for this object. First, I would recommend that our Division meetings should emphatically be Temperance meetings, and that instead of so often discussing dry matters of detail or splitting hairs over some supposed violation or infraction of the constitution, our talents and time should oftener be devoted to a consideration of the wants of the neighbourhood and provision made as far as possible to meet them. Secondly,—The ladies having proved themselves to be willing workers let us employ their co-operation by furnishing them in each neighbourhood with a supply of good Tracts and invite them to distribute them, thus circulating from house to house a silent appeal in favour of our principles. Thirdly,—Public meetings should be held more frequently in all our localities, for no good cause has ever yet prospered without agitation, and whilst we have to deal with a foe that is ever on the alert it will not do for us to be sleeping at our posts, there is in every neighbourhood much talent that may by well timed effort be brought out on our side. Fourthly,—Some paper devoted to the Temperance cause generally and our Order particularly should be industriously circulated amongst us, and I again call your attention to a Paper published by the G. D. of Ontario, viz: "The Canadian Son of Temperance," and I learn by the report of proceedings of that G. D. that it is very highly spoken of and is doing good service in the Sister Province. Fifthly,—The employment of a good and efficient Lecturer is the desideratum, and I am perfectly satisfied that no permanent prosperity will be enjoyed until a well qualified representative of this G. D. is actively engaged in visiting and cheering working Divisions, stimulating and arousing drooping ones, and spreading a knowledge of our Order and planting its standard in the now unoccupied places of the land. Sixthly,—I am convinced by a more mature consideration of the subject that the establishment of a National Division for British North America would prove a powerful lever to lift our Order in the Dominion to a position it has not previously occupied, and in this conclusion I am actuated by no unfriendly feeling or national prejudice, but from a profound conviction that the nearer the body is to, and the more intimate the communion between it and the head, the greater will be the vitality. I therefore suggest to you that a proposition from this G. D. shall go to the sister G. D's of British North America, to the following effect: That at a given date sufficiently remote to admit of action being taken by all the G. D's at their next Sessions the question of a National Division be submitted to the Members in the Subordinate Divisions and the numbers for and against returned to the Executive of the Grand Divisions. Thus the representatives of the Divisions will have before them the opinions of each constituency when they are called in future to discuss this important question.

Lastly I submit to you that no cause has ever yet prospered upon which the blessing of heaven does not rest or is not sought for, whilst then we labour for the promotion of "the cause of all mankind," let us give it a place in our prayers and earnestly commend it to him who has declared "that praying breath shall not be spent in vain."

And now brethren, in returning to you the high and honorable office in which by your kind suffrages you placed me, permit me to express the hope that it has not been dishonored whilst in my keeping, at the same time my regret that it has not been more efficiently filled, or that I cannot report greater measures of success, but this much I beg you to believe, that whatever my shortcomings may have been, my earnest desire has been to advance the interests of the Order, and that errors committed have been of the head and not of the heart. If in the least degree I have served you through the cause then give me a place in your kind remembrances, if any act or word of mine has been the cause of pain to any one of you, forgive and forget; accept my warmest thanks for the confidence so generously reposed in me, and rest

assured that whether in Office or in the ranks, whilst God spares my life, you will find me shoulder to shoulder with the most advanced and may God hasten the happy day when throwing away the sword and grasping each others hands we may sing

" Now our Order's work is done
Fought the fight, the battle won."

My earnest prayer to the Great Patriarch above is, that he may direct you in the choice of my successor and that laying aside every other consideration you may keep in view only the good of the Order and by your votes elevate to this proud distinction some brother whose happy lot it shall be to lead you to greater triumphs than the past has yet seen.

It would be unpardonable in me to close without acknowledging heartily the cordial co-operation, ready advice and appropriate counsel of our Grand Scribe, which has so materially contributed to make the discharge of the duties of this office a labor of love.

Yours in L. P. and F.,

J. W. MANNING,
G. W. P.

G. Scribe read his report

MONTREAL, 6th July, 1869.

To the G. W. P., Officers and Representatives.

Worthy Brothers.—In presenting this my tenth Annual Report, I beg to tender to the members of this Grand Body my heartfelt acknowledgments for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended towards me, during my lengthened tenure of office. It has been my constant aim, during the period I have held the office of your Grand Scribe, to advance the interests of our Noble Order in this jurisdiction. If I have failed in aught, believe it to be a lack of ability not of will.

The following is a synopsis of the returns from 22 Divisions, for the Quarter ending 31st March last.

Initiated during quarter	104
Admitted by Card, do.	21
Withdrawn by Card,	5
do from the Order,	34
Suspended	4
Re-instated	8
Violated Pledge, 1st time	14
“ 2nd time	2
Re-signed Constitution	10
Expelled for Violating Article 2nd	13
Expelled for Non-payment of Dues	27
Expelled for other causes	2
Deaths	2
Whole number of Male Members	820
Lady Visitors admitted	7
Whole number of Lady Visitors	573
Lady Members admitted	23
Whole number of Lady Members	88
Number of Public Temperance Meetings held	15
Number of Tracts distributed	129
Receipts of Quarter	\$246.91
Expenses exclusive of benefits	120.92
Paid for benefits	12.46
7 cts. on each male member	57.40
3 cts. on each female member	2 64

Since last Session of Grand Division, one new Division has been organ-

ized by D. G. W. P. Nicol, of Granby, located at Mawcook, and an application has been received through the same Deputy for another new Division. One old Division has been revived by the instrumentality of our esteemed G. W. P., viz:—Wellington Division, No. 20, located at Point Fortune. One Division has not reported for 2 quarters, one for 3 quarters, and 3 have not reported for 4 quarters.

In the month of May last, I addressed a circular to the various Subordinate Divisions in this jurisdiction, calling their attention to the Reports of the G. W. P. and of the committee on Good and Welfare, and Resolution passed at the Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division, held at Ormstown, in January last, in regard to the employment of a Lecturer, and requesting to be informed on or before 1st July, what amount each would be prepared to contribute for that object. Few answers have been received to that Circular and the amount actually promised from four Divisions, amounts to the sum of \$97. The answers received are herewith laid before you.

Balaclava Division having ceased to exist, I wrote to the late Deputy, requesting him to cause to be delivered to me, on behalf of the Grand Division, the property of the defunct Division. His answer is herewith laid before you for your consideration.

The National Division held its Twenty-fifth Annual Session, in the city of Washington, on Saturday, June 12th. There were in attendance one hundred and twenty-two Representatives, representing twenty-seven Grand Divisions.

The following amendments to the Constitutions were adopted:—

CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL DIVISIONS.

Part VIII add the words,

"Each Grand Division shall also pay annually to the propagation fund of the National Division the sum of ten cents on each member introduced within their jurisdiction during the year."

CONSTITUTION FOR GRAND DIVISIONS.

Rule XXII. At close of form of application for Charter, strike out the words, "granting the Charter" and insert "having jurisdiction."

CODE OF LAWS.

Chapter VI, Section 2. Add the words,

"Provided that in case of failure to appear for re-obligation within thirty days after notification, the vote may be rescinded and the ballot again taken on the question of expulsion."

Chapter III. Strike out the whole of Section 1st.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved.—That any member of a Grand or Subordinate Division, or Lady Visitor, may be admitted to the Session of the National Division as a visitor, on giving to the most Worthy Sentinel, the current quarterly password and explanations for Subordinate Divisions on being vouched for.

Resolved.—That at future sessions of the National Division, the Most Worthy Scribe be charged with the duty of providing a suitable table or desk for each delegation, and that as far as practicable the respective delegates be conveniently arranged according to the date of the organization of Grand Divisions.

Whereas.—Bro. B. D. Townsend, P. M. W. P., had the regalia indicative of his honorable position in the Order, stolen from his residence South Carolina, therefore be it

Resolved.—That the Most Worthy Scribe be directed to procure another regalia, such as is worn by the P. M. W. P's, and present the same to Bro. B. D. Townsend, in behalf of the National Division.

Resolved.—That the form of Certificate prepared by the Most Worthy

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Patriarch, to be granted under the resolution adopted at Montreal, in any portion of country heretofore, under the jurisdiction of a Grand Division which has ceased to exist, to all persons who have been Sons of Temperance, who may desire to resume their places in the Order, and whose constant fidelity to the pledge of total abstinence as satisfactorily assured be approved, and that authority is hereby conferred upon the Most Worthy Patriarch to grant such Certificates in localities under the jurisdiction of the National Division where no Grand Division heretofore existed.

Resolved.—That all propositions relating to the subject of representation in the National and Grand Divisions, be deferred until the next Session of this body.

Resolved.—“That a Committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred all proposed amendments to the Ritual that it may be made to conform to the changed condition of the Order, and that the Committee have power to sit during the recess of the National Division, and submit a printed report at the next Session.

Resolved.—“That the Committee be directed to Report on the first day of the next Session, that the members of the National Division may have an opportunity to properly digest any proposed alterations that may be suggested, prior to action being had.”

Resolved.—“That a Committee of three be appointed to draft a Petition to be presented to the next Congress of the United States, praying that a prohibitory Liquor Law be enacted for the District of Columbia.

Resolved.—“That each Representative of the National Division, urge upon his Representative in Congress, and Senators, to endeavour to pass a Prohibitory Law, at the next Session of Congress.”

Resolved.—“That the Petition of this National Division be forwarded by the Most Worthy Patriarch to every Grand Division in the Order, with the urgent request that it be signed and returned to the Most Worthy Scribe before the first day of December next.”

Resolved.—“That all Temperance Organizations in the United States, the Christian Church, and all Moral Reform Organizations, be requested to send similar Petitions, to the M. W. S. to be presented with our Petition.

Resolved.—“That Grand Divisions be constituted, Trustees to hold in trust the property of defunct Divisions, to be used for the benefit of the Order, in the several localities where such Divisions may have existed.”

Resolved.—“That the Most Worthy Patriarch be and is hereby requested under the seal of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance, of North America, to tender by letter the happy greetings of this National Body, to the National Division of Australia, through their M. W. P., Brother George Lucas, of Australia.”

Resolved.—“That the M. W. Scribe be, and he is hereby authorized to publish an edition, in German, of the Ritual of the Order, at the expense of those Grand Divisions desiring the same.”

Application having been received for a second National Division in Australia, the subject was referred to the M. W. P., M. W. S. and M. W. T.

The Ritual has been so amended that the services of Chaplain at opening, immediately follow the singing and before the members are seated.

The Committee on New Ritual for Lady Visitors, not being satisfied with any of the manuscripts submitted, was continued with same powers as before.

The next Session of the National Division will be held in the city of Newark, New Jersey, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

JOHN S. HALL, Grand Scribe.

Referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

Read Financial Statement of Grand Scribe.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SCRIBE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Cash on hand, 20th January, 1869, - - -	\$ 2 87
Amount received for per capita tax, from 20th January, to 1st July, 1869, - - - - -	81 51
Amount received during same period for supplies - - -	5 48½
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses to and from Semi-Annual Session, - - -	\$ 3 75
Amount paid Postages and carriage of parcels, - - -	13 20
" paid Grand Treasurer, - - - - -	71 74
Balance on hand, - - - - -	1 17½
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	\$89 86¼

Montreal, 6th July, 1869.

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

Grand Division S. of T., P. Q., in account with Grand Treasurer.

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In Amount paid M. W. S. per cap. tax. for 1868	\$29 64
" do J. C. Becket, Printing	16 75
" do F. E. Grafton, Stationery	2 70
" do J. S. Hall, for trimming to Regalia	12 65
" do do on acc. Salary as G. S.	10 00
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By Cash from Grand Scribe, - - - - - \$71 74

Montreal, July, 1869.

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at ½ past 7 o'clock
7th July, ½ past 7 o'clock.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as former session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Division opened in form.

Moved by Representative Stevenson, and seconded:—That the Grand Division do now proceed to nominate time and places for the semi-annual and annual Sessions. Carried.

There being no written application for the holding of the semi-annual, it was on motion: Resolved that the rule requiring such application be suspended to allow nominations to be made.

Montreal was nominated and there being no other nominations it was selected as the place for holding the semi-annual Session.

For the annual session, Lachute and Adamsville were nominated—Lachute selected.

The semi-annual session to be held in January, 1870, commencing on the Wednesday, of the week of the Religious Anniversaries. The Annual Session to commence its sittings on Wednesday, 5th July, 1870.

On motion Grand Division proceeded to the nomination and election of Officers, for the ensuing term.

The following were nominated:—

G. W. P., Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning.
 G. W. A., Reps. A. Walker, Robinson, and Johnston.
 G. Scribe, Rep. John S. Hall.
 G. Treas, Reps. Dupry, Sears, and Wm. Brodie.
 G. Chap. Reps. Rev. T. Gales, and Rev. E. S. Ingalls.
 G. Con., Reps. Whitten, G. Walker, and Goddard.
 G. Sent., Rep. Bates.

The following is the result of the election:—

G. W. P., Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning.
 G. W. A., Rep. P. Johnston.
 G. Scribe, Rep. John S. Hall.
 G. T., Rep. Wm. Brodie.
 G. Chap., Rep. Rev. E. S. Ingalls.
 G. Con., Rep. R. Goddard.
 G. Sent., Rep. Wm. Bates.

Rep. G. Mathieson, on the part of Gough and St. Lawrence Divisions, extended an invitation to the members of the Grand Division to attend a Soiree, on Thursday evening.

On motion invitation was accepted. Representatives to appear in regalia.

Moved and seconded:—That the reception and discussion of the Report of Good and Welfare Report, be the first order of business of to-morrow morning's session: Carried.

The installation of Officers was then proceeded with.

The G. W. P. elect Rep. Rev. J. W. Manning, was duly obligated and conducted to his seat.

The other Officers were installed in the following order:—

G. W. A., Rep. P. Johnston; G. Scribe, Rep. John S. Hall;
 G. T., Rep. Wm. Brodie; G. Chap., Rep. E. S. Ingalls; G. Con,
 Rep. R. Goddard; G. Sent., Rep. Wm. Bates.

Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
 Thursday, 8th July, 1869,
 9 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present all except G. Con. G. W. P. appointed Rep. Robinson, to act as G. Con.

Prayer by Grand Chap.

Grand Division opened in form.

G. W. P. Rev. J. Finch of Grand Division of Province of Ontario, being announced in waiting, was introduced by the acting P. G. W. P., received in due form, and conducted to the seat of honor. G. W. P. Finch then addressed the meeting, tendering the best wishes of the Grand Division of Ontario, to the Grand Division of Quebec.

Finance Committee reported as follows:—

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers of the Grand Division.

We the undersigned Finance Committee to whom was referred the Financial Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe, beg leave to report that having examined the accounts and vouchers in support of the same find the same exact.

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

W. STEVENSON,
 DUNCAN DEWAR,
 J. WHITTEN.

Adopted.

Good and Welfare Committee read their Report.

Moved by P. G. W. P. Joselyn, and seconded,

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

Grand Division resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Grand Division, resumed.

Committee of the whole reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Leave granted.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

8th July, 2 o'clock p. m.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment.

Officers all present.

Prayer by Grand Chap.

Division opened in form.

Grand Division again resolved into a Committee of the whole.

Committee of the whole resumed its sitting and continued the consideration of the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee.

Committee of the whole rose and Grand Division resumed. Committee of the whole reported the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee with amendments. On motion Report adopted as amended by the Committee of the whole.

Report of Good and Welfare Committee as amended.

To the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance for the Province of Quebec.

Brethren,

The Good and Welfare Committee to whom have been referred the report of the G. W. P., and that part of the report of the G. S., not having reference to finance, beg leave respectfully to report.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report is of such a character, displaying such masterly ability on the part of the writer, is so exhaustive of the various subjects therein treated, that praise from us is quite needless and we might discharge the duties committed to us most efficiently by simply re-echoing the sentiments therein contained.

Referring to our Order your Committee are glad to perceive from the Report received by the G. W. P., from subordinate divisions, in accordance with the resolution passed at last Annual Session, that success is crowning the efforts of many Divisions, and that on the whole the work is making sensible progress throughout the extent of the jurisdiction of this Grand Division. The means adverted to by some Divisions in the responses alluded to, as being productive of increased interest in the Division Room on the part of Members, notably, Readings, Singing and Recitations, are recommended with a like object in view.

We regret exceedingly that the Temperance Convention recently held in Toronto did not seek aid from, and co-operation with, the Temperance Public of this Province. Nevertheless we deem it advisable on the part of our Grand Division to appoint at this Meeting one or more delegates to attend the next Convention to be held in September.

The recommendation of the G. W. P., as to the necessity of increased agitation by holding Public Meetings more frequently, is well worthy of the attention of this Grand Division; we would advise as one means to this end, that Sub-Divisions, in as far as possible, adopt a rule of having one Public Meeting each month instead of a Divisional Meeting, and that such opportunities be at all times made use of to distribute some Temperance Tracts.

The recommendation to take action looking to the establishment of a National Division for B. N. A., is important and deserves our serious consideration. And we recommend that the G. S. be instructed to ask the co-operation of the other Grand Divisions in submitting to the whole Order the question of a National Division for the British Provinces.

The Grand Scribe draws our attention to the fact that the "Balaclava" Division located in Leeds, Megantic, has ceased to exist, that it had held some property, part of which is a building used formerly for the purposes of the Division, that such property, in virtue of the Act incorporating this Grand Division properly reverts to it, such being the case, your Committee would suggest that steps be taken to claim the ownership of any property formerly owned by the Division. And that the ownership of the real estate on behalf of this Grand Division be vested in three trustees two of whom must be members of the G. D., that such Trustees, hold said Property under such regulations as may be framed for their guidance by this Grand Division, with

instructions to grant the use of the building to any Temperance organization which may be in working order, or for any other purposes not inconsistent therewith, at a nominal rent, and with instructions to hand over such property to any Division of Sons of Temperance which may here after be organized, and received a charter for that locality.

Your Committee regard the collection and collation of statistics and other information bearing on the questions of total abstinence and prohibition as a matter of great importance, with this object in view they would suggest the appointment of a Committee whose duty would be by correspondence and otherwise to collect statistics and facts bearing on those questions. Such statistics as the quantities of Intoxicating Liquors imported or manufactured, the crimes traceable directly to the use of such, the proportion of insanity traceable to same cause, the result of prohibitory enactments in communities where such may have been tried, etc., etc., etc. And further that such statistics and information be made available by this Grand Division, publishing same at regular intervals and bringing it before the public through the columns of the News paper Press, or the idea might be expanded by the publication for sale or distribution of such facts in pamphlet form, the same might embrace and treat of the whole question in all its bearings, the duty of every good citizen to unite with some Temperance Organization,—a defence of the principles of our Order,—the reasons for, and necessity of, the little secrecy which is part of its working,—the question of the License Laws, the power of Society to protect itself by prohibitory enactment,—the history and success of protection so far, with a closing appeal to an enlightened Public to come to our aid and to adopt every fair means to counteract this monster evil,—such a pamphlet would in one sense be a handbook for Temperance men, as embracing the whole question from our stand-point,—on this connexion we would suggest that should such a pamphlet be issued, Sub-Divisions be requested to purchase it, and have it, with other useful Temperance Tracts distributed by Lady friends throughout the neighbourhood where they may be located. It is believed Ladies friendly to our cause can be readily found who will be willing to assist in this good work.

The great importance of Juvenile societies has often been alluded to and your Committee would not miss this opportunity of placing on record their opinion of the great need in this respect. It should be a first duty of Members to give such organization, their support and countenance.

Another question your Committee would recommend for the consideration of this Grand Division, viz: The great necessity which at present exists in the Dominion, for a law having in view legalizing the detention of persons convicted of habitual intemperance in private Asylums, or the establishment of an Institution for this purpose in some central or convenient locality, with the imposition of a Tax on the liquor traffic for its support, we would therefore recommend that the subject be brought before the other G. Divisions of B. N. A. with a view to procure their co-operation in the framing of an Act for this purpose, and its presentation or introduction to our Parliament by some member who may favor the project.

Your Committee cannot but express regret at the fact, that so many Divisions in good working order, neglect sending representatives to the regular Sessions of the Grand Division, and that representatives when elected in so many instances neglect attending, even the representatives who are officers of the G. D. in many cases being guilty in this respect; we regard the efficient working of the head of the Order in this Province, as of the greatest importance to the success of the cause which we have at heart, and so long as officers neglect the proper performance of duty, or representatives neglect punctual attendance at the Sessions of the G. D., its operations cannot be conducted with proper vigour; various schemes for the carrying out of which naturally come within its sphere, have to be neglected, and Sub-divisions suffer in consequence. We therefore recommend that the seats of Officers who may be absent from the first Session of any meeting of the Grand

Division be at some subsequent meeting of the same Session, be declared vacant unless a reasonable excuse have been forwarded in writing.

Our Grand Worthy Patriarch draws attention to the very feeble response received from Sub-divisions for the sustentation of a Lecturer. There can be no doubt of the great importance of this subject, and though the sum so far offered for the support of this fund is limited, yet your Committee would advise that it be collected by the G. S., and be employed by this Grand Division together with any more which may be received in the payment of the travelling expenses of our present G. W. P. in visiting Sub divisions and lecturing in their localities.

The whole of which is nevertheless humbly submitted.

THOS. GALES.

Chairman Com.

ALEX. STEWART,

ALEX. WOODS,

Secretary Com.

Moved and seconded :—

That G. W. P. Manning, be the Representative of this Grand Division at the Temperance Convention, to be held in Toronto in September next, and that his expenses be paid by the Grand Division Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That Reps. Woods and Johnston, with power to add one member of the Order to their number, be appointed Trustees to take charge of the property of the late Balaclava Division, in Leeds, County of Megantic. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That whereas, the Office of W. P. and consequent Seat in the Grand Division, are held by the more efficient and able of our Order, therefore
Resolved :—That the Grand Division should expect, and reasonably does expect, that members who are thus favored should either attend the meetings of the Grand Division, or forward to the Grand Division, such sum or sums of money, as they may each feel able to pay ; the money so raised to be devoted to the Lecture fund. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That the Committee on Statistics, &c., consist of the G. W. P., the G. S., and Rep. Wood. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That the G. S. be instructed to communicate with the several Grand Scribes of the Grand Divisions in the Dominion of Canada, with the view to the co-operation of their Grand Divisions in endeavouring to secure the passing of an Act relative to inebriate asylums as indicated in the Report of the Good and Welfare Committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That 250 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Division be printed and circulated as usual. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to the Members of Gough and St. Lawrence Division for the very kind and handsome manner in which they received and entertained the Members of this Grand Division during the present Session. Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded :—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be tendered to the Grand Division of the Province of Ontario, for their kind fraternal feeling towards us conveyed through their G. W. P., Bro. Finch, and to Bro. Finch for his advice and assistance in conducting the business of the Grand Division. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That the fraternal remembrances of the Grand Division of the Province of Ontario in sending a delegate to the Annual Session of this Grand Division be reciprocated, by sending a delegation to the next Annual Session of the Grand Division of Ontario. The delegation to consist of the G. W. P., the acting P. G. W. P., and Representative J. M. Hall. Carried.

Moved and seconded :—

That the thanks of this Grand Division are due and are hereby tendered to the Richelieu Steamboat Co., and the Vermont Central Railroad Co., in granting a reduction of fares to Representatives attending the Session of the Grand Division. Carried.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Session closed in due form, to meet in Montreal in January, 1870

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

LIST OF DEPUTIES.

Howard Division, No. 1.—John Montgomery.
 Gough Division, No. 3.—J. P. M. Ewan.
 Perseverance, No. 4.—W. W. Dalgliesh.
 Bethel Ormstown, No. 5.—W. McNaughton.
 St. Andrew's, No. 9.—Rev. J. W. Manning, G. W. P.
 Victoria, No. 10.—Alex. Stewart.
 Lancaster, No. 11.—*Hugh M'Lean*
 Union, No. 14.—J. Breadner.
 St. Lawrence, No. 16.—*J. P. M' Ewan*
 Lacolle, No. 17.—W. H. Vanvleit.
 Wellington, No. 20.—J. Middleton.
 Bristol, No. 28.—W. H. Boyle.
 Granby, No. 44.—R. Nicol.
 Adamsville, No. 50.—J. Whitten.
 Dominion, No. 54.—R. Alcombrack.
 Cowansville, No. 58.—John Dent.
 East Farnham, No. 59.—
 West Shefford, No. 64.—J. Gibbons.
 Covey Hill, No. 70.—J. Curran.
 Dundee, No. 80.—F. McLennan.
 Georgetown Advance, No. 81.—J. Brodie, Sen.
 Howick Star, No. 82.—J. B. Stewart.
 Mawcook, No. 64.—*W. Hunsford*

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

In attendance at the Annual Session, held in Quebec on 7th, 8th
 and 9th July, 1869.

Rev. J. W. Manning,	- - - - -	G. W. P.
Peter Johnston,	- - - - -	G. W. A.
John S. Hall,	- - - - -	G. S.
Wm. Brodie,	- - - - -	G. T.
Rev. E. T. Ingalls,	- - - - -	G. Chap.
R. Goddard,	- - - - -	G. Con.
Wm. Bates,	- - - - -	G. Sent.
Wm. Josleyn,	- - - - -	P. G. W. P.

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—John S. Hall, Wm. Bates, Thomas Robertson, and
 Rev. T. Gales.

GOUGH DIVISION, No. 3.—Wm. Brodie, Wm. Hall, Alex. Smeaton, T. Davidson,
 J. Sears, J. P. McEwen, Wm. Moore, T. O'Neil, Peter Johnston, and Alex'
 Walker.

BETHEL ORMSTOWN DIVISION, No. 5.—Wm. McNaughton.

ST. ANDREW'S DIVISION, No. 9.—Rev. J. W. Manning, and D. Dewar.

VICTORIA DIVISION, No. 10.—Alex. Stewart, and Gavin Walker.

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION No. 16.—George Mathison, Alex. Woods, P. LeSueur,
C. Corneil, S. Corneil, Smyth, M. Winn, J. R. Healey, F. Mathews, J.
O'Farrell, and Robert Craig.

GRANBY DIVISION, No. 44.—Rev. E. S. Ingalls.

ADAMSVILLE DIVISION, No. 50.—R. Goddard, J. Whitten, and E. A. Dupry.

DOMINION DIVISION, No. 54.—Wm. Josleyn.

COWANVILLE DIVISION, No. 58.—Wm. Stevenson, and D. Cameron.

LADY VISITORS PRESENT AT ANNUAL SESSION.

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION, No. 16.—Mrs. C. Corneil, Miss Corneil, Miss Haram.

GRANBY DIVISION, No. 44.—Miss Ingalls.

MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS.

Bros. Welsh, O'Neil, Edgely, S. Corneil Junr., C. Corneil Junr., Kerr,
Miller, Duff.

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