

From the Most Worthy Patriarch, suggesting, for reasons, that the several Grand Divisions allow the subject of a National Division for the Provinces to be kept in abeyance.

The Communications were referred to the Committee on Communications.

Read a Communication from the Most Worthy Scribe, in reference to an appropriation from the Propagation Committee of the National Division.

Ordered on file.

P. G. W. P. Hamilton announced that arrangements had been made for holding a public temperance meeting at Canning this evening; that a Soiree in honor of the Grand Division would be held in this Hall to-morrow evening, and extending an invitation to members of G. D. to attend both.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the G. D. agreed to appear in Regalia at the meeting to be held this evening.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report:

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

It is my pleasing duty to report that the Order in this jurisdiction is more active than it was when the Grand Division met in Annual Session in October last. Several Divisions have resumed work—including *Rock* No. 63 of Maitland, Hants Co.; *Agricola* No. 72 of Upper Stewiacke; *Reid* No. 192, Bermuda; *La Have* No. 275 of La Have. The two first Divisions were resuscitated by the G. W. P. Three new Divisions have been instituted; applications for Charters for others are expected shortly; and there are prospects of several old Divisions being resuscitated before the April Quarterly Session. Considerable interest is being manifested in the Order on the Island of Cape Breton, where some of the Divisions are adding many persons to their membership. Although the City Divisions have much to contend against, they are struggling to stem the tide of intemperance. Chebucto, Mayflower and Howard find it difficult to prosecute their work with energy owing to many members absenting themselves from the regular meeting. Few of the older members attend; and they, at times, are inclined to be discouraged, but are determined to work on in the interests of the Order. *Athenæum* Division has a full attendance and good meetings. *Micmac* contains a large number of young persons of both sexes, and the meetings are well attended. *Richmond*, at North end of the city, has done, and is doing, a good work. As several of the City Divisions intend holding entertainments next week, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their organization, it is to be hoped that an interest in favor of our Order will be created thereby. Owing to prevalence of small-pox in Yarmouth, the several Divisions located there have not met for some weeks, the medical men having forbidden the people to attend meetings of any kind. *Truro*, *Victoria Mines*, *Pereaux* and *Granite Rock* Divisions have not held meetings for some time; but efforts will be made to get them to work again.

The new Divisions organized are:—

1—*FLOWER OF THE GLEN* No. 328, at Ashdale, Antigonishe Co., on November 15, 1872, by County Deputy Thos. M. King.

2—*MILFORD* No. 329, at Milford, Hants Co., on November 25, 1872, by Deputy Alexander Dunbar.

3—*ELLERSHOUSE* No. 330, at Ellershoushe, Hants Co., on January 27, by the G. W. P.

The services of the G. W. P. have been secured by the Agency Committee,