

be done in removing the prejudices, and in securing the favourable attention of numbers of our fellow-provincialists to our organization, and to kindred subjects; and especially in preparing the public mind, and the minds of our Legislative representatives, for a radical change in the present licensing system, and for the entire prohibition of alcoholic liquors as an article of importation into the Province. A wide field is here opened for legitimate and temperate discussion, for manly eloquence, convincing arguments, and strong and powerful appeals. A free use of the press, now at our disposal, for the agitation of these vitally important subjects, bearing as they do, on the best interests of our country, cannot but be attended with beneficial results.

For these and other reasons, the Committee of Publication are anxious that "The Athenæum" may be used as an agency for good, and by the talent it may elicit, it may at once take its proper position—a position of commanding influence—among the periodicals of the day. All which is respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

J. McMURRAY,  
ALEX. HICHBORN,  
CHARLES ROBSON.

January 13th, 1850.

On motion, voted, to appoint a Committee of five on the above report.

Bros. S. L. Morse, W. H. Chipman, Currell, Hart, and James Parker were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned. G. D. closed in due form.

*Afternoon Session.*

G. D. opened in due form. G. W. P. in the chair.

Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials having examined the Credentials of the following persons, find them correct, viz,

William Gates, W. P., William A. Fowler, P. W. P., *Wilberforce Division.*

Stephen Parker, James Van Blaracum, Joseph Shaw, P. W. P.'s, *New Caledonia Division.*

David Delany, W. P., *Herald Division.*

All of which is submitted in L., P. and F.

E. M. COWLING,  
WINCKWORTH CHIPMAN.

G. C. introduced Bros. George Whitman, W. A. Fowler, Stephen Parker, William Gates, James Van Blaracum, George Nevill, W. R. Webb, G. B. Reed, W. H. Gilliet and E. Grimes, who were duly initiated.