

Mr. Moses, who voted for the bill, and Mr. McFarlane, who voted against it, were both absent at the final division.

I have inserted the names in this report, because it appears to me desirable that they should be placed on permanent record, since there may be occasion to refer to them at some future time. It may be further stated, that the following gentlemen, who voted for the postponement, had previously voted for the second reading of the bill, viz. :— W. Chambers, Hon. S. Chipman, Ichabod Dimock, F. R. Parker, and Dr. Webster.

Brethren ! this result annoys and distresses you. It tends to weaken your confidence in public men. You look upon it as an untoward event, which cannot but exert an unfavorable influence on the cause in which we are embarked. But let us not be discouraged. Great and beneficial reforms are seldom attained without hard struggling, and not unfrequently successive repulses try the mettle of the combatants and discipline them for victory. Our work has to be recommenced. Be it so. We will not flinch from it. Ours is no selfish aim. Our object is purely benevolent. We seek the well-being of our fellow-creatures, their moral emancipation, their highest happiness. Engaged in such an enterprise, and confidently anticipating ultimate success, we will not be disheartened by occasional reverses. We will begin again, and we will persevere till the work is done.

But we are deprived of the Press ! I report to you, with deep regret, the discontinuance of the *Athenæum* newspaper, the accredited organ of this Grand Division. Mr. Willoughby, the proprietor, has been compelled to relinquish the undertaking, partly for want of capital, and partly because the circulation was not extensive enough to be remunerative. This is a calamity of no small magnitude, and it has occurred at a most inopportune period. We were never so much in need of a vigorous, fearless temperance paper as at the present time. I beg to commend this subject to your most earnest consideration, and trust that you will not separate without devising some means by which our cause may be faithfully and regularly brought before the public, and that, if possible, in a publication of our own, or under our control.

The directions of the Grand Division respecting correspondence with the other Grand Divisions of British North America, on the subject of a separate National Division, were duly carried into effect by the late Grand Scribe. Some communications which have been received since his death will be laid before you.