

In acknowledging the receipt of the Address of this Grand Division to Her Majesty the Queen, the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a Letter addressed to His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, states that it was duly presented, and that "Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously."

In accordance with the resolutions passed at the January quarterly Session, the "Address to the Ecclesiastical Bodies" was duly prepared and presented by the committee appointed for that purpose, and action had thereon, by such of the bodies as have met during the past month.

The Committee have also issued circulars to "all the Ministers of Religion in the Province," inviting them to meet in Convention, in the City of Halifax, on Wednesday, 4th day of August, "for the purpose of taking into consideration the present aspects and wants of the Temperance Cause in this Province."

You will have perceived by the Reports of the last Session of the Legislature, that the "Permissive Prohibitory Liquor Law Bill" was quietly shelved, and also that the New License Law was amended in some of its clauses since we met in quarterly Session, and is therefore, *now*, less stringent than stated in my last Report. However, we must not be discouraged, but have great encouragement to persevere, taking the State of Maine as an example. It may be needless for me to state as you are already aware of the great fact, *that the people of Maine were nearly unanimous in their vote for a full Prohibitory Liquor Law*, as spoken through the ballot box on the 7th June last. What they have accomplished, so may we by steady perseverance and consistency.

I may here state that the New License Law is strictly enforced in some Counties, and our friends have been successful, in many instances, in preventing its being violated.

It becomes my painful duty, Officers and Brothers, to announce to you the death of our excellent and esteemed Brother, P. G. W. A., James Mosher, Esq., of No. 32, which event occurred at Windsor on the 6th June last. Brother Mosher was well known throughout Nova Scotia as a warm and consistent advocate of Total Abstinence, and was one of the Fathers of the Cause in this Province, having commenced his career as a Temperance man in the year 1828. His loss as an active member of our Order, is much regretted by all.