

obtain an enactment which will abolish the slavery that the liquor traffic has established, and which will tend to the true liberty, that results from rational and virtuous habits.

You have preceded us in the triumphs of our warfare, but in such competition, he who does not lead, rejoices at the advance of others, while he endeavours as a matter of duty, at being second to none, in high objects and worthy exertions.

We bid you good speed, brethren, wishing you all prosperity, and praying the great benefactor to bless you, and the great cause, for whose interests, we have at this time, been convened, so near the frontier of the sister Province.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia,  
W. M. BROWN, G. W. P.

#### REPLY.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Brethren:* We the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, feel much pleasure in acknowledging your kind and brotherly address, and in expressing the great satisfaction which we have derived from the brief intercourse we have enjoyed during this session.

If your admiration has been excited by the appearance of Sackville and its neighbourhood, we can with truth, fully express the same sentiments respecting your own frontier. The beauty and fertility of Amherst and the surrounding country have long been proverbial in our province, and we are now prepared from observation, fully to confirm the truthfulness of these ideas. We trust the time is at hand when the beauty of any and every section of your noble country, will no longer be marred by the presence of the '*biting serpent and the stinging adder*.'

We thank you for your congratulations on the prosperous state of our order, and fully accord with your sentiments respecting the necessity of continued fidelity and zeal; and we are thankful to feel assured, that our beloved institution in Nova Scotia, is in the hands of men, whose nobility of soul and high intellectual and moral character, ensure its permanency and ultimate success; and Brethren if our law is a triumph for the cause—and this we hold it to be, notwithstanding its defective character, we trust that its existence will act as an additional stimulus to you, inducing earnest and determined effort for the attainment of the same desirable object, only in greater perfection, in your own Province.

Brethren, we pray for your prosperity. We gladly acknowledge, that "the good that is done upon the earth, it is the Lord that doeth it." And to the care of Heaven—as Heavens instrument—we commend your organization, in full confidence that you will be "blessed in your deeds."

Signed on behalf of the G. D. of N. B.

JAMES JOHNSON, G. W. P.