

cancelling credentials of Representatives to Grand Division. Ordered on file and name of members to be erased from the Roll.

Also Communications from Life-Boat Division No. 158, and Star of Promise Division No. 298, relative to increase in *per capita tax*. Referred to Committee on Communications.

Also Communications from the Grand Divisions of New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, in reply to Communication from this Grand Division on the subject of a National Division for British North America. Referred to Committee on Communications.

The following Report was read and approved :—

Halifax, April 24, 1871.

The Committee on Charters and Institution of New Divisions beg to report that since the last quarterly Session, they have recommended the granting of a Charter—

On March 15th, to Alexander Ryan and twelve others, residents of Lingan, Cape Breton County, for STAR OF TYNE DIVISION, No. —

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

PATK. MONAGHAN,

M. A. SHAFFER,

S. SELDEN.

The G. W. P. presented the following Report :—

To the Grand Division of Nova Scotia :

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,—

We meet again in Quarterly Session of the G. D., in what is familiarly styled the Garden of Nova Scotia, to deliberate upon the means best adapted to advance the interests of our great and noble cause.

“ Intemperance is peculiarly a social evil ” and it is by social and fraternal combination of the benevolent and good, governed by divine influence, that we may expect to rid society of this monster vice which is the cause of a very large proportion of all the evils, moral and physical, which afflict human Society.

How necessary then that our principles should be well understood, our aims and objects fully stated and our efforts in proportion to the work to be accomplished.

To do this fully and effectually we want the aid and co-operation of all good men and women; especially do we require the influence of the Pulpit, the Platform and the Press.

Those of us who have for the past thirty years borne the heat and burthen of agitating the claims of the Temperance cause, know full well the all powerful influence of an active efficient Temperance minister, whose position to dictate and whose power to persuade men to abandon the vice of intemperance, and to adopt a life of virtue and religion, is paramount; without their aid and influence “ all must wither, droop and die.”

Is not the apathy and indifference of a vast number of our clerical friends one reason why our cause is not more prosperous? We have in this province about four hundred clergymen of different denominations. How many of these are actually engaged in spreading our cause, “ the cause of all mankind?” We should wish all were either directly or indirectly engaged in the work—but we fear not. How many of the office bearers and members of the church,