

with eighteen Charter members, formed by P. G. W. P. Thos. Hutchings, Special Deputy, 4th January. 1875.

3. SAINT CROIX, No. 379, at Saint Croix, Hants Co. This Division was also organized by Thomas Hutchings, Esq., P. G. W. P., on Monday evening, 11th inst., with twenty-eight Charter members.

An application signed by 24 persons, resident of Miller's Creek, Newport, for the formation of "Poplar Grove" Division, No. 380, on Thursday evening, 28th inst. The formation of this Division is owing to the exertions of our esteemed Brother Rev. R. A. Temple, P. G. W. P.

Several applications for Charters are now in course of signature in different parts of the Province.

Submitted in L., P. & F.

J. L. BUTLER,
WM. FOSTER,
J. PARSONS.

The G. S. read the subjoined report from P. G. W. P. William M. Brown, Chairman of the committee on "An Official Organ:"

HALIFAX, 25TH JAN., 1875.

G. W. P. & Members of G. D. in Quarterly Session,—

Your Committee appointed at the annual session for the publication of an "Official Organ" beg to report that we entered into communication almost immediately after the last session with the committees of our Sister Organizations, the British and Independent Templars, and arranged a meeting for General Conference, upon ways and means, general methods, and responsibilities to be borne by the respective Bodies. The discussion was harmonious, resulting in the settling of the following preliminaries:—

1. The issuing of a weekly 8 paged paper at a price of \$1 50 a year, postage paid. This price is to be invariably in advance; and to cover expenses there must be an edition of at least 2000. An issue of 3000 and upwards will enable the joint committee to sustain a first class paper in every respect worthy of these Maritime Provinces.

2. This paper is to be under the direct management of a small committee representing all the Orders, who will appoint an editor, and if need be, a business manager, and will take contract for the issuing of the paper. The financial plan is for each Order to pay into a fund \$400, making \$1200 in all for the use of the Managing Committee.

Our Templar members required time to consult their own committees, and it is only a few days ago since the reply came to hand of full concurrence. A meeting would have been called ere this for final arrangement, but for the excitement of the late election, and Brother O. D. Wetmore's lectures in Halifax during the past fortnight; and then the meeting of our Grand Division coming on, it was thought better to let the matter stand.

We hope to have a sample of the paper circulated in a few weeks, and the numbers regularly issued to subscribers by the first of April. Of course this cannot be done, unless we have the earnest co-operation of every Son of Temperance and Templar in this Province.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. M. BROWN, *Chairman.*

This report was placed in the hands of the Chairman of committee on the state of the order.