

Dr. Cramp, Rev. Mr. Christie, and Rev. Dr. Robertson, in the west, and the G. W. P., Rev. Mr. Cameron, and Rev. Mr. McArthur, in the east, could be prevailed upon to devote a portion of their time to the work, the committee feel satisfied that great good would result to the cause, and many inconveniences as well as risks, thereby be avoided. Perhaps it would still further improve the idea, if the gentlemen named could exchange counties and localities with each other, for a short time.

The committee beg to state, in conclusion, that they are mainly indebted for this suggestion to the Grand Scribe.

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

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HALIFAX, 20th April, 1858.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report as follows :

WORTHY BRETHREN : Assembled at this Quarterly Session, it is with much satisfaction we hail each other in the true spirit of our fraternal combination ; while, at the same time, we would offer our fervent gratitude to our Heavenly Father, by whose goodness we are permitted to reach this, the first decade of the Grand Division of Nova-Scotia.

We very naturally are led, on this occasion, to review our history ; and in the reminiscences which come up, we have much to afford instruction, and also very much to inspire confidence and hope. We cannot admit that the past exhibits a great deal to dishearten the true-hearted veterans of our cause, for, although our pathway has been marked by struggles and reverses, as well as by successes and triumphs, yet surely we have not had more of discouragement or difficulty than might reasonably have been apprehended in a reform of such a character, aiming as it does to uproot the wide-spread and inveterate sinking usages of society, and coming in direct collision with mighty interests, formidably sustained by numbers and by wealth ; and considering, also, the condition of political parties, and political party-feeling in this Province. True, many of the more sanguine of our brotherhood may have been disappointed