

Pictou, August 1, 1850.

The G. D. opened in due form. The *G. W. P.* in the Chair.

Bro. Bayne from Committee on the Oriental, Caledonia, and Truro Divisions case, reported as follows:—

The Committee appointed to confer with the members of Caledonia, Oriental, and Truro Subordinate Divisions, beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have carefully examined the Lecture in dispute, and find nothing either in its spirit or expression, at all calculated to excite religious animosity, and certainly nothing to irritate the feelings of the complainant, since whatever reference is made to Catholicism is rather complimentary than otherwise. At the same time your Committee would call special attention to the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the Sons of Temperance, whether in Subordinate, Grand, or National Division, that our cause is the cause of all mankind, and that nothing should be suffered to appear either in Lecture, Essay, or Address, that could by any possibility be construed as a reflection upon or interfere with religious opinion. In conclusion the Committee have much pleasure in announcing the brotherly spirit in which parties with whom they have conferred, are prepared to abide by their decision.

All which is submitted in L., P. and F.

(Signed)

JAMES BAYNE, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL CREELMAN,
JOHN CAMPBELL.

Brother Munroe from Committee on *G. W. P.*'s report, reported as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the *G. W. P.* have considered the same, and recommend its suggestions to the earnest consideration of this Grand Division, and hoping that it may have a beneficial effect upon the friends of Temperance generally, by stimulating them to renewed exertions in the good cause, would further recommend its adoption by this Division, and that it be published and circulated as widely as possible.

The Committee would particularly press upon the attention of this Division, the necessity for some special action upon the subject of a paper, devoted to the cause of Temperance. Nothing appears to be so well calculated to disseminate our principles and make converts to our cause, as bringing constantly and regularly before the people, in a spirit of kindness and love, the moral, social, and physical advantages of total abstemiousness from intoxicating drinks—and contrasting those benefits with the misery, degradation, and crime, that inevitably follow their use—and in no way can this be more effectually accomplished than by means of the press. It has been used as a means of promoting the energies and giving additional zest to the