

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Brother Thompson presented the following Protest against the resolution moved by Bro. Black, concerning instructions to the D.G.W.P.'s.

PROTEST.

Because the appointment of Deputies is a prerogative of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and the giving of directions to them, by him, is a consequence on that prerogative, and the aforementioned Resolution appears to be an assumption of the consequence by the Grand Division without any endeavour or wish to interfere with the prerogative itself.

(Signed) JOHN S. THOMPSON.

Bro. G. Conductor announced Bros. Benj. Page and F. Bulmer in waiting who were duly initiated.

The G. W. Patriarch read his address, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA-SCOTIA IN SESSION CONVENEED :

*Worthy Brothers*—Another opportunity is afforded us of testifying our attachment to the principles of the Temperance Reformation, and to the organisation instituted for their extension. That the former of these may progress surely, and produce the happy results contemplated and desired, it is necessary that the duties of the latter should ever be attended to with religious punctuality. The continuous action which our order requires by its weekly meetings and its discipline so far surpass in efficiency the occasional efforts by which Temperance Societies have generally been characterized, (as shewn by the progress of Temperance principles in this Province and elsewhere since our order was instituted,) that further proof is not needed to decide its superiority over every other plan hitherto developed, for accomplishing the work in hand. That Temperance Societies are still required, and are found to be useful aids whenever they continue in operation is very evident, yet our closer organisation, keeping up as it does a standing Army of Temperance men, officered and equipped is better adapted to accomplish the end we have in view—namely, the total destruction of the habit of social drinking, and the manufacture and sale of strong drinks. That members of our order may ever remember the obligation that rests upon them to attend diligently to the duties which their several Divisions require of them is greatly to be desired, for without continuous labour, the cause cannot advance or continue for any length of time in a prosperous and progressive state.

I greatly desire, Brethren, that you should be deeply impressed with the importance of having the public mind agitated on the subject, at this particular time by means of Lectures. It may be that the people of Nova Scotia will be called upon, shortly, to exercise their privi-