

## DEPUTY GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCHS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarchs are appointed by the Grand Worthy Patriarch, who is the Executive head of the Order in the jurisdiction, and are responsible only to him. They are entitled to the same respect as the Grand Worthy Patriarch, whom they represent, nor can any Subordinate Division refuse to receive a Deputy who has been legally appointed. Their authority has been subjected by the National Division only to the following limitations, viz. :—

1. They have no power to declare a charter forfeited, nor to restore the charter of a Division, without the sanction of the Grand Division.—*Journals*, pp. 1240, 2644, 2674.

2. They have no right to vote in any Division but their own, nor to take part in debate in another Division without invitation.—*Journal*, p. 722.

There are four grades of Deputies appointed in the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia, viz. : (1) The Provincial Deputy. (2) The County or District Deputy. (3) The Division or Local Deputy; and (4) The Special Deputy. The duties of these officials are clearly defined in their commissions, which are a conclusive appeal for the settlement of all questions of doubt which may arise on the subject.

### I.—PROVINCIAL DEPUTIES.

The jurisdiction of the Provincial Deputy is co-extensive with that of the Grand Division. It is his duty to organize new Divisions wherever it may be practicable; to re-organize dormant or suspended Divisions, and to visit officially all working Divisions and report to the Grand Worthy Patriarch any irregularity in their procedure. A Provincial Deputy's commission is usually held by Organizers under the direction of the Agency Committee, who are required (in addition to the duties imposed by their commissions) to bring the objects and principles of the Order before the public, and to advance the cause of temperance by holding public meetings, visiting the public schools and distributing temperance literature. Provincial Deputies are expected to act, in all cases, in harmony and co-operation with the County and District Deputies, whose functions are similar, within their own jurisdiction.

In organizing and resuscitating Divisions, the following regulations should be observed, viz. :—

#### ORGANIZATION OF A DIVISION.

An Application for a Charter, signed by *at least eight* (and, if possible, by twenty or more) persons, not excluding females, should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe, accompanied by the charter fee. If any of the applicants are members of the Order, it should be so stated in the application, and such applicant should, at the time of organization, put in the hands of the instituting officers a Withdrawal Card from the Division to which he belongs. All cards should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe with the report of organization. The application for a Charter having been approved, the Grand Scribe will immediately issue a Dispensation, under which the new Division will work for *three months*, and at the end of that period the Dispensation

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