

The G.W.P. appointed the following Committees :

*Committee on the State of the Order*—Bros. Rev. A. S. Hunt, J. S. Thompson, Joshua Ells.

*Committee on Communications*—Bros. Nathan Tupper, Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Dr. Fitch.

*Auditing Committee*—Bros. Charles Dickie, W. H. Troop, J. M. Silver.

The G.W.P. read the following report :

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

*Officers and Brethren :*

Although we are not assembled here this day for the purpose of celebrating a triumph, which, perhaps, some had been sanguine enough to anticipate, we have doubtless come together in the firm persuasion that the cause in which we are engaged will ultimately overcome all opposition. There may be checks and hindrances; false friends may betray, and fierce foes may rage; the heart may be sickened by "hope deferred," and difficulties may spring up in unexpected quarters; but the Sons of Temperance will not flinch or fail. Strength will be gathered from repulse, and temporary defeat will nerve us for a more determined onset.

You will perceive that I allude to the proceedings of the Temperance Convention, held at Halifax, under the auspices of this Grand Division, in February last. It is unnecessary for me to go into detail respecting it, as a full account has appeared in the *Athenæum*. I will only say that it was a truly noble meeting—a worthy representation of the Temperance feeling of the Province. The men who met on that occasion are men who will keep their word, and who will suit the action to the word. It was befitting that the members of the Legislature should see them, and should hear the announcement of their unanimous and inflexible purpose. And it was delightful to observe the spirit of union and persevering firmness which pervaded the assembly. Every man had made up his mind on the subject, and they were all of one mind. They were resolved to have the Maine Law, with its Nova Scotia adaptations—the whole law—and nothing but the law. And they will have it. Thirty thousand signatures have not been written in vain. The Legislature of the Province will not long continue to reject the petitions of the people.

But for the present we are disappointed. No doubt we have reason to complain of the conduct of some on whose support we had been given to understand full reliance might be placed. Let us remember, however, that great changes are seldom accomplished suddenly, and the time which must now elapse before another effort can be made in the Legislature may be very advantageously spent in spreading information and enlisting a larger measure of public sympathy. We have now to consider the means to be adopted in the present state of our affairs. I take the liberty to suggest to the Grand Division the desirableness of securing the services of a