

was the last speaker; although we anticipated much humour from him, expecting that he would review, as usual, the remarks of preceding speakers, we were disappointed, but equally as well pleased with his address; it was the most effective speech we ever heard him deliver; he spoke of the duty incumbent on different classes of society to promote the cause of temperance—particularly the professional. His remarks were very forcible and to the point, and we have no doubt some who were present felt the soundness of the views enunciated by him. During the remarks of the several speakers the greatest decorum and attention was evinced by the audience, who appeared to be well pleased with the proceedings. Regret was expressed by a number of the people at the absence of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, from whom an address was expected. During the evening a choir, under the direction of Mr H. B. Mitchell, sang some temperance Hymns, which added greatly to the proceedings of the meeting.

After the Session of the Grand Division was closed on Thursday the members united with those of Chester Division, at 11 o'clock, and walked in procession around and through the town—the line of march affording Representatives from a distance an opportunity of viewing the beautiful scenery surrounding it. Respecting an incident that occurred during the procession, and subsequent proceedings, we copy the following remarks from the *Halifax Sun* of 20th July:—

"Absence of instrumental music was partly compensated for by the singing of Temperance Odes at parts of the march. As the line was ascending one hill in silence a burst of music, composed of female voices, came from a way side cottage. It had the effect of impressive and pathetic eloquence. The line halted, and, before recommencing the march, gave three hearty cheers for the ladies of Chester. The brethren returned to the Hall,—where similar music gave them welcome. Immediately subsequent a kind of impromptu Temperance Meeting was held in the Division Room, when several addresses were delivered, and were received with applause. On this occasion the Rev Mr DeBlois, from Wolfville, spoke with much feeling and effect. Mr De Blois was, a few years ago, a student in Halifax. His remarks were graphic, simple, earnest, and highly suggestive.—He told some painful experience in re-

ference to youthful associates of bright prospects, but whose lives were blighted by intemperance. He narrated some extraordinary cases of rescue and reform relative to his place of residence; gave instances of how happily temperance leads to many temporal comforts and to consolations of religion, and explained concerning ministerial aid to the cause, and the existing promise in that respect. Passing over other speeches, we have mentioned the topics of this, in consequence of the interest it excited, and the pleasure caused by hearing a young clergyman express such sound views, such manly and determined sentiments, in reference to so important a question. The meetings finally closed at about two o'clock;—the people of the town, after friendly farewells, returned to their homes, and the visitors took their several roads, all highly pleased at the proceedings of the occasion—at the hope of good accomplished, and much greater good in prospect."

In addition to the address of Mr DeBlois, speeches were made by P. G. W. P. Thompson, who moved, in feeling terms, a vote of thanks to the ladies composing the choir; Mr George Creed, of South Rawdon, who seconded the resolution; Daniel Dimock, Esq., of Chester, who returned thanks on behalf of the ladies; Rev T. H. Porter; the Grand Worthy Associate; the Grand Conductor; M. Herbert, of Halifax; James P. Milward, of Mahone Bay; H. B. Mitchell and Isaac Hume, of Chester—the latter of whom spoke in very neat language, and we have no doubt will by and by be a good speaker and an effective one in the cause; and Daniel Mosher, of Windsor. The meeting was a very interesting one; some excellent remarks made, and good temperance doctrine enunciated, and the brethren expressed a determination of greater devotedness to the cause and its interests.

We cannot forbear mentioning the services rendered on the occasion by Brother Henry B. Mitchell, a very active member of the Order in Chester; the diligence and activity displayed by him and his courtesy to the Representatives are highly commendable; he is one of—if not the main spring of Chester Division, and, although yet a very young man, has rendered good service to the Order and temperance in his native town. Of him we copy the following remarks from the *Halifax Sun* of 20th July:—

"The young man who at present re-

presents the name there seems a worthy example for young Nova Scotia. Active at Temperance Hall, at the Bazaar, leader of the Village choir, &c., &c., he appears an active spirit for the general welfare—a demonstration of how beneficent a good temperament, based on correct habits and good principles, may be to itself and others."

The next and Annual Session of the Grand Division will be held in Halifax on Wednesday, 28th day of October.—As that Session will likely be one of the most important to the Order in this Province ever held every Division should endeavour to be represented on that occasion. The contemplated Bazaar and Provincial Temperance Convention, being also held in the same week, should cause a greater inducement to Divisions and other temperance organizations to send representatives.

HALIFAX.

On Wednesday, 15th July, the several City Divisions held an annual festival. The members assembled at the Temperance Hall early in the morning, formed into Procession order, under the direction of the Chief Marshall, P. W. P. James D. Wallace, and, with the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch at their head, walked through the principal streets of the city, after which they embarked on board one of the Dartmouth Steamers, at P. W. P. Robert Noble's wharf, from whence they were conveyed to Oaklands, up the North West Arm, and, with their friends, enjoyed themselves till evening in the usual manner incident to Pic Nic.

Absence from home prevented our attendance on that occasion, and while pleased to learn that the Pic Nic was all that could be desired—the supply of refreshments being more than ample, and every one delighted with the arrangements of the managing committee. We were sorry to hear that the Procession, as regards numbers, was not what it ought to be, although it presented a very creditable appearance otherwise. The company walked home in the evening from the Pic Nic grounds to the Hall, and there separated—a few of the "young ones" remaining and enjoyed themselves till 11 P. M. One of the Military Bands headed the Procession, and discoursed pleasant and appropriate airs on the Pic Nic grounds through the day. Not having participated in the pleasures of the day our notice must be necessarily brief, as to tell truly how the affair came off we should have been there.

In a former number we gave an account of the presentation of a National Division Regalia to P. G. W. P. J. S.