

they were in 1872. The Liquor Dealers of Halifax appear to have been more successful than the Temperance men. In view of such vacillation, it would be well for Temperance men to consider well the steps that should be taken at the next general election—both for the Local and Dominion Parliaments.

I have to report the death of two members of this Grand Division. 1. Jas. B. Dane, P. W. P. of Milton Division, No. 4, Yarmouth, who died in that town on July 18, instant, at the age of 84 years and one month. Bro. Dane was among the first to unite himself with the Order on its introduction into this jurisdiction. He was a Charter member and first Grand Treasurer of this Grand Division. 2. Bro. Horton Dowlin, P. W. P. of Star Division, No. 49, who was killed on board the Brig. *Samuel Locke*, by the falling of a block from aloft. He was initiated a member of this Grand Division on the 24th July, 1872.

The National Division of North America met in Annual Session, in the city of New York, on the 18th of June. This Grand Division was represented at the meeting by P. G. W. P. Marshall, P. G. W. As. Heenan and Jost, and the Grand Scribe.

I herewith append a copy of a Circular letter from the M. W. Scribe, giving a synopsis of proceedings at the Session.

NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T., N. A.

*Office of Most Worthy Scribe, No. 14 Bromfield Street,  
Boston, Mass., U. S., June 25, 1873.*

*To the Officers and Members of Grand Divisions, Representatives to the National Division, and the Order throughout North America.*

The NATIONAL DIVISION has just held its twenty-ninth Annual Session in the city of New York, U. S. The Session commenced Wednesday morning, June 18, and closed Friday evening, June 20. Twenty-eight Grand Divisions were represented by one hundred and fifty-six delegates. The business was transacted harmoniously, and with despatch.

Two appeals only, and those only of technical importance, were before the body, showing a very harmonious feeling throughout the Order, and that as our laws become understood, they require little change.

*No changes whatever were made in any constitution of the Order, or in the Ritual.*

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, The experience of over thirty years, as Sons of Temperance, has convinced us that moral suasion alone is unable to stay the evils of intemperance, and—

Whereas, The liquor traffic is not only a moral but a political evil, requiring moral and political action to subdue it; therefore—

Resolved, That, without wishing to interfere with political opinions, this National Division recommends all members of our Order to combine and express their wishes at the ballot-box, for the purpose of suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That the various Grand Divisions in this jurisdiction, be requested to call the attention of their Subordinate Divisions to the great value, to the cause of the Papers and Publications of the National Temperance Society and Publication House; and that they use their influence to increase and extend the circulation of said periodicals, to the extent of their several abilities.

Resolved, That we recognize with pleasure the institution of Bands of Hope, Cadets of Temperance, and other Societies propagating the cause of Temperance amongst the youth of our land, and earnestly request all Grand Divisions in the jurisdiction, to foster and aid the same to the extent of their means.