

mitted at the Session; the course pursued in reference to it, we trust, will prove satisfactory to all concerned. After the regular routine business of the Session had been got through with, a few hours were devoted to conversation and discussion on several important topics—the constitution, rules, usages, &c., &c., of the Order. We agree with a writer in the *Sun*, that “altogether the session was of the most harmonious and agreeable character. Several important matters were discussed with a temper and spirit rarely exhibited in deliberative bodies. The people in this part of the province have the temperance question thoroughly at heart, and there is every reason to believe that their labors will be crowned with the most lasting blessings to themselves and the community in which they reside. The visiting brethren were treated with the utmost kindness and hospitality,” for which a suitable resolution was passed by the G. D.

Nearly fifty Representatives were present; twenty-eight were initiated on Wednesday, and six on Thursday,—on which day the Session closed at half-past 12 o'clock. Only three of the Grand Officers were present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, and G. Conductor. The G. W. P. is gaining favor among the brethren; the writer in the *Sun* says:—

“The Grand Worthy Patriarch, the Rev Mr McArthur of Pictou, has proved himself to be the *right man in the right place*. Comparatively a stranger in this country he has rapidly won the esteem and respect of the brotherhood in this province. We confidently anticipate at the end of his term to be able to record large accessions to the Temperance ranks. The able services rendered the order by Dr Cramp when filling the G. W. P.'s chair, have been ably seconded by the Rev Mr McArthur.”

We concur in the foregoing remarks. Upon the whole the Order is reviving, and its prospects for the future are cheering.

A public Temperance Meeting was held at Nictaux on Wednesday forenoon, the 22nd. There was a large attendance. Mr B. Morse, D.G.W.P., presided. The speakers were: Rev Mr Vido, Rev W. G. Parker, Rev J. Robertson, and Mr R. M. Barratt, G. Conductor. The G.W.P. being late in arriving, and also feeling unwell, did not attend the meeting, which he regretted very much.

The next Session of the Grand Divi-

sion will be held at Chester on the 15th of July. We would urge the Subordinate Divisions to contribute immediately—and handsomely too—towards the expenses of the Representatives to the National Division, as we believe the amount already appropriated will not defray the expenses of two delegates. We would refer members of the Order to the Letter of the M. W. P. where he refers to this subject.

HALIFAX.

A public meeting, under the auspices of Chebucto Division, was held in the Division Room on the evening of Thursday, April 16th; there was a good attendance. Mr George Thompson, W. P., presided, and made some prefatory remarks; he gave an account of his own experience, both before and after taking the Total Abstinence Pledge.

Rev S. N. Bently, G. Chap., spoke at some length, chiefly on the principles of the Order—*Love, Purity and Fidelity*—and exhorted the brethren to be faithful to them; he made some remarks on the cause generally—alluded to the progress of temperance in Great Britain—and mentioned a few cases of intemperance which “he saw” lately.

Mr R. M. Barratt, G. Con., was the next speaker; his remarks were principally on prohibition: he believed the principal difficulty of temperance men lay with a different class than the drunkard, viz., the so-called respectable and moderate drinker—contended that, if drunkenness was a crime, the man who furnished the rum should be punished as well as the drunkard; if there were no makers or importers there would be no retailers; the existence of the evil rested on the lukewarmness of the moral and religious people of the country; that temperance men should be active, determined, and faithful in behalf of those who had been reclaimed from intemperance.

P. G. W. P. J. S. Thompson spoke on the progress of the cause in the Province—of the prophecy respecting the decline or extinction of the Order a few years ago—alluded to the article “Important Testimony” published in *Abstainer* for April, and reviewed the remarks of preceding speakers.

Several songs were sung during the evening by Mr H. A. Taylor.

On Friday evening, April 24th, the G. W. P. paid an official visit to *Athenæum* Division, and gave them a brief address: expressed pleasure at meeting with the brethren in the city, and hoped the cause would continue to prosper as it has for the last three months. Brother A. Longley, of Paradise, also addressed the Division.

A public meeting was held on Monday evening, 27th inst., by Micmac Division. Mr Granville, P. W. P., presided and made a few pertinent remarks. Andrew B. Almon, Esq., Barrister, of Massachusetts, addressed the audience on temperance; alluded to his connection with the Order in this city a few years ago; spoke of the recollections called up on the present occasion by his meeting with fellow countrymen again, and expressed a hope of once more uniting with them in the promotion of the cause—should he again take up his residence in his native city. Mr A. is son of the late Hon. Dr Almon, and, previous to his removing to the United States, was an active member of Howard Division.

The next Speaker was the Grand Worthy Patriarch, who expressed pleasure at meeting with the Division; alluded to the proceedings of the Grand Division at their recent session: spoke of the great advance the cause had made since the commencement of the present year; dwelt for some time on the necessity of prohibitory laws for the suppression of the traffic—adducing some very sound arguments in favour of such measures.

Mr J. W. Quinan was the next speaker; he referred to the progress of total abstinence in the city, and made some remarks on the necessity of temperance men being consistent, and faithful to their pledge.

P. G. W. P. J. S. Thompson, reviewed the remarks of preceding speakers, in a very happy manner, as usual, whenever he does so, eliciting much merriment; he also gave sound advice to all present as to the carrying out of this great reform.

Mr J. J. Uhlman was the last speaker; his remarks were chiefly on temperance literature, and the advance made respecting this auxiliary of the cause.

The room was well filled, and the meeting, upon the whole, a very interesting one.

A pleasing scene took place at the meeting of Chebucto Division, held on Thursday evening, 30th April, viz., the presentation of a National Division Regalia to Past Grand Worthy Patriarch John S. Thompson. This mark of respect to the brother was indeed worthy of the Division; he is one of the charter members, and the only one who has passed through the chair of the Grand Division. He has always been an active and useful member, and contributes much, on various occasions, to the interest of the meetings. The following address was presented to the brother on the occasion: *To Brother John S. Thompson, P. G. W. P.*

WORTHY BROTHER.—It is our pleasing duty on behalf of the Officers and Brethren of Chebucto Division, to present you with this Regalia of the National Division, as a token