

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION

OF THE
Sons of Temperance of Canada East.

Quebec, 8th July, 1863. 10 o'clock A. M.

This day the Grand Division S. of T., C.E. assembled in Semi-Annual Session, in the City of Quebec.

OFFICERS PRESENT:—Rev. A. Duff, G. W. P.; John S. Hall, G. Scribe; John Moore, G. T.; Thos. Fessenden, G. Chap.; H. P. Lawrence, G. Sen.

The G. W. P. named the following Reps. to fill the vacant offices: Rep. Healy, G.W.A., Rep. Bacon, G. Con., and Rep. G. M. Rose, P. G. W. P.

Grand Division opened in due form.

The G. W. P. appointed Reps. Stevenson, Moore, and Mansfield, a Committee on Credentials; who reported the credentials of the following Reps. correct:

HOWARD DIVISION:—W. Brown, W. P.

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION:—P. W. P's. Johnston, Bacon Reid, Patterson, and Middleton, and Langton, W. P.

The following Reps. reported in waiting, were introduced by the G. Con., and initiated, viz:—Wm. Brown, W.P. Howard Division; John Sears, Snr. John Sears, Jnr., and James Geggie, P. W. P's., Gough Division; Patterson, Middleton, P.W.Ps., and Langton, W.P., St. Lawrence Division.

Vacancies filled: Good and Welfare Committee, Reps. Fessenden and G. M. Rose; Finance Committee, Rep. Bates.

Moved by Rep. G. M. Rose seconded by Rep. Snider,

Resolved.—That the following be the hours of meeting and adjournment of this Grand Division during its present Session, viz:—First day, adjourn at

noon, meet again at 2 P. M.; adjourn at 4 P. M., meet again at 7½ P.M.; 2nd day meet at 9 A. M., and then meet and adjourn as on first day, and so on until the close.

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

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment. Officers present same as morning Session.

Opened in due form. Services of Grand Chaplain.

G.W.P. read his report as follows :—

QUEBEC, 8TH JULY, 1863.

Grand Worthy Brothers,—

By the good hand of a most gracious Providence, we are spared and permitted to meet together once more, as a Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, in this our Semi-Annual Session, within this ancient city, the fortified Metropolis of British North America, the strongest fort on this great continent—and the second strongest in the world.

But while we meet here in safety and in peace to enjoy brotherly intercourse; this our continent is not at peace, but is distracted by civil war.—Many of our sister Grand Divisions cannot thus meet—many of our brothers are separated from their division rooms, and dwell in the "tented field."—Our sympathies are with them—our prayers are offered for them, that the blessing of peace, honorable, unsullied, safe, may ere long spread its benign influence over this entire continent. We pray that war may cease, that slavery of every caste and colour may be abolished, and that intemperance—"black intemperance," may speedily be banished from the dwellings of men.

Brethren; Intemperance yet prevails, and that to a lamentable extent.—According to the report of our esteemed friend and most worthy brother, the supreme head of our Order,—“Twenty five thousand fall victims annually to this fatal scourge in New York, and in nearly the same ratio all over the land.” At a recent meeting held in Philadelphia, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, a message to the churches on the state of religion was agreed upon, of which the following is a part:—“Need we say that it is the curse of Intemperance which all these narratives declare, after having been driven back, and sometimes, we had hoped, well nigh destroyed, is now making head again through our borders, east and west, north and south.”—Each Presbytery, without concert with any other, pours forth its lamentations, proclaims its warnings, and sounds aloud its calls for a renewed onset of the sacramental host against this accursed enemy of God and man. And now it is for us, as a General Assembly, in this our message to the Churches, to unite the lamentations, warnings and calls of a hundred Presbyteries into a trumpet blast, summoning the whole church to war against a foe often defeated, often prostrated, but which will only by *annihilating*, die.” To the same effect is the language of the great and good Dr. Guthrie in the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. “I believe and I use the expression with all solemnity—that drink damns more souls, and is more injurious to the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls than any vice in which society indulges. I consider it to be the greatest enemy of the cause of Christ.” The editor of the *Montreal Witness*, speaking of the activity of that city commercially and socially—and of its many ways of doing good and offering healthful and innocent means of enjoyment and instruction, says:—“We are sorry, however, to add that the activity of the liquor traffic seems to keep more than pace with the general activity. The number

of persons of unsteady gait, in some of our most frequented streets, from eight to ten o'clock at night is alarming. The influence of prayer meetings and temperance meetings is neutralized, and a great deal more than neutralized, by the intense activity of the taverns and saloons." Brethren, these quotations might be indefinitely enlarged. The fortress in which we now meet, and the citadel bristling with ordinance, under whose shade we now sit, is not more formidable than the stronghold, which we are banded together along with our "confrères" of other organizations, to besiege and overthrow. The army of the slave-holding South is not more subtle and ubiquitous and tenacious of its life, and cause, and principles, than is the great slave-holding army of distillers and brewers and dealers in, and moderate drinkers of intoxicating liquors is in keeping up a constant warfare against all that is good, lovely and great among mankind.

Slavery and War are evils—crying evils—great curses of humanity, but these are trifles to the fearful curse of intemperance. Those are increased and made into a darker, blacker and heavier curse by this. Brethren, we do not meet to-day to congratulate ourselves on the consummation of our hopes; we do not meet to ground our arms and receive on our brow the victor's chaplet. The enemy is still in the field. If he has any where lost ground he watches to retake it. He disputes every inch, and by smiles and snares, as well as by frowns he seeks to pick our men off the field. He has many of the great, the learned, the wealthy, and the influential, (yet not all of these,) in his ranks. But we have the truth on our side and the God of truth is our shield and buckler. Brethren, excuse me, I am forgetting that this is, or ought to be, a report and not a speech. My heart is warm, my pen is ready and swift, though not quite swift enough in this smelting heat, and my theme is one very dear to that heart and very familiar to that pen.

Great as is the evil we assail, we are not now only breaking ground. Our own Order has numbered within its pale, during its brief term of existence, 1,250,000, men and women. And we are not alone. Good Templars of the Independent and British American Order, and other organizations are our coadjutors in this great enterprise. Our brethren in Canada West are progressing nobly, and our hope is ere long to see vast accessions to the ranks of genuine total abstinents, *we* shall not, whoever may, "despise the day of small things."

I must refer you to the report of our Grand Scribe for a particular account of the statistics of our Subordinate Divisions. I have only eleven reports from my Deputies, ten of these for quarter ending March 31st.: and one for half year ending June 30th. The Divisions reported are; "Mechanics," "St. Henry's Union," "Shefford," "Lancaster," "Eastern Star," "Gough," "Cameron," "Bedford," "Richmond," and "Howard," for quarter January to April, West Shefford June to July.

Of queries, Nos. 1 and 6, answered generally favourably; one answers No. 5, by saying "better if there were allowed no plays by the Division." Of No. 7, only one, "Howard," reports an organization for youth. Of No. 8, the answers generally are "with good effect," one Division has none, one, "had, but with injury," and one cautious in receiving; three take copies of the Temperance "*Advocate*," for increasing the efficiency of Divisions these are suggested; "Official visits of Grand Officers," "Temperance lectures," "Appeals to Christian men, and men of influence in society," and one counsels the repeal of the New Constitutions."

Among the remarks are the following: one Division feels the effect of other organizations detrimental, yet it keeps its ground. Non-payment of dues is a serious drawback in some Divisions, one Deputy fears the consequences of the proposal to institute initiation fees and dues in Grand Division. One recommends that our Divisions be as much as possible increased with members from the influential classes of society. One advises a return to the former state of the "Rule on visiting, Art II." The Richmond Deputy reports, "our

Division increasing very fast. While on this part of my Report, I cannot but express my regret that so many D. G. W. P's. have sent no returns for these two quarters. This ought not so to be. The law on this subject is, "any Division neglecting to make quarterly returns and payment of dues, shall be disqualified from voting in Grand Division; nor shall they be entitled to receive passwords until said returns and payments are made." My voice is always for law—the imperial majesty of law—why should it here be so flagrantlly disregarded, and that with impunity, by our own Officers. Brethren see to it; and apply a remedy.

Since our Annual meeting I have not been able to visit, personally, so many subordinate Divisions as I could have wished and indeed intended.—More than once, plans were arranged for visits which were reluctantly, yet unavoidably set aside. The Richmond Division I had pleasure in visiting, it was low, but has much increased since, in numbers and strength. There I also met members of the Kingsey and St. Francis Divisions who reported "Holding their ground but not progressing." The Mechanics' Division was visited—it was somewhat depressed but trust it will revive. The "Eastern Star," also, I found met in very small numbers.—The Howard Division I was glad to meet in their old division room, in a lively state and in hopes of much increased strength and numbers.

A few appeals I have answered, whether my decisions have been carried out or not, I have not been informed. From two Divisions, interested in these appeals, no quarterly Returns have been received; one of these refused to accept of the Deputy appointed by the Grand Division; the other transgressed law in a case of discipline. But I am altogether in the dark for want of Returns.

The Grand Treasurer will lay before you an account of the finances of the Grand Division.

I have had no intimation of the formation of any New Divisions. The Grand Scribe will, in all likelihood, be prepared to report on this point.

I have reported only one Division as returning an affirmative answer to the query No. 7, "Have your Divisions any organization of youth, under your care?" I am happy to be able to report that there is another Section of Cadets besides the one under the auspices of the Howard Division. I have no Division in my neighbourhood but I have been able to organize and superintend a Section, viz., "Sherbrooke, No. 3." (No. 1, is, I believe, defunct) which is progressing nicely. I would strongly urge upon the members of this Grand Division, to take hold of the *Boys* of our country, the hope of her future. A few more Sections and we may soon have a Grand Section for Lower Canada.

I am convinced my Brethren, that we must do something further in the direction of arousing the Church to still more aggressive policy in relation to Temperance. I was happy to support, as your G.W.P., a memorial from the Grand Division of C.W. to the Congregational Union of Canada which met in Montreal, in June last, and to which I have the honor to belong,—assuring that body that it was purely an oversight that a similar memorial had not emanated from our Grand Division. That memorial was well received; not a Minister of that body, I believe, but is a total abstainer. Among the resolutions on Temperance, it was resolved 3rd. that the Ministers are again requested this year, to preach on Temperance on the Sabbath next preceding the 25th December. Other ecclesiastical bodies have also given forth strong remonstrances on the subject. Might not something be done by our City Divisions, towards having Sermons preached, either every Sabbath evening, as has been done in Glasgow now for several years—or once a month—by various Ministers from town and country. Why should not the City of Montreal be thus made a centre of pulpit influence on behalf of our cause. I would repeat a suggestion thrown out by the Editor of the *Montreal Witness*.

Might not some organization among Ministers and office-bearers of Christian Churches be set on foot in Canada as in Scotland. But if the countenance of the Christian Church be in anywise desirable, and surely no one will hazard a denial of that proposition, then assuredly, in order to this, our subordinate Divisions must avoid countenancing, as Divisions—we have no desire to interfere with the individual opinion and action of members,—those things which good men in all countries and of all classes have considered not only unnecessary, but also injurious, as public amusements. As a rule I would dissuade our Divisions from permitting, either as subjects of discussion and debate, or courses of action, questions and practices about which the public mind is strongly divided. Let them abide by their own flag, it is, of itself, unpopular enough in certain quarters, and it is suicidal to connect it with matters which render it no service essentially, and often give leave and opportunity to cry it down.

Since we last met, the Supreme Court of Ambassadors, if I may so speak, the National Division, has met, and I am happy to learn, enjoyed a most pleasant season. It was a matter of sincere regret to me that I was unable to attend. I should hope that our National Division may be able to fix a time of meeting, which shall not interfere, as at present it so largely does, with the annual gatherings of ecclesiastical bodies, here and in the United States. It is with sincere pleasure that I hail a plan to secure fraternal intercourse, by delegation, with our brethren on the other side of the great Atlantic. Brethren is it too late to follow the footsteps of our sister Grand Division of C.W. and also the suggestions of our Most Worthy Patriarch, by opening a fund for the relief of our suffering brethren across the water?

Some think denominational distinctions in Christianity have done good. No doubt good has been brought out of them, by an all-wise, all powerful, and all loving head; but most certainly they are evil. And no doubt they are so among the friends of Temperance. Perhaps we are not yet all prepared to be either all good Templars, or all Sons of Temperance; but is there nothing that could be done towards more fraternity and friendship? If we cannot all be fused into one nation or state, might we not be united in one grand Temperance Confederacy, (I am sorry the word has got of late an unholy association connected with it.) Some kind of fraternal action I should rejoice to see. It may not be practicable, but sure I am, that you my brethren, wish well to every organization that wishes well to the Temperance Flag.

And now Brethren, I have done. Excuse the length to which this report has reached. Had I had a little more time, I would have curtailed it. I have tried to serve you and our Order during the past six months; I have had many opportunities of speaking publicly on the subject of Temperance, along with others in my own locality and around. I have with other friends of the cause visited and addressed Temperance Meetings in every town and village around for 20 miles on every side, and have taken every fitting opportunity of recommending our Order. But I have not attempted to divide a community, by instituting a Division, where there were organizations of other Orders actively engaged. The cause of Temperance I consider on the increase here and around. We all go heartily for an Anti-Liquor Law, and hope we shall soon see it enacted and enforced.

Brothers! Be encouraged to labour on,—Our cause is a good one; our responsibilities are great; our own strength, weakness; but God helps those who help themselves,—or as the great Oliver, Prince of English Rulers, said to his Ironsides at Dunbar, in the midst of heavy rain, "Trust in God, and keep your powder dry." Forward then, Brethren, your warfare is a bloodless one: it taxes no nation; it beheads no family; impoverishes no subject; but enriches all, ennobles all, blesses all who love it. God speed the right!

Yours in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

ARCHIBALD DUFF, G.W.P.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare Committee.

G. S. read his report.

QUEBEC, 8th July, 1863.

To the Grand Division S. of T. of C. E.

G. W. P., Officers and Brothers,

The time has again arrived when it becomes my pleasing duty to present my semi-annual report, and to lay before you a statement of the present condition of the Order in the jurisdiction, and of the transactions of this office during the past six months.

Twenty-six Divisions have reported for the quarter ending March, 1863—eight Divisions known to be still working have not reported,—four for one quarter, and four for two quarters and over. The 26 Divisions reporting, shew a membership of 1012 and the number of Lady Visitors, 774. The 8 Divisions not reporting may be set down at a membership of 200, with 150 Lady Visitors, which would make a total of 1212 members, and 934 Lady Visitors for 34 Divisions. Thirty-four Divisions made returns for March quarter, 1862, shewing 1552 members and 1061 Lady Visitors, making a decrease in the number during the past year of 342 members and 127 Lady Visitors. It will be in the recollection of this Grand Division, that about 3 years ago a great addition was made to the members of the Order in this jurisdiction, many new Divisions sprung up and members rapidly increased in the older Divisions, so that in one year our numbers were more than doubled. Now I know from personal observation and from information derived from various sources, that many entered our Divisions during that period from novelty and the excitement of the moment. These having no stability of principle have fallen off—those who remain are really the bone and sinew of the Order—men who have borne the heat and burden of the day and who are resolved to continue steadfast unto the end, so that we have every reason to believe that notwithstanding our numerical decrease, our strength and influence is as great, if not greater than ever.

Trout River Division, No. 25, South Hinchinbrook, sometime since passed a resolution in regular form agreeing to surrender its Charter, but when called upon by the D.G.W.P. to deliver up the Charter and books; the members refused to do so upon the ground, that as they had been paid for by the members of the Division they were their property, and that they would therefore keep them.

Cold Water Spring Division, No. 18, Dunham and Washingtonian Division, No. 57, Sutton, have ceased working for a length of time. It having been stated at last Annual Session that there was a prospect of these Divisions being revived; no steps were taken against them as in default. I have no information whether any thing has yet been done to resuscitate these Divisions.

The D.G.W.P. of North Missisquoi Division, No. 63, informs me that the Division has not met for some time, but hopes to revive it in the fall.

Brockville Division, No. 56 has not reported for two quarters and has not paid the per Capita for the two previous quarters.

Since we last met it has been my privilege to attend the Session of the National Division held at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The meeting was pleasant and harmonious. By permission of the Government the National Division held its meetings in the Legislative Council Hall. Seventy-seven delegates were present representing 20 jurisdictions. I cannot sufficiently express my feelings for the kind attention of our Halifax Brothers; nothing was left undone by them to render our visit to their City agreeable.

A few alterations were made to the Constitution, the most important of which was to give the Divisions the right, if they see fit, to re-obligate on re-instatement. The question of allowing Ladies to be members under certain limitations, was brought up on the recommendation of the M.W.P. and discussed,

but lost on a division. A resolution, however, was passed referring the whole subject to Grand Divisions and through them to Subordinate Divisions to report thereon at next Session of the National Division. It therefore appears to me more than probable that further privileges will be granted to Ladies by the National Division at its next session.

It was recommended by the National Division that the 29th day of Sept. next, be held as a general jubilee, by the members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, in commemoration of the majority of our beloved Order. A special celebration will be held on that day, under the auspices of the National Division, in the city of New York, the birth place of the Order, but it is hoped and expected that each Subordinate Division will celebrate the occasion in its own locality. I trust the Grand Division will take measures to promote this object.

The following is a copy of the Returns of this Grand Division to the National Division for the year 1862.

Number of Divisions in operation,	30
Number Admitted,	592
Number Suspended,	74
Number Expelled,	458
Number of Deaths,	9
Violated the Pledge,	185
Re-instated,	70
Violated Second Time,	20
Number of Members,	1108
Divisions admitting Ladies,	24
Number of Lady Visitors,	1026
Per capita Tax to National Division,—2 cents each member,	\$22.16
Paid for Benefits,	\$63.00
Cash on hand and invested,	\$2230 60
Percentage to Grand Division,	\$237.20
Representatives in National Division,	14
Number of Public Temperance Meetings held,	113
Tracts distributed,	150
Number of Boys organized in different associations,	563

The following is an abstract of the Returns from 26 Divisions for Quarter ending 31st March, 1863.

Initiated,	108
Withdrawn,	19
Suspended,	24
Violation of Pledge, 1st time,	214
Do 2nd time,	4
Nonpayment of Dues,	30
Reinstated,	22
Expelled,	50
Dead,	1
Contributing Members,	1012
Lady Visitors,	774
Receipts,	\$257.37
Paid for Benefits,	\$8.50
Incidental Expenses,	\$205.05
Cash on hand,	\$322.51
Per Cap tax to Grand Division,	\$52.10
Public Meetings held,	30
Tracts distributed,	150

Our Financial position is not good, the balance by the following statement

appears to be \$1.46 and the indebtedness of the Grand Division is as follows:—
J. C. Becket, balance for printing \$30; expenses of delegates to National Division, \$40; and salary of G.S. for six months, \$50. The amounts due by Subordinate Divisions to Grand Divisions, if all can be collected will nearly cover these amounts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

John S. Hall, Grand Scribe, in account with Grand Division S. of T. of C.E.

Dr.

Cash received for per Capita Tax, from 1st January		
to 1st July, 1863, - - - - -	\$85	70
" for Books, &c., for same period, - - - - -	3	60
	<u>\$89</u>	<u>30</u>

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By Balance due G. S. on last statement, -	\$18	73
" Cash paid M. W. P's. travelling expenses, -	20	00
" paid M. W. S. for per capita tax, 1862, -	20	16
" paid postages, &c., -	16	20
" paid M. W. S. for installation service		
of Chaplain and Lady Officers, -	1	00
" paid J. C. Becket on account printing, -	10	00
" paid for Stationery, -	1	75
	<u>87</u>	<u>84</u>
	\$	1 46

JOHN S. HALL,
Grand Scribe.

On motion referred to Good and Welfare and Finance Committees.

On motion the election of W. Russell as a Representative to the National Division was cancelled, he having ceased to be a member of the Order.

On motion the appointment of Bro. Sears, Snr. as D. G. W. P. for Quebec was confirmed.

On motion, the appointment of Bro. Kathan as D. G. W. P. for East Farnham, in place of Bro. Sanborn who has left the jurisdiction, was confirmed.

Moved by Rep. Bacon and seconded,

Resolved—That a Committee consisting of Reps. Rose, Healy and Moore, be appointed to use all means to have the Act of Incorporation renewed, and communicate with Subordinate Divisions as to their willingness to pay part expenses for such Act.

Grand Division adjourned to meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock.

$\frac{1}{2}$ PAST 7 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Grand Division met according to adjournment.

Officers same as afternoon Session.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

Moved by the G. S. and seconded. That the office of Grand

Conductor being vacant, this Grand Division do now proceed to fill the vacancy. Carried.

The following were nominated for the office of Grand Conductor, viz:—

Reps. Bacon of St. Lawrence Division, and Johnston of Gough Division, when on ballot being had, Rep. Bacon was declared elected and thereafter duly installed.

Read Report of Finance Committee.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, C.E.

We your Committee appointed to audit the account of the G. S., beg to report that we have examined the same with the vouchers, and find them correct.

We regret very much to find that this Grand Division is in debt to the amount of \$120.00.

Your Committee would recommend the necessity of urging Subordinate Divisions now in arrears to settle up promptly.

KENNETH ROSS.

WILLIAM BATES.

CLARK H. MANSFIELD.

Moved and seconded that the Report be adopted. Carried.

On the presentation of the above Report of the Finance Committee Bro. R. Brodie objected to the practice that has heretofore existed in this Grand Division, of the Grand Scribe acting as Grand Treasurer also, and on that account objected to the reception of the Report.

Read Report of Good and Welfare Committee.

Quebec, July 8th, 1863.

To the G. W. P. Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division of Canada East.

BROTHERS.—Your good and welfare Committee beg to report that they have examined the Report of the G. W. P. and G. S.

They heartily concur in the sentiments expressed by the G. W. P. with regard to the goodness of the Great Patriarch above, in again permitting us to assemble in Semi-Annual Session, and pray the day may never dawn that will find us forgetful to express thanks to the Great Being who has so mercifully guided our Divisions for the last twenty years, and who has crowned our efforts with such abundant success, giving us cause to rejoice in the good we have done in rescuing drunkards from everlasting destruction.

We deplore that Civil war still devastates the United States—the birth-place of our noble Order, and continues to estrange the Northern and Southern Members of our Divisions. Let us hope and pray that the day may speedily come when all wars shall cease, and that the only warfare in existence be that which we are now waging against King Alcohol.

We regret much that the Deputies are so neglectful in sending in their quarterly reports to the G. W. P. It is impossible that the G. W. P. can visit all subordinate Divisions, and we conceive the least that Deputies can do is to keep our chief officer well posted up as to the working of the subordinate Divisions under their jurisdiction. We want deputies more alive to the important position they hold, men who will sacrifice more time in pushing forward our principles. We hope, however, a word to the wise in this respect is all that is required, and that in future we will hear no more complaint on this subject.

We regret to perceive that a good number of the Subordinate Divisions are falling into the reprehensible practice of neglecting to send in their quarterly returns to the Grand Scribe, as also the per capita tax. This is not as it should be. The brothers ought to remember that they are as much bound to perform this part of their obligation as they are to keep inviolate Article 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions. The law ought to be rigidly enforced in this respect, otherwise the usefulness of our Grand Division will be very much impaired. The Deputies ought to refuse the pass-word in every case until the quarterly returns are made out, and the per capita tax appropriated.

We rejoice that the utmost good feeling prevails among the members of Subordinate Divisions, and not a single case of appeal is to be brought before the Grand Division this Session. "Let brotherly love abound."

We rejoice to learn that the Order of "Cadets of Temperance," is again being revived in Canada East. May the Order go on prospering. We hope the "Sons" will give these youthful teetotalers every encouragement and support. To them we look for recruits to fill our ranks, when we have departed to another sphere of existence.

We heartily concur with the sentiments of the G. W. P., with respect to the position the Church of Christ ought to occupy in regard to the temperance question, and would highly recommend Subordinate Divisions to carry out his recommendations, and get Ministers to preach occasional sermons on temperance, if their preaching did nothing more than keep our great principles before the public. It would do much; for our cause is destined to live until its end is accomplished.

We highly approve of the suggestion of the M. W. P. with regard to raising a fund to help our suffering fellow teetotalers in Britain. At this moment their sufferings are most intense, and no doubt anything sent from us would be thankfully received. The Grand Division of Canada West has done its duty in this respect. And although now rather late in the day, we yet can send our subscriptions. We hope the G. D. will appoint a Committee to attend to this matter at once.

We rejoice that the cause of temperance is progressing satisfactorily. We care not by what class of men or organization this is accomplished. If it is done by Good Templars we still rejoice. Their cause is our cause, and our cause is their cause. There is room enough for us all. Intemperance is a wide field, and if the temperance societies were increased tenfold, there would be work enough for us all to do. "Let us therefore work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Your Committee are strongly of the opinion that the recommendation of the National Division, with regard to celebrating the majority of the Order of the Sons, should be adopted. We, therefore hope this Grand Division will take such action in the premises, that all Subordinate Divisions in its jurisdiction may have timely notice as to its wishes in this respect.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Grand Division should continue to urge upon Subordinate Divisions the necessity of continuing to petition for laws calculated to suppress the liquor traffic. Your Committee were pleased to observe that a very important measure was introduced last Session of Parliament, bearing on this subject, by Mr. Dunkin, M.P.P., and had it not been for the abrupt close of the Session, there was every prospect of its having become law. Let us hope that although this measure was lost last Parliament, Mr. Dunkin will persevere and have it carried through this. Although this measure does not give us all we have been asking, yet it gives us more power than ever we had conferred before, and would have answered its purpose well if passed.

Your Committee find their report has grown rather lengthy, but they cannot

close without congratulating the Grand Division on the manner in which the officers of this Grand Division perform their duties and must refer particularly to the care with which the G. W. P. and Grand Scribe have prepared their reports.

The whole submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

G. M. ROSE, Chairman.

THOMAS FESSENDEN.

W. STEVENSON.

Moved by Rep. Ross and seconded. That the Report be now adopted.

Moved in amendment, that the Report be taken up and discussed section by section. Amendment Carried.

It was then moved and seconded, that the Grand Division do adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Carried.

9th July, 1863. 9 o'clock, A.M.

Grand Division met this morning pursuant to adjournment.

Officers present same as last evening's Session.

Opened in due form.

Services of Grand Chaplain.

The Report of the Good and Welfare Committee being the first order of the day, was taken up and discussed section by section, and thereafter on motion of Rep. Healy, the Report was adopted as a whole.

Moved by Rep. Rose, and seconded. That the Grand Scribe be instructed to communicate with subordinate divisions, calling attention to the action of this Grand Division, as to the suggestion of the M. W. P., with regard to relief fund, and solicit subscriptions for the same, and that the following Committee be empowered to dispense such funds as may be procured in the best manner possible.

Committee in Quebec.—Reps. Robert Brodie, G. M. Rose, Alex. Woods.

Committee in Montreal.—Reps. T. Fessenden, John S. Hall, W. Bates, with power to add to their number. Carried.

The following notice of motion for amendment of By-Laws was laid on the Table.

We the Undersigned hereby give notice that, at the Annual Session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, C. E., to be held in January next, 1864. We shall move that a By-Law be enacted by the Grand Division, prohibiting Dancing, in connection with Soirees and Public Meetings of the Subordinate Divisions of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

THOMAS FESSENDEN, Eastern Star Division, No. 49.

JOHN S. HALL, Howard Division, No. 1.

THOMAS BRODIE, } Gough Division, No. 3.

JOHN R. HEALEY, }

A. WOOD, St. Lawrence Division, No. 16.

KENNETH ROSS, Lancaster Division, No. 11.

Moved by Rep. Stevenson and seconded. That the Grand Scribe inform the Subordinate Division under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, that it is the desire of this body, that the 21st Anniversary of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of North America be observed on the 29th September next, in such manner as to the subordinate divisions may be deemed best.

Bro. Manning, agent for the United Canadian Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, being present as a visitor, was invited to address the Grand Division on the objects of the said Alliance, after which it was moved by Rep. Fessenden and seconded.

That this Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of C. E., having been informed of the objects of the United Canadian Alliance for the total suppression of the Liquor Traffic, resolves that the objects of the said Alliance is deserving of our warmest sympathy and support and is accordingly recommended to the favourable consideration of the various subordinate divisions.

In consequence of a strong feeling existing in Adamsville Division, No. 50, in regard to the appointment of a D. G. W. P. for that Division, Rep. Pell tendered his resignation of that office, which was on motion accepted, and the G. W. P. and Rep. Stevenson and Mansfield named a Committee to visit Adamsville Division, to enquire into the cause of the differences existing in the Division, and to settle the same in such way and manner as they deem the nature of the case requires.

On motion adjourned to meet at 2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Division met in pursuance of adjournment.

Opened in due form.

Services of G. Chaplain.

Moved by Rep. Ross, and seconded.

Resolved.—That 500 copies of the proceedings of the semi-annual Session be published in the *Canada Temperance Advocate* in supplement form, and 100 copies in pamphlet form. Carried.

Moved by Rep. Ross, and seconded.

Resolved.—That the thanks of this Grand Division are due, and are hereby tendered to the Members of Gough and St. Lawrence Divisions, and their Lady friends for the exceedingly kind and handsome manner they have contributed to our entertainment during this session of the Grand Division.—Carried unanimously.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

Grand Division then adjourned to meet at West Shefford on the 3rd Wednesday in January, 1864.



JOHN S. HALL,

Grand Scribe.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,

In attendance at the Semi-annual Session of the Grand Division held at Quebec on the 8th and 9th days of July, 1863. Rev. A. Duff, Grand Worthy Patriarch; John S. Hall, Grand Scribe; Thomas Fessenden, Grand Chaplain; John Moore, Grand Treasurer; Joseph Bacon, Grand Chaplain; H. A. Lawrence, Grand Sentinel.

HOWARD DIVISION, No. 1.—John S. Hall, W. Bates, Rev. A. Duff, B. S. Barrett, and W. Brown.

GOUGH DIVISION, No. 3.—John R. Healey, W. Brodie, T. Brodie, R. Brodie, T. Davidson, J. P. McEwan, W. Hall, J. Geggie, John Sears, Senr., John Sears, Junr., D. Lawson, P. Johnston, A. T. Hughes.

LANCASTER, No. 11.—Kenneth Ross and J. M. Snider.

EASTERN STAR, No. 49.—Thomas Fessenden.

ADAMSVILLE, No. 50.—P. J. Pell.

ST. LAWRENCE, No. 16.—G. M. Rose, A. Woods, A. Smeaton, J. Moore, J. Bacon, Johnstone, Patterson, J. Reed, R. Middleton, P. Langton.

COWANVILLE, No. 58.—W. Stevenson.

EAST FARNHAM, No. 59.—O. H. Mansfield.

WEST SHEFFORD.—L. H. Lawrence and H. A. Lawrence.

Lady Visitors present during the Session:—

HOWARD, No. 1.—Mrs. Barrett.

ST. LAWRENCE, No. 16.—Mrs. Moore.

COWANVILLE, No. 58.—Mrs. Stevenson.

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