

taken our ground. It is just. It is right. Let us labor to bring our people up to it, and not go down to a lower and more untenable position."

It is, in conclusion, with chastened feelings, I refer to the removal by death of one of our zealous and valued brethren. Brother James Mosher, P. G. W. A., who was with us at our last quarterly Session, has been suddenly removed from the scene of his earthly labours to his heavenly reward. May the fragrant remembrance of his consistency and wholeheartedness in our Cause prompt us to pursue a similar becoming course, and may his removal serve to stir up our engagedness anew, admonishing us as it does to *work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.*

Submitted in the bonds of our Order.

JOHN McMURRAY,  
GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH.

July 28, 1858.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read his Report, as follows :

TO THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE  
OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers :*

It again becomes my duty to present you with a quarterly Report, in accordance with the requirements of the rules of the Grand Division.

I have not been put in possession of as full particulars, in reference to the doings of the Order in the several districts during the last quarterly term, as I would wish for, therefore I can only judge of the state of the Order by the returns and a few letters received just before leaving home to attend this Session.

I have reason to believe, however, that, upon the whole, the Order in Nova Scotia still maintains the ground gained during the quarter ending in March last, and that it is in a good working and healthy condition. Although I regret to state that the Cause is in rather "a weakly state" in the County of Queen's, and portions of the Counties of Hants and Lunenburg, it is with much pleasure I would refer you to the zeal and activity of the brethren in the Counties of Farmouth, Shelburne, Annapolis, Kings, Cumberland, Colchester, and Pictou. Our friends in the latter County deserve