

nence Society, the reverend Father John Higginbotham called the meeting to order, to announce to the society that he was about leaving the city, and therefore he would tender his resignation, as President of the Society, after which the reverend Father Banon then approached the Reverend Father Higginbotham, and addressed him in a feeling manner, and at the close of the remarks, the Reverend Father Banon presented to the Reverend Father Higginbotham a magnificent gold cross weighing four ounces, eighteen carats fine, four inches in length two in breadth, and a quarter of an inch thick. The form of the cross is Maltese, enriched with a rim and knobs. On the smooth flat edge of the lower part of the cross is the inscription. "Presented by the R. C. Total Abstinence Society of St. Louis to the Rev. Father John Higginbotham, Dec. 14, 1856."

The first of a series of Temperance meetings to be held during the winter, under the auspices of the Wolfville Division, took place on Monday evening, Jan. 12. Simon Fitch, Esq. occupied the chair. An able and powerful address was delivered by the Rev. J. G. Hennigar (Wesleyan minister) of Lower Horton. Rev. Dr Cramp and Rev. S. W. DeBlois also addressed the meeting.—Measures were taken for the formation of a Total Abstinence Society.

Notice was given of a meeting to be held at Lower Horton, which the rum-sellers and rum-drinkers were invited to attend, full liberty of speech being promised them. We believe that they kept carefully out of the way.

We have so much home news this month that no room is left for foreign items. Intelligence from other parts of the world must be deferred till our next number.

But we must make a passing reference to New York and Maine. At the annual meeting of the New York State Temperance Society it was resolved to raise \$25,000 to ensure efficient action this year; and E. C. Delavan, Esq., the President, headed the subscription with \$4000. This is right noble.

Those of our friends who think that a stringent License Law will serve the purpose, should ponder well the following extract from the *Morning Star* :—

"Travel which way you will in our State of Maine, and you will find the most conclusive evidence that intemperance is fearfully increasing in every town through which you pass—rum-shops are multiplying within a twelvemonth to an alarming and unprecedented extent. At least this statement is all true, so far as personal observation with tra-

vellers qualify us to judge in the premises. Being just returned from a tour through several towns, we are made sad again by the constant assurances of the fearful ravages of intemperance among the people. Men you would never have mistrusted are drinking—men you never would have thought of, are selling the pernicious mad poison.

What will Maine do? One of her Sons answers in these words :—

She will as surely re-enact the "Maine Law" in all its important features, as that her present wicked law has proved a failure. She would no more think of any other remedy, than she would of tearing up her Railroads and substituting stage coaches, or of breaking up her printing presses.

The members of the "Order" will observe that in consequence of a large majority of the Subordinate Divisions having signified their unwillingness to concur in an application to the National Division for a separate Charter, no further action will be now taken in that matter. The connexion with the National Division will be preserved.

Some of the Divisions, it appears, decline contributing to the fund for sending representatives to the National Division, being under the impression that those Representatives are to be sent for the purpose of endeavouring to effect the separation. That is a mistake. The Grand Division having decided to take no further action, the Representatives will not introduce that question at all. But they will be instructed to ask that the Annual Session of the National Division, in 1858, may be held at Halifax, and to advocate such other measures as the Grand Division may think it advisable to apply for. It is hoped, with this explanation, that the Subordinate Divisions will display their accustomed liberality. Otherwise, the Grand Division of Nova Scotia will be unrepresented at the Annual Session of the N. D., which will certainly be an untoward circumstance, the place of meeting being so near.

#### QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE GRAND DIVISION AT SOUTH RAWDON.

On Tuesday the 27th ult., eight representatives from the City Divisions left Halifax for South Rawdon, to attend the Quarterly Session of the Grand Division. They arrived about half past three o'clock in the afternoon, and were met with a kind welcome from Mr George Creed, D. G. W. P., and his amiable lady. On the evening of that day the city representatives, accompanied by some of the

brethren of Reehab Division, left South Rawdon to attend a public Temperance Meeting at Upper Newport, about four miles distant. The party met with some mishaps on the way—such as getting stuck in the snow drifts, a few upsets, &c., but arrived at Newport without any material damage. The brethren were very kindly treated by the residents of the village. The public meeting was opened at 7 o'clock. James Mosher, Esq., G. W. A., presided, introduced the business, and made a few well-timed observations. Mr R. M. Barratt, G. Con., was the first speaker. He dwelt chiefly on the evils of Intemperance, and the great necessity for a Prohibitory Law. Mr J. W. Quinan followed. He portrayed the blessings of Total Abstinence, and also presented to the audience the necessity of organization for the suppression of drunkenness. He made a strong appeal to the Ladies for their co-operation in carrying out the great reform. Mr Daniel Mosher, of Windsor, was the next speaker. He drew a sad picture of a portion of Hants County, stating that intemperance prevails to a great extent, particularly in Windsor and vicinity.—He informed the meeting (if we remember rightly) that there are *thirteen* licenses granted for Hants County, while there was not one issued last year. A few brief remarks were also made by the Grand Scribe, Grand Sentinel, Messrs. George Butler, A. Robinson, J. Dimock, L. Dimock, and George Creed. The attendance was large, nearly half of the audience being females. A very interesting conversation took place after the speeches, in which it was urged on those present to reorganise the Temperance Society of Newport, which was established in February, 1830. A few of the old members who were present expressed their willingness to do so, and stated that they would make an effort to resuscitate it in the course of a few weeks. The speakers were listened to with much attention by all present, and we are convinced their remarks will result in benefit to the cause of Temperance in Newport.

On Wednesday morning, the 28th, the Grand Division was opened in due form about half-past 10 o'clock, the G. W. P., Rev Alexander McArthur, of Pictou, presiding. The opening of the Session was delayed about half an hour in consequence of the very bad state of the roads preventing a number of the representatives from reaching Rawdon in time; some of those who went over to Newport on the previous evening did not get back till late in the day. The business of the Session was got through very speedily. The Reports of the G. W. P. and G. S. presented the usual statistics, &c., but from the absence of Reports from *twenty-one Deputies*, and Returns