

plished till the trade in intoxicating liquors is abolished, we are prepared to ask for and to accept any measure, which shall tend to reclaim the intemperate. Believing therefore that a reformatory for confirmed drunkards would be the means of reclaiming many whose case must otherwise be hopeless, we feel it to be our duty to do all in our power for the establishment of such an institution.

4th.—That a petition to be signed by all who approve of the measure be presented to the Legislature, praying them to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a provincial Reformatory for confirmed drunkards, vesting its management in a suitable Board and enacting such a law as may be necessary to place the property of confirmed drunkards beyond their own control, and empowering their relatives to place them in the Reformatory as is now done in the case of lunatics.

5th.—That as dealers in intoxicating liquors are the only class who derive pecuniary advantage by the drinking habits; and as it would be unfair that the province at large which derives no benefit but suffers unmitigated loss and injury from the prevalence of intemperance, should have to bear the cost of such an institution :

*Resolved, therefore,* That the Legislature be requested to lay a suitable annual tax on every licensed dealer in intoxicating liquors in the Province to be collected with the payments for license, and also on every wholesale dealer in such liquors in the Province, and that the fund so collected be devoted to the maintenance of the aforesaid institution.

On motion, consideration of the resolutions was deferred until annual meeting in October next.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by Rev. bro. King, the Grand Scribe was instructed to have 350 copies of the resolutions printed, and forwarded to the subordinate divisions, with the request that they take action thereon, and communicate result to the Grand Division in time for the annual session.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made some very appropriate remarks previous to closing the session.

The minutes of this sitting were read and approved.

Grand Division closed in due form.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

Halifax, N. S., August 1, 1864.