

The discontinuance of the *Athenæum* must be regarded as a serious loss to our cause, and it is to be feared it will be viewed as a triumph by our enemies. We cannot close our eyes against the conviction that it is chiefly owing to lukewarmness upon the part of temperance men. Were they as zealous in supporting a temperance periodical, as they are in supporting other periodicals hostile to our cause, an efficient paper could easily be sustained. What measures should be adopted by the Grand Division to resuscitate the *Athenæum*, or supply the deficiency, they would leave to the wisdom of the Grand Division to devise.

From the acting Grand Scribe's report, it is evident that many of the Subordinate Divisions are not in as good a condition as is desired, though, upon the whole, prosperity is visible. Your Committee can see no way of infusing new life into the subordinate Division but by the appointment of one or more active and zealous agents, who would visit said Divisions, and deliver temperance lectures throughout the country. Flooding the country with circulars will not effect the purpose. In many instances they are never read. That this is quite practicable is evident from the amount of funds in the possession of subordinate Divisions. Your Committee are of opinion that if a suitable man could be obtained, to do the work to the West, and another to the East, the funds would be forthcoming. New life would be infused into our Order, and the inhabitants of the Province generally would be educated up to their privileges and duty, so that when called upon to exercise their elective franchise, they may send to our General Assembly, men who fear God and regard the welfare of man.

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

GEORGE CREED.
JOHN CAMERON.
J. S. BLACKBURN.

The report was laid on the table till morning session of Thursday.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Acting Grand Scribe.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 15th, 1856.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, at half-past 8 o'clock, a. m., and was opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.