On motion, the Grand Division adjourned, to meet at half-past 2 o'clock, p. m.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Acting Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division was opened in due form. G.W.P. in the chair.   Roll of Officers called.

Present—G.W.P., G.T.

Absent—G.W.A., G.S., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sen., P.G.W.P.

Vacancies were filled as in morning session.

Grand Division was declared open.

The Grand Conductor introduced representatives John McKinnon, John Cook, Samuel Frame and Peter McDonald, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

The Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Chaplain entered and took his seat.

The report of the Acting Grand Scribe (W.A.S.Blewett) was read as follows :—

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE,
Halifax, May 13th, 1856.

Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers,

In presenting this report to the Grand Division now assembled in quarterly session, it is with most painful feelings that I have to announce the recent loss this Grand Division has sustained, in the death of William Scott, Esquire, of this city, who for a number of years filled this office with honour to himself, and credit to the Order at large.   We have lost a sterling, upright and conscientious Officer, and we have all reason to deplore the vacancy caused by his removal, whilst at the same time, it is our duty as christians, meekly to submit with resignation to the will of our Divine Lord.

In consequence therefore of this afflictive event, I was immediately requested by our beloved G.W.P. to assume the duties of this office, which I have accordingly done to the best of my humble ability, to the present, and I trust my brothers will take the "*will for the deed,*" if in any instance I have come short of my duty ; my best desires and abilities have been freely given in the discharge of the onerous duties so unexpectedly pressed upon me.

We are, dear brothers, wading through deep waters at the present, and we are required to use every energy imparted unto us, to stem the torrent seemingly turned against us.   The Cause is not in a