

THURSDAY, July 24, 1856.

The Grand Division assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form; the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called:—

*Present*—G. W. P.; G. Scribe.

*Absent*—G. W. A.; G. T.; G. Chap.; G. Con.; G. Sen.: P. G. W. P.

G. W. P. filled vacancies by appointing brothers J. Starr, G. W. A.; R. Brown, G. T.; Rev. G. Christie, G. Chap.; C. Pinkney, G. Con.; P. Fraser, G. Sent.; Wm. Burrill, P. G. W. P. *pro tem*.

The Grand Division was declared open for business.

The Special Committee on Credentials reported those of Thomas O. Geddes, P. W. P. Concord Division No. 5, as correct.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representatives Saml. Brown and James G. Allen, who were duly initiated and took their seats as members of the Grand Division.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's Session were read and approved.

P. G. W. P. Rev. G. Christie, as Chairman, presented the following report from the Committee on State of the Order:—

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Committee on the State of the Order have felt more than ordinary difficulties in the discharge of the duties assigned to them on the present occasion. A reference to the "reports" of the G. W. P. and G. S. will at once leave the impression that our beloved Order is, in some respects at least, in a declining state. But it is doubtful whether the causes are equally manifest. Were we fully satisfied as to the causes, it would probably be more easy to indicate the remedy. At the same time, your Committee are of the opinion, that *local* circumstances have so much to do with this matter, that an organization such as that