

Brethren, to extend the principles and practice of temperance and brotherly love, and to induce man everywhere to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. And may the blessing of Almighty God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

In the name and on behalf of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, and in Love, Purity and Fidelity, we are yours :—

STEPHEN SELDEN, G. W. A.	} Committee.
JOHN McMURRAY, P. G. W. P.	
PAT. MONAGHAN, <i>Grand Scribe.</i>	

Following is copy of the Reply :

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, April 21, 1866.

The Sons of Temperance of New South Wales to the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, Halifax, Nova Scotia:

DEAR BRETHREN,—It is with extreme pleasure I have to acknowledge the receipt of an address from the Grand Division of Nova Scotia to the Sons of Temperance in this Colony, and more especially pleased to learn that you are gratified to hear of the success of the Order in this far-off country,—a success which has led us into the belief that, situated as we are, so far from the parent Society, we should apply to you for a Charter to form a Grand Division, and which has been so kindly granted.

We believe with you that the introduction of the Grand Division here will greatly help to spread the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this Colony, as we will now be enabled to grant Charters to form Subordinate Divisions immediately on application, without having to stop the time it would necessarily take to obtain Charters from the Parent Society.

It is gratifying to us that we are able to report favourably of the success which has hitherto attended the Order here, far exceeding our expectations, for intemperance has got such root in this land that it will require all the exertions of our philanthropic men (of whom we have a number) to eradicate it. We hope, by firmly establishing the noble Order throughout the land, to stop if not entirely annihilate the ravages intemperance is making in our midst. Already its influence is felt among all classes of the community—by ministers of religion, by magistrates, and more especially by the working classes. With the help of the Great Patriarch, we hope yet to see the Order of the Sons of Temperance so firmly rooted in our land that it will become a household word, and that peace and happiness will reign in every home.