

Grand Division met in the Room (in Temperance Hall) occupied by Chester Division, James Mosher, Esq., G. W. A., presiding in the absence of the G. W. P., whose inability to attend the meeting, as well as the absence of his Report, was very much regretted by the Representatives assembled, especially as he was present at the recent Annual Session of the National Division, an account of the proceedings of which body was expected from him. At this sitting a number of Representatives were initiated, after which the Grand Scribe read a Letter received by him from the Grand Worthy Patriarch, in which reasons for his absence from the meeting, as also of his Report, were stated; the Grand Scribe presented his Report, which was principally compiled from Reports received from a number of the Deputies; this document was not so complete as the brother desired, as the Grand Division having met earlier than usual but few Returns and Reports were received from the Divisions and Deputies, but, from the information imparted by the Grand Scribe, we were pleased to learn that "the Order is in a healthy condition," and the cause on the advance throughout the Province.

The second sitting commenced at 3 o'clock P. M.; an initiation took place; P. G. W. P. Thompson, as Chairman, presented a Report from the Committee on State of the Order, which was adopted. Several resolutions—which elicited much conversation on the topics to which they referred—were submitted and adopted. We here copy some of them:—

Resolved, That this meeting of the Grand Division recommend to the brethren assembled in Annual Session an earnest appeal to the clergymen of all denominations for their active professional aid to the temperance cause;—and that a copy of such address be sent to each clergyman in the Province.

Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the Annual Session the most serious consideration of efficient means whereby our beloved Province may be saved from the spread of intemperance, and be additionally benefitted by the advance of the Order and other temperance agencies.

Resolved, That a Provincial Temperance Convention be held in the city of Halifax during the meeting of the Grand Division in Annual Session, in October next, to which all temperance organiza-

tions be invited to send representatives; and that a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements for the same.

The Grand Scribe, John Shean, Robert Noble, John S. Thompson and Wm. M. Brown were appointed as the committee.

The third sitting commenced at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning; some Representatives were initiated, and the following resolution—the discussion on which was adjourned from the previous day—was taken up, and, after a lengthy discussion, unanimously adopted:—

Whereas the Grand Division of Nova Scotia have for some time past been in want of funds, whereby its efforts to promote the temperance cause have been greatly impeded—

And whereas every attempt to procure adequate funds for those purposes has proved unsuccessful—

Therefore Resolved, That with the view of realising means for active temperance efforts, by lectures, tracts and otherwise, this Grand Division do hold a Bazaar or Fair (in connection with the Order) in the city of Halifax during the Annual Session in October next.

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Grand Division be appointed to correspond with the Subordinate Divisions, and otherwise to carry the foregoing into effect.

It is expected that each Division will appoint a committee to co operate with the committee of the Grand Division, obtain contributions towards the Bazaar, and forward them to Halifax in due time. We have every hope of the project proving successful, if the Divisions enter heartily into the matter; all that is needed is for the Divisions to secure the services of the Ladies in their respective localities, and we will guarantee the realization of our wishes. The Session closed at 11 o'clock on 16th, previous to which a considerable portion of the time was devoted to conversation on the Rules, Usages, &c., of the Order, and as to how the interests of the cause might be advanced. The greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout the Session. Between thirty and forty delegates were present, representing Halifax, Chester, Lunenburg, Milton (Queen's County), South Rawdon, Windsor, Wolfville, and Hammond's Plains; a goodly number intended to be over from Lunenburg, but were disappointed; it was regretted that the representation from the city was

so small, but we are aware that a number were disappointed after having made arrangements to attend the Session.

MEETINGS.

On Wednesday evening Chester Division met in special session at half-past 6 o'clock, on which occasion the Grand Division visited them in a body—the members of the former singing the ode "Thrice Welcome Brothers" as they entered.—The meeting was a pleasant one, and one of the most interesting we ever attended. The brethren were addressed by the Grand Worthy Associate—on the gratification felt by members of Chester Division at the good likely to result to the Order and the cause in this locality from the proceedings of the Grand Division; the Grand Scribe—on the state of the Order and progress of the cause throughout the Province; Rev T. H. Porter, of Hammond's Plains; George Creed, of South Rawdon; James P. Milward, of Mahone Bay, and others, on the state of temperance in their respective localities; the Grand Conductor—on the contrast between temperance and intemperance. P. G. W. P. Thompson and M. Herbert also addressed the meeting. At one time there were between sixty and seventy brethren present, some of whom did not attend the meetings of the Division for a number of months, but whose attendance for the future it is expected will be more regular.

The Division adjourned at a quarter past eight o'clock, and proceeded in a body—clothed in the proper Regalia—to the large room down stairs, where there were nearly three hundred persons assembled, and it was estimated that there were fully one hundred persons outside the building who were unable to get inside. The Grand Worthy Associate presided; the platform was occupied by the speakers and Grand Officers. The chairman opened the meeting with a few remarks, and introduced the first speaker, Rev T. H. Porter, who addressed the audience at some length, giving an account of his experience in the cause.—Mr B. Zwicker, of Lunenburg, spoke in his usual strain, but much better than when we heard him on former occasions; the Grand Conductor was the next speaker, and dwelt chiefly on his particular hobby—prohibition, and made some good remarks. P. G. W. P. Thompson