

only be gratifying to me, but satisfactory to this G. D., for I feel that from the delay in this respect my reports are not as full as they should be, having to hurry, them on the eve of my departure for the Quarterly Sessions. I sincerely hope that in future this defect may be remedied, and with fervent and sincere wishes that our meeting at this time may not only be profitable to ourselves but advantageous to the cause of Temperance and morality throughout the province.

I remain, Yours, in L. P. and F.

WM. SCOTT,
G. Scribe.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read a communication from P.G. W.P. Johnston in reference to the Prohibitory Liquor Law, which on motion was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Communications were read from Chebucto, Micmac and Mayflower Divisions in reference to the New Ritual, which were referred to Committee on Communications.

The Convention Committee reported as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Division to arrange for a Provincial Temperance Convention, beg leave to report that they proceeded in due time, to invite Delegates from all parts of the Province to meet at Halifax on the last Wednesday in February last. In compliance with that invitation a large number of the leading Temperance men from the different Counties assembled in the Division Room at Temperance Hall (kindly granted to the Convention by the Divisions in the City) and after appointing a Chairman, and Secretary, proceeded to perfect a prohibitory Law, such as they intended to ask the Legislature to pass.

The Committee invited Dr. Cramp, G.W.P. to come to Halifax for the purpose of expressing the views of the Convention at the Bar of the House, some difficulty having arisen to render such a hearing somewhat unpalatable to members of the Assembly. The Convention invited the Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly to hear their chairman at the Temperance Hall, which invitation was accepted, and a majority of both Houses attended and listened attentively to a most able address from the G. W. Patriarch. The Committee are of opinion that a lasting impression has been made for good upon many minds by the assembling of such a Convention as took place, and trust that before many days they will see the fruits thereof.

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

CHARLES ROBSON, } Convention
W. M. BROWN, } Committee.
M. G. BLACK, Jr., Sec'y.

Halifax, 24th April, 1854

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.