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OF NOVA SCOTIA.



At the Quarterly Session,
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Quarterly Report of G. S. to Grand Div. for Quarter beginning 1st Oct. and ending 31st Decr., 1852.

Names of Divisions	No. of Division.	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Violated Pledge.	Reinstated.	Violated Pledge 2d time.	Contributing Members.	Cash received	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per Centage to G. Division.	Per centage not received	Withdrawn.	Representatives to G.D.
Acacia	1	Yarmouth	3		4				18	6 2 6			67 11 9 1/2	7 4 1/2		1	16
Central	2	Yarmouth	3						43	5 15 10			56 11 2	5 9 1/2		1	16
Milton	4	Yarmouth	3						4	4 8 9			16 8 0 1/2	4 5 1/2			
Concord	3	Barrington	4						59	10 13 10 1/2			70 0 0	11 9			
Union	4	Digby	3		2				78	11 15 6			301 7 2	2 3 9		4	18
Chebueto	10	Halifax	18	18	19		2		198	44 14 6			75 7 0	11 10			11
Micmac	3	Halifax	3		2	1	3		56	11 16 6			37 7 8	8 7 1/2		1	12
Mayflower	3	Halifax	3		1	1	1		104	8 14 3			21 14 11 1/2	8 10		1	17
Victoria	1	Liverpool	1		1	1	1		66	8 18 2 1/2			12 9 0 1/2	9 11			9
Avon	12	Windsor	2						62	9 18 1 1/2			78 17 10 1/2	15 0	3		
Avondale	13	Newport	2		1	1			98	16 18 8			57 10 0	9 2 2		1	14
New Caledonia	14	Granville	2		1				42	9 3 9			87 6 5	12 6			8
Westport	15	Westport	2		2		1		71	12 11 4			70 19 3	4 7			
Oriental	1	Pictou	1		2	3	1		55	6 19 10 1/2			24 0 0	4 7			
New Glasgow	18	New Glasgow	1		1				29	4 12 0 1/2			22 10 0	5 1 1/2			
Hebron	19	Yarmouth	1						22	5 14 11			11 13 0	1 3 1/2			
Coldstream	20	Windsor	1		3	4			15	1 14 6			84 3 0	17 2			14
Walton	23	Windsor	1						79	17 3 9			15 0 0	2 11			12
Columbia	24	Weymouth	1						32	2 17 1 1/2			18 10 11	2 2			13
Roseway	25	Shelburne	1						20	1 14 9			11 8 4	1 9			
Howard	26	Halifax	3		1	1	2		37	9 8 1 1/2			64 12 9 1/2	9 5			
Gape Breton	27	N. Sydney	1						51	3 2 1 1/2			186 2 8 1/2	3 1			
Wilberforce	28	Nictau, Wilmot	1						60	6 7 11 1/2			24 16 8 1/2	14 6			7
*Prince William	29	Sandy Cove	4						69	14 18 11 1/2			21 2 9	14 6 1/2			3
Prince of Wales	30	Mill Village	1						19	10 7 1/2			13 10 7	15 9			
Medway	31	Medway	5		2	2			132	15 15 0			81 19 7 1/2	6 6 1/2			
Chester	32	Chester	1						29	4 17 7 1/2			38 15 4	4 10 1/2			
*Albion	33	Port Latour	9		1	1			37	4 11 1 1/2			7 12 5 1/2	4 6 1/2			
McMechanics	34	Dartmouth	2		2				48	6 10 7 1/2			33 5 1 1/2	6 10			
Cumberland	36	Amherst	3		1				39	3 8 9			24 19 1 1/2	3 6			13
Pugwash	37	Hillsborough	5						104	18 17 8			112 13 11 1/2	18 10 1/2			
Royal	38	Cheveree	1		4	2	3		17	4 7 6			14 19 8	4 4 1/2			8
Morning Star	2	Newport	4						28	6 13 3			36 10 3 1/2	6 10			
Union	4	Newport	3		6	1	1		55	5 12 11			27 6 0	6 0			
Archangel	41	Truro	5		2	2			29	4 17 7 1/2			38 15 4	4 10 1/2			
Truro	41	Truro	5		2	2			37	4 11 1 1/2			7 12 5 1/2	4 6 1/2			
Minas	42	Wolfville	2		2	2			48	6 10 7 1/2			33 5 1 1/2	6 10			
Oak	43	Kenville	2		2	2			39	3 8 9			24 19 1 1/2	3 6			
Paradise	44	Bridgetown	3		1				104	18 17 8			14 19 8	4 4 1/2			
Olive Branch	45	Wilmot	5						17	4 7 6			36 10 3 1/2	6 10			
Port Royal	46	Annapolis	1		4	2	3		28	6 13 3			27 6 0	6 0			
Grand Pre	47	Lower Horton	1						55	5 12 11			81 19 7 1/2	12 8			
Star	49	Ragged Islands	3		1	1	1		98	6 11 3			38 15 4	6 6 1/2			
Canard	50	Cornwallis	1		1	1			29	4 17 7 1/2			7 12 5 1/2	4 6 1/2			
Spring	51	Stuamagouche	2		6	1	3		37	4 11 1 1/2			33 5 1 1/2	6 10			
Rising Sun	52	Musquodoboit	3						48	6 10 7 1/2			33 5 1 1/2	6 10			
*Smitton Rock	53	Durham Village	1						39	3 8 9			24 19 1 1/2	3 6			
Queen's Own	54	Liverpool	8		1				104	18 17 8			14 19 8	4 4 1/2			
Mainmast	57	Riv. John, Pictou	2		2	5			17	4 7 6			36 10 3 1/2	6 10			
North Star	58	Halifax	2						28	6 13 3			27 6 0	6 0			
Morning Star	59	St. Margaret's By	1		2	2			55	5 12 11			81 19 7 1/2	12 8			
Launenburg	60	Lunenburg	1		2	2			29	4 17 7 1/2			38 15 4	4 10 1/2			
Star in the East	61	Sydney, C. B.	1		2	1			37	4 11 1 1/2			7 12 5 1/2	4 6 1/2			
*Hantsport	62	Hantsport	1						48	6 10 7 1/2			33 5 1 1/2	6 10			
*Rock	63	Matiland	1						39	3 8 9			24 19 1 1/2	3 6			
*Pioneer	64	Barrington	15		12	1			40	6 6 0			34 17 0	6 6			
Caledonia	65	Pictou	3		7				32	7 16 3 1/2			30 9 2 1/2	7 9 1/2			
Harmony	67	Harmony	3		2				41	5 15 2			8 4 10	5 9			
Aurora	68	Cornwallis	14		2	3	1		75	18 13 0			48 0 2 1/2	16 0			
Lake	71	Antigonishe	1		2				34	3 18 7 1/2			25 4 6	3 11			
Agroola	72	Steviacle	1		2				42	2 19 7 1/2			17 17 11	3 0			
*Columbia	73	Pugwash	1		2	2			65	10 6 3			40 17 1 1/2	10 3			
Wallace	75	Wallace	1		2				32	6 8 9			11 5 4	6 5			
Sydney, C. B.	76	Sydney, C. B.	1		2				39	3 12 3			39 0 0	3 7 1/2			
Elysiun	77	Minudic	4		1				32	1 12 6			29 15 6 1/2	1 7 1/2			
*Greenwood	78	Falmouth	4		3	3			13	2 1 0			21 3 9	2 0 1/2			
Albion Mines	79	Albion Mines	1						39	3 14 8			15 11 2	3 8			
Margaretville	80	Wilmot	1		3				35	2 2 6			13 15 5 1/2	2 1 1/2			
Iron Age	82	Londonderry	1		1				25	6 8 10 1/2			25 17 8	6 5			
Lalla Koohek	83	Do.	1						12	1 16 0			4 0 0	1 5			
Herald	84	Kempt	1		3				82	13 11 8			60 0 0	13 7			
*Father Matthew	86	Shubenacdie	1						137	16 6 7			6 9 10	16 4			
Clements Arch	87	Clements Arch	1						34	6 13 9			14 7 5	6 6			
Port George	88	Wilmot	10		9	21	4		60	12 14 5 1/2			30 0 0	12 7 1/2			
Belblehem	89	N. W. A., Sydney	5		1	3			32	2 10 4 1/2			6 9 3	2 6			
Britannia	91	Windsor	5		1	1			35	4 10 9			9 16 10 1/2	4 6			
Kellogg	93	Guy'sborough	4		1				26	1 17 10			2 17 3	1 11			
*Rising Star	94	Bridgewater	6		4				26	5 7 0			2 17 3	5 4			
Nelson	95	Paradise	4		2				44	5 9 10			3 17 5	4 3 1/2			
Athenaeum	96	Halifax	11		1	1			14	6 19 9			1 4 11 1/2	7 0			
Evening Star	97	Lunenburg	1		2				1	4 11 1/2							
North	99	Wilmot Mount	2		1				1	4 11 1/2							
Invincible	100	Aylesford	2		1				1	4 11 1/2							
Young Men's	101	Yarmouth	2		1				1	4 11 1/2							
Kingston	102	Lawrencetown	6		1				1	4 11 1/2							
Wilmot	103	Canso	4		2				1	4 11 1/2							
Garland	105	Cornwallis	4		2				1	4 11 1/2							
Friendship	106	Nappan	11		2	1			1	4 11 1/2							
Compey	107	Amherst	14		2	1			1	4 11 1/2							
Victoria Mines	108	Nictaux Falls	17	59	118	7	74	30	14	3298	£511 9 7 1/2	£197 9 6	£2415 10 7 1/2	£23 13 6	£11 0 39	115	2

*No Returns.

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OF
THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

GRAND DIVISION ROOM,
Shelburne, Jan'y 26, 1853. }

The Grand Division opened in due form, the G. W. P. Rev. George Christie in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., Rev. George Christie.

G. S. Wm. Scott.

G. T. M. G. Black, jr.

Absent—G. W. A. C. B. Naylor.

G. Chap. Rev. Dr. Cramp.

G. C. Charles Blanchard.

G. Sen. G. G. Gray.

P. G. W. P. W. M. Brown.

Their places were filled respectively by Brother Charles Pinkney, G. W. A.—E. Creelman, G. C.,—B. Gardner, G. Chap.,—R. McIntosh, G. Sen. *pro tem*—P. G. W. P. W. Burrill.

Prayer by G. W. P.

The G. W. P. appointed the Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductor and G. Scribe, Committee on Credentials, who reported those of the following brethren correct :

Concord Division, No. 5. P. W. P. Robert Hogg,
Roseway " " 25. " Benj. Gardner, G. H. Dein-
stadt, Joshua Snow, Thomas Johnston, George Snyder,
Harvey Doane, Rufus Crowell, W. P. A. McNaughton.

Prince of Wales No. 30. P. W. P. John McKenna, L. N. Young.

Milton No. 4. P. W. P. Nelson Gardner, J. B. Dane, Joseph Shaw, Thomas Brady, Wm. Burrill, Robert Smith, Z. Corning, Thomas Dane, John Richards, Nelson Corning, Wm. Bancroft, Isaac R. Chute, Joseph Burrill, James M. Mullen, James Hopkink, W. C. Williams.

Star No. 49. P. W. P. Joshua Chadsey, Enos Locke, Joseph Freeman.

Chedabucto No. 93. P. W. P. H. R. Cunningham, S. Campbell, E. H. Francheville.

Victoria No. 10. P. W. P. John Aberdeen.

Queen's Own No. 54. P. W. P. J. N. S. Marshall, John Campbell, James Barss, W. S. Jacobs, T. R. Patillo, W. M. Starr, Charles Morse, J. W. Cobb, W. Jackson, James Park, Octavis Payzant, Wm. Davis, John Blair.

Central No. 2. P. W. P. C. Pinkney, R. Brown, T. Crowell.

Clements Arch No. 86. W. P. W. B. Crowell.

Which report was adopted.

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Brethren who were duly initiated:—

Joshua Snow,
Harvey Doane,
B. Crowell,
Joshua Chadsey,
A. McNaughton,
Dr. Snyder,
Thomas Johnston,
Enos Locke,
Joseph Freeman,
W. B. Crowell,
John Aberdeen,

The G. W. P. appointed the following Committees.
Committee on Communications—Brothers Hogg, McNaughton and Johnston.

Committee on Appeals—E. Locke, B. Gardner, W. B. Crowell,

Committee on State of the Order—Grand Treasurer, Joseph Burrill and Snow.

Auditing Committee—E. Creelman, Doane and Snyder.

The Grand Scribe handed in a report from the Finance Committee appointed at the annual session. On motion it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed at the late annual Session to enquire into the financial affairs of the Grand Division report as follows:—

Some misunderstanding and difficulty have been experienced,

which may be thus explained : then appears to be on the books of the Grand Scribe charges for property of the Grand Division, furnished by him to several Deputies, for the use of the Divisions under their jurisdiction ; in some instances the receipt of this property has been denied. and in other instances the Deputies, when applied to for payment, have asserted that payment for the articles had been forwarded with the order. Your Committee are of opinion, that the articles in question may have been forwarded as directed, but that miscarriages may have occurred in consequence of sending by private conveyance, instead of by mail or express, and there is no means of tracing the property in consequence of the absence of any regular record of the correspondence of the late Grand Scribes. Your Committee would recommend that in all cases, property of the Grand Division, ordered by Subordinate Divisions, should be sent by public conveyance, unless other directions are given, and that the understanding should be, that the risk of transit is incurred by the Divisions ordering.

Another cause of dissatisfaction has been the want of accuracy and system, in keeping the accounts of the Grand Division with the subordinate Divisions, and Deputies. Your committee are pleased to learn, that the present Grand Scribe has taken measures for securing greater efficiency in these matters for the future ; and they would impress upon the Grand Division the necessity of the strictest attention being given to the examination of the Books and Accounts of their Grand Officers during the interim between the several Sessions ; the present financial embarrassment may be attributed to neglect in this particular. This advice is not given in reference to present officers, but as a general caution respecting all such transactions.

It has been the practice, to a considerable extent, for the subordinate Divisions, or the Deputies under whose jurisdiction they were placed, to retain the percentages and other remittances for the Grand Division in their hands, to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe by the representatives at or after the opening of the Session ; in some cases this perhaps cannot well be avoided, but your Committee think that greater accuracy would be secured if these remittances were in the hands of the Grand Scribe at least a week before the meeting of the Session, as it would enable him to have his accounts in a state of greater forwardness, and a more perfect report as to the condition and prospects of the Order, than would under other circumstances be possible.

The following is an exhibit of the liabilities and assets of the Grand Division :

Balance of debt due National Division	£40	18	3
Due to ditto for Travelling Cards	1	0	0
“ Athenæum Office	4	19	9
“ J. Bowes & Son (July Session)	7	0	0
“ R. Nugent	0	6	0
“ B. N. American Office	0	5	0
“ J. Bowes & Son, printing Journals } annual Session }	5	15	0

Due to Athenæum Office, printing Peti- } tions, &c.	3	18	8
“ W. Grant	0	16	6
“ Alpin Grant	0	4	0
“ Grand Scribe, Quarter’s Salary	7	10	0
“ B. G. Page	0	4	0
Total Liabilities	£72	17	2

ASSETS.

Due by E. G. W. Greenwood	£6	0	0
In Treasurer’s hands	10	13	10
Debt’s due, known to be good	0	12	9
Stock in hand	5	0	0
	£22	6	7
Deficiency	£50	10	7

The present income of the Grand Division cannot be stated at more than £110 per annum; some Divisions have, since the annual meeting, surrendered their charters; but few new members are joining, and there is not at present much probability of many new charters being called for. The expenditure, taking past years as a guide, may be estimated as follows:

Percentage to National Division	£5	0	0
Salary of Grand Scribe	30	0	0
Travelling expenses of Officers	70	0	0
Printing, say	30	0	0
	£135	0	0

This exceeds the whole annual income of the Grand Division by about £30. It is obvious that the present rate of expenditure cannot go on without speedily involving the Grand Division in debt and difficulty; the Committee would therefore suggest, whether some saving might not be effected in some of the items of expenditure. If only those of the Grand Officers whose attendance is absolutely requisite for conducting the business of the session, attended, a saving might be effected of perhaps £30. The number of Journals and other printing items might be reduced to bring that service to about £20. The expenditure would then be within the income, leaving however the old debt unprovided for. Your Committee might suggest as a mode of extinguishing this debt, the reduction of the number of sessions. The Grand Division of Canada West, which has a greater number of Divisions under its jurisdiction, than that of Nova Scotia, has but two sessions per annum, and it has a considerable surplus of funds in hand. Your Committee are quite aware that this is a matter that can only be decided on at the annual session, but might be considered by the brethren present at the quarterly session, whose views might be of influence on the deliberations of the annual meeting in October.

Your Committee state these suggestions concerning attendance of Grand Officers, and number of Grand Sessions, without recommending the changes. If other means can be devised, these would not be advisable. The attendance at meetings of the Grand Division, is of consequence, as regards appearance and influence; and the Quarterly meetings are calculated to have excellent effect in the localities where they are held. Exigencies may demand a reduction of our display, but the noble cause in which we are engaged, and the aspect of the times, require renewed exertions and the zealous occupation of a greatly extended field of action. Praying that an overruling Providence may wisely direct the deliberations of the Brotherhood, on these and other objects of most serious consideration, we remain in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

CHARLES B. NAYLOR, Chairman.
J. S. THOMPSON,
WILLIAM L. BELL.

The Grand Scribe submitted several Communications for G. W. A. and others, which were referred to the respective Committees.

On motion the G. D. was adjourned to meet again at half-past 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, }
Shelburne, Jan'y 26. }

The Grand Division was opened in due form. Roll of Officers called. Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. T. Absent—G. W. A., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sen., P. G. W. P. The vacancies filled same as in the morning session.

Prayer by G. W. P.

The G. Conductor announced Bro. G. H. DeinStadt in waiting, who was introduced and duly initiated.

Minutes of morning session read and approved. The G. W. P. submitted his Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on the state of the Order.

REPORT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Worthy Brothers,—Being now met in quarterly session, it becomes my duty to address you on those matters, which as members of the Grand Division, necessarily claim our attention.

Since entering upon the office which I hold, it has been my object, to acquaint myself, as extensively as possible, with the State of the Order throughout the Province—hoping, thus, to be prepared for

offering such suggestions as might be worthy of the attention of the Grand Division. In this I have not been so successful as I hoped. From such information, however, as I have been able to glean, I am reluctantly led to the conclusion that the Order is making comparatively little progress in the Province, generally.

This I attribute, chiefly, to the want of a suitable Agent to visit the Divisions, and lecture on the subject of Temperance, in the localities where Divisions are situated. The want of a competent person for such duties has already been acknowledged by the Grand Division. And, encouraged by the promise of a number of subordinate Divisions to contribute toward the expenses of such an Agent, a committee was appointed, at the last annual meeting, to secure the services of a suitable person. In this the Committee have not yet been successful.

There is reason to believe that another serious drawback may be found in the lukewarmness of brothers who exert themselves less earnestly than heretofore to forward the cause. Some of the D. G. W. P.'s are apparently unwilling to make the sacrifices which a proper discharge of their duties might require. This arises probably to some extent from diminished interest in the cause of temperance generally. But we fear that it may in a great measure be attributed to the neglect of subordinate Divisions to assist and encourage the Deputies. On this point I could have spoken with more certainty had all the D. G. W. P.'s favored me, as they should have done, with a report of the state of the Divisions under their charge.

Referring to the above-named officers, there is another matter which I can only notice with deep regret, viz.: the fact that from a considerable number of Divisions no returns have been forwarded to the Grand Scribe, on account of which his Return must necessarily be imperfect.

The present G. W. P. is strongly of the opinion that the number of Deputies has been injuriously multiplied. The design of this of course has been to lesson their labour. But it has also taken from the office that consideration to which it is entitled, and deprived Divisions of the advantage of having occasional visits from one who visiting other Divisions would be able to report circumstances favorable or unfavorable which might be turned to profitable account. It may also be here stated that Divisions do not understand what is most for their own interests while they show an anxiety to have one of their own members commissioned as D. G. W. P. merely that he may perform the duties of that officer in their own Division.

While endeavoring to point out some of the circumstances which are likely to have an influence upon the prosperity of our cause, it seems improper to overlook entirely the subject of Finance. The larger portion of expulsions from the Order have for their cause "non payment of dues." This should not be taken as an indication of poverty, but still as it shows an unwillingness to continue to contribute the amount required by our Constitution, it implies that our present financial basis *may* be imperfect, viewed as a part of a system aiming at a great moral reformation. My own views I shall not at

present present. I content myself with bringing it under your notice reminding the Grand Division that should they entertain any decided opinions on the subject they should not fail to bring them before the National Division at its next meeting, when the subject will be up for discussion and possibly for revision.

I conclude with expressing my earnest desire that our present meeting may tend to the furtherance of the cause in behalf of which we here assemble, and that we may be instrumental in promoting the true interests of our fellow beings both for time and eternity.

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

GEORGE CHRISTIE, G.W.P.

SHELburnE, Jan'y. 26th 1853.

The G. Scribe submitted his Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on state of the Order :

REPORT.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers :

In submitting this my first Report to this Grand Division, it is to be regretted and deplored that the affairs of this office have not been handed over to me in a less deranged and better condition; for notwithstanding the efforts made by the late acting Grand Scribe to bring up back work, of a necessity much was left undone, and it has fallen to my lot to commence a system by which the affairs of this office will be in future more easily investigated, and the records placed in a train of being more correctly kept. When the present officers came into office, they found the G. D. in debt to the amount of about Forty Pounds, independent of a portion of the debt due to the N. D. not liquidated, and as a matter of necessity it became them to pursue rigid economy in all the affairs of the G. D., that at the end of their term matters might present a different aspect. I have endeavoured to obtain such information as would enable me to give a full report of the state of the Order, but regret that with one or two honorable exceptions, the Deputies written to, have not even replied to the communications forwarded them, and as a matter of course I cannot do that justice to myself or the G. D. that the cause requires; and unless more particular attention is paid to forwarding the quarterly Returns to this office in time for the general Return, it will not be in the power of any G. Scribe to exhibit such a statement as must be desirable for the prosperity of our organization. No brother should accept an office who does not intend fully to perform the duties and responsibilities required of him, knowing how much Temperance depends upon the machinery of the Order working well. I herewith submit as full and correct a report of the operations of the respective subordinate Divisions, under this Grand Division, as the Returns received will permit, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1852.

ABSTRACT FROM RETURNS.

Number of Working Divisions	83
“ Initiated	142
“ admitted by Card	16

Number admitted by Dispensation	18
“ Withdrawn	59
“ Rejected	2
“ Suspended	59
“ Reinstated	30
“ Expelled by Violation	63
“ “ Non-payment of Dues	55
“ violated Pledge 1st time	74
“ signed over	25
“ violated 2nd time	14
“ Deaths	7
“ Contributing members	3298
Total Receipts for the quarter	£511 9 7½
“ paid for Benefits	197 9 6
“ per centage on Fees and Dues	22 7 6
“ Amount Cash in hand	2415 10 7½

Returns have been received from the following Divisions for the quarter ending 30th September, 1852:—Paradise, Nelson, North, Iron Age, Herald and Prince of Wales.

Returns for the quarter ending 31st December, 1852, have not been received from the following Divisions:—Avon, No. 12, Coldstream No. 20, Roseway No. 25, Cape Breton No. 27, Medway 31, Cumberland 35, Archangel 90, Grand Pré 47, Hantsport 62, Caledonia 65, Sydney, C. B. 70, Elysium 77, Bethlehem 89, Britannia, 91, Nelson 95, North 99.

It is much to be regretted that subordinate Divisions do not attend more strictly to their duty in forwarding the quarterly Returns; but whether the fault lays with them or the Deputies, is beyond my power to state, although from what experience I have had since assuming this office, it is apparent that much apathy exists on both sides, and it appears inexplicable that no returns have been received from Windsor, where several Divisions are located, and which has a daily mail to the city.

The following Divisions are not working:—Prince William 29, Albion 33, Minas 42, Smitten Rock 53, Rock 63, Pioneer 64, Columbia 73, Greenwood 78, Father Matthew 85, Rising Star 94. The latter Division has intimated its intention of surrendering.

Since the Annual Session the following Divisions have surrendered:—Douglasville 48, Mahone Bay 66, Mariner's 69. There are several charters belonging to Divisions which have surrendered previously, and not handed into this office, but which should have been—and parties having them in possession, are requested to do so. The above Divisions had presented a sickly appearance for some time, and a surrender of their charters was to be expected, not having sufficient members to work them. But to contra this there are two petitions handed in for new Charters, respectably signed, and with every appearance of becoming bright stars in the Order.

Although the Order has not progressed so much as its ardent friends could wish, yet it has taken a hold upon the minds of the people, that will not be easily shaken, and its future march must be upward and onward until the star of Temperance shines brightly in

every hamlet in the Province. Most encouraging accounts have been received from various quarters in reference to the Petitions to be presented to the Legislature; while in other parts many of our friends are halting, because they imagine that the time for such a law as the Main Law, has not arrived, and therefore do not lend their aid. This should not be. Temperance men must unite and boldly take a firm stand, or they never can succeed. The time for moral suasion has passed by, and when we see melancholy evidence of the victims swallowed up in the gulf of intemperance, and descending into an untimely grave, we cannot but lend our aid to destroy a traffic which ends in ruin and misery to thousands of our fellow beings—and therefore trust that the people will show to the Legislature that they are really desirous of having this law passed, and that they are fully determined to carry it into effect when passed. I would also press upon this G. Division the necessity of obtaining a first rate man as an Agent and Lecturer, to visit the Divisions and lecture in the different localities. All the Subordinate Divisions seem anxious to have this matter carried into effect, and have accordingly appropriated sums for that purpose. Since the Annual Session the following appropriations have been made:—Mayflower Division, 20s.; Howard, 60s.; Avondale, 40s.; Harmony, 20s.; Agricola, 20s.; Union, 50s.; Coldstream (in addition) 50s.; Aurora, 20s.; Star in the East, 40s.; Herald, 20s.

An incalculable amount of good has been done in New Brunswick, by an authorised Agent visiting the Divisions, healing breeches, reviving and re-animating drooping spirits, and infusing new life and vigor into the whole Order; having reaped so much benefit, they have re-engaged their able and talented Agent. The Grand Division of Canada West has under its jurisdiction 400 Subordinate Divisions, and employs two Agents and Lecturers; the good that would result to the Order in this Province from such an Officer being employed, is beyond calculation, and the anxious eyes of many of the Divisions are turned towards us, in expectation of so desired an end being attained.

I cannot conclude this official communication to this Grand Division without expressing a hope that the several Divisions will look sharper after their affairs, and that the returns will not be handed into this office, so carelessly filled up, as many of them have been during the past quarter, and without the seal of the Division attached. If it is necessary to have all these particulars attended to, the proper officer does not do his duty unless he insists upon them being adhered to. Several communications have been forwarded to me for the decision of the G. D. which shall be submitted for that purpose. And in conclusion, I trust that having manifested a desire to have the duties of this office faithfully performed, that the Returns and other documents will be forwarded to me in such season as to enable me to do so—and invoking the blessing of him who alone can aid and prosper our cause, I respectfully submit this in I. P. & F.

WILLIAM SCOTT,
Grand Scribe.

The G. Treasurer and G. Scribe submitted their Accounts, which were referred to the Aud. Committee.

On motion,

Resolved,—That a notice from Roseway Division 25, appropriating two pounds towards Lecturer and Agency Fund, be added to Grand Scribe's Report by way of agenda.

The G. Scribe submitted a question from the W. P. of Micmac Division. On motion, he was directed to inform the brother that no W.P. had a right to vote out of the chair, and only to give the casting vote when in it.

The G.D. then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

MORNING SESSION.

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, }
Shelburne, Jan'y 27, 1853. }

The G. Division opened in due form. Roll of officers called. Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer. Absent—G. W. A., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sen., P GWP.

The G.W.P. filled the vacancies same as yesterday. Prayer by G.W.P.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

An application having been made by Harmony Division, for a Dispensation to elect their P.W.P.'s as representatives to the G. D., they having neglected to do so at the Constitutional period. On motion, the Dispensation was granted.

The Committee on Communications reported as follows:—

The Committee on Communications beg leave to report, 1st. On the Petition of Prince of Wales Division, No. 30. And would recommend that all Subordinate Divisions pay their own postage to and from the Grand Division. 2nd. The report of the Committee (signed W. M. Brown and William L. Bell) of enquiry relative to the accounts of the late Grand Scribe—and do beg leave to recommend that the prayer of the report be granted by allowing the time requested.

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

ROBERT HOGG,
A. McNAUGHTON,
THOS. JOHNSTON.

SHELburne, Jan'y. 27th 1853.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Communications submitted a Special Report, as follows:—

A Special Report of the Committee on Communications beg leave to report that they have examined the communications that have passed between Brother Vidito, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and the Grand Scribe, and would recommend as follows—that a commission having been granted to Brother Starratt for North and Paradise Division, but as we have reason to think, from information obtained from the G. Scribe, that his commission has not yet reached him, and his Credentials having not yet come to hand, we would recommend, that it be revoked and that a commission be granted to Brother Vidito with jurisdiction over North, Nelson, and Paradise Divisions as formerly, or any other that may now or hereafter exist in that district, and, that the Grand Scribe be requested to define the duties of Deputies, Brother Vidito having evidently misunderstood the nature of the resolution passed at the July session in Liverpool to which he refers, and why too many should not be appointed in any one district. Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

ROBERT HOGG.
A. McNAUGHTON.
WILLIAM BURRILL,
THOS. JOHNSTON.

SHELBURNE,
27th January, 1853.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the state of the Order submitted the following Report:—

The Committee appointed to report on the state of the Order, feel considerable difficulty in furnishing the information required, owing to the absence of returns, from not less than sixteen of the Subordinate Divisions, for the Quarter ending Decr. 1852 This neglect is much to be regretted, inasmuch as the Grand Division cannot work efficiently unless their rules are adhered to, by the Deputies, and officers of Subordinate Divisions.

The Committee desire to express their convictions, that notwithstanding the many discouragements incident to a good cause, still the Order is in a position to attempt further progress. And they have strong hope, that under the judicious management of the Officers now acting, before their term expires, a great improvement will be both seen and felt in the Order generally. It is matter of regret that subordinate Divisions do not more fully appreciate the benefits arising from the meetings of the Grand Division and show their interest by sending Delegates to those meetings. The fact of the present session being held at Shelburne, affords some excuse for the absence of Representatives—when the bad state of the roads and the situation of the Town are considered; but if the proper feeling were exhibited by members generally, the meetings of the Grand Division would be productive of more good than has hitherto been felt.

The Committee regret to observe that defections from the ranks

of the Sons are apparent: "many have forgotten their sacred vows, and yielding to accursed temptation, in an evil hour have given themselves over bond-slaves to their old captivity. We do not deny that such betrayal hurts our cause; let those rejoice over it that will. Every brother so falling away not only breaks his solemn vow and enslaves himself afresh, but puts off the day of deliverance to other captives, strengthens the hands that forge the chains, and blocks the car of emancipation."

"Others still have left our fraternity for other causes—some, doubtless, from motives that do them no dishonour. Some, perhaps, wearying of so rigid a self-restraint, or unworthily influenced by personal enmities, or charmed no longer by novelty, or piqued at fancy slights, and not a few as the penalty of mere negligence, or want of thrift, in meeting the trifling taxes which ensure them the pecuniary aid of the Order in time of sickness and disability. If any of these classes are satisfied to have no more part in so good an enterprise, the greater loss we think is theirs."

The committee suggest, that as the funds of the Grand Division are still in a low state it will afford matter for serious consideration whether it will not be better for a year or two to have Semi-annual instead of Quarterly Sessions thereby saving considerable expense—and this arrangement could the better be afforded, if the Committee (appointed for the purpose) are successful in procuring a Lecturer and Agent whose visits to the several Divisions, would be of more benefit to the Order, than the quarterly sessions, as only four localities can have that privilege in one year, while the Agent might visit all the Divisions. Action cannot be taken on this subject, except at the annual session, but your committee feel that they will be excused for now referring to the matter. It may appear inconsistent to deprecate the apathy respecting these quarterly meetings and then recommend two instead of four, but the committee feel convinced that the expense incident to a meeting of the Grand Division is more than equivalent to the good done at present from the small attendance of Delegates.

With respect to the report of the G.W.P. referred to this committee, they fully agree that great need is felt throughout the Province for stated visits of an Agent to the several Divisions, believing that those Divisions which have surrendered their charters, and others in a languid state, would now be in good working order, had they been visited by a man of judgement and zeal during the past year. The Committee are aware of the difficulty of procuring a suitable person, but would still urge the necessity of such appointment. They are fully impressed with the necessity there is for Deputies to be more careful of the interests of the Grand Division in securing prompt returns, and concur with the G. W. P. that the number of Deputies is too large. The Committee forbear entering upon the subject of Finances as alluded to in the report of the G. W. P. not having sufficient information at present, to enable them to form an opinion.

The Committee concur in the views which the Grand Scribe (whose report has also been submitted to them) has taken respecting

the mis-management in the operations of his predecessors in office. Such a lack of attention on the part of an officer from whom so much is expected, is deplorable, and we have seen that a want of integrity has entailed upon our Order an amount of liability which taxes anew our contributing members, or at least leaves this body in an embarrassed condition. That our present G. Scribe will, by his exertions improve the condition of the G. D. can scarcely be doubted, for the laudable steps which he has taken in the outset to secure a compliance with the Rules of the Order, shew that the work has fallen into competent hands.

This Report is submitted in L. P. & F.

(Signed)

M. G. BLACK JR.
JOSEPH BURRILL.
JOSHUA SNOW.

Shelburne, 27th Jan'y, 1853.

Which was adopted.

The Auditing Committee handed in the following Report:—

REPORT.

The Auditing Committee having examined the various documents referred to them, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee have examined the Accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The following sums appear to be due, for which provision should be made:—

William Grant	£0	16	6
J. Bowes & Son	5	15	0
A. Grant	0	4	0
Athenæum Office	3	18	8
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	£10	14	2

The Committee have much pleasure in stating that they are much gratified in the manner in which the Accounts of G. Scribe and G. Treasurer are kept.

E. CREELMAN,
HARVEY DOANE,
GEO. SNYDER.

SHELburne, Jan'y 27, 1853.

On motion, it was adopted.

The G. Division then adjourned until half-past 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, }
SHELburne, JAN'y 27. }

The G. Division opened in due form. Roll of officers called. Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sen., P.G.W.P.

The G. W. P. filled the vacancies same as in the morning.

Prayer by G. W. P.

The G. Scribe offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Brother Doane, and passed unanimously:

Whereas it is desirable that the debt due to the National Division be fully liquidated, before the meeting of that body at its Annual Session in June next.

Therefore Resolved, That those Divisions who have not yet contributed towards defraying the debt due to the N. D., be particularly requested to forward such sums to the G. Scribe as they can afford, towards that object, and that those Divisions who have already responded to the call, be requested to vote a small sum in addition to their former grant, that this desirable object may be attained.

On motion of G. Treasurer, seconded by P. G. W. P. Burrill:

Whereas it appears that there are sums entered in the books of the late G. Scribe, against parties, which cannot be collected for want of proof: Be it therefore Resolved, that the G. Scribe have leave to square up all accounts dated previously to October, 1852.

A communication was read from Clements Arch Division, relative to offering premiums for Essays for Temperance Tracts.

On motion, G.W.A. C. B. Naylor, W. L. Bell, and J. S. Thompson, were re-appointed the Financial Committee for the ensuing quarter.

On motion of G. Scribe, seconded by Bro. Gardner:

Resolved,—That 250 copies of the Journal of this quarterly Session be printed.

On motion of Bro. Joseph Burrill, seconded by Bro. Snyder:

Resolved, That the G. W. P., G. Scribe and G. Treasurer's expenses attending this Session, be paid.

Brother Joseph Butrill offered the following motion, seconded by Bro. Snow:

Resolved, In order to economise, and for the interests of this Grand Division, that it be recommended, that the expenses of the G.W. P. (or G.W. A. when acting G.W.P.) G. Scribe and G. Treasurer, only be paid for the next two terms.

The following Accounts were passed and ordered to be paid :—

William Grant . . .	£0 16 6
J. Bowes & Son . .	5 15 0
A. Grant	0 4 0
Athenæum Office. .	3 18 8
	£10 14 2

On motion of P. G. W. P. Burrill, seconded by G. Treasurer :

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. D. be given to Roseway Division, No. 25, for the use of the Room.

Passed unanimously.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

The G. D. then closed to meet at Lunenburg, on Wednesday, April 27th, next, at 10 a.m.

The Grand Division of Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, in account with M. G. Black, Jr.

		Dr.
1852.		
Novr. 1.	To Cash paid Athenæum Office	£23 8 3½
	Do. G. Chaplain's expenses	4 0 0
	Do. G. Sentinel's expenses	4 11 6
	Do. Messenger	1 0 0
26.	Do. R. H. Whetmore, for framing Charter	0 13 9
	Balance to new Account	29 18 10½
		£63 12 5
1852.		Cr.
Novr. 1.	By Cash from late G. Treasurer	£19 5 5
	Do. from Acting G. Scribe	15 7 0
1853.		
Jan'y 11.	Do. from G. Scribe	9 15 0
22.	Do. Do.	16 0 0
27.	Do. Do.	3 5 0
		£63 12 5
1853.		
Jan'y 27.	By Balance on hand	£29 18 10½

N. B. Of this Balance £26 5s. 7d. are reserved for the Debt due National Division. There are also in the G. Treasurer's hands Eight Pounds on account of the Agency Fund.

E. E.
SHELburnE, 27th January, 1853.

M. G. BLACK, JR.
Grand Treasurer.

*Grand Division Sons of Temperance, in account with
Grand Scribe.*

		Dr.	£ s. d.
1852.	Octr. 27.	For Cash on account of debt due to N. D. from } P. W. P. Howard Division	i 10 0
	27.	Do. from North Division - - - - -	1 0 0
		Do. Paradise Division, 20s.; Oak, 20s.; Truro, 40s.	4 0 0
		Do. Lunenburg, 20s.; Evening Star, 20s.	2 0 0
		Do. Cumberland, 30s.; Kellogg, 10s.; Mechanics 20s.	3 0 0
		Do. Wilmot, 36—20s.; Walton, 20s.; Britannia, 10s.	2 10 0
		Do. Chester, 20s.; Pugwash, 20s.; Agricola, 10s.	2 10 0
		Do. Soiree Committee, 40s.; Mainmast, 20s. - - -	3 0 0
		Percentages for September Quarter:—	
		Paradise Division, 5s. 7½d.; Nelson, 1s. 9d. -	0 7 4½
		Iron Age, 3s. 6d.; Pugwash, 2s. 9½d.; Herald, 3s. 1d	0 9 4½
		North, 6s. 3d.; Wallace, 5s. 4½d.; Concord, 4s. 2d	0 15 9½
		Prince of Wales, 1s. 11½d.; Harmony, 6s. 4d. -	0 8 3½
	Octr. 25.	From Dr. Woodberry - - - - -	1 11 0
		Rev. A. S. Hunt, for percentages - - - - -	0 13 0
	Decr. 4.	Athenæum Division, in full - - - - -	0 7 0
	8.	Howard Division, for Officers' Cards, &c. - - -	0 8 0
	29.	H. R. Cunningham, for Cards, &c. for Wilmot Div.	0 7 0
1853.	Jan'y 12.	Rev. E. Ross, for Cards and Blank Returns for Div.	0 12 0
		Coldstream Division for Agency Fund - - - - -	5 0 0
		Aurora Division, No. 70, Do. - - - - -	1 0 0
	12.	Wallace Division Returns, 1 doz. - - - - -	0 3 0
		Lalla Rookh Returns, 1 doz. - - - - -	0 3 0
		Mainmast Division Dispensation Fees - - - - -	0 5 0
	19.	Star in the East, 61, for Agency Fund - - - - -	2 0 0
		Blue Book and Cards Clements Arch - - - - -	0 10 0
	22.	W. A. S. Blewitt, 2 doz. Cards - - - - -	0 12 0
		Travelling and Withdrawal Cards to Sundries -	1 6 0
		Blank Returns and Officers' Cards to Do. - - -	0 17 0
	27.	Cards and Blank Returns - - - - -	0 3 6
		Percentages for present quarter - - - - -	23 13 6
			<hr/> £61 2 7
1852.		Cr.	
	Octr. 27.	Paid Freight of Package from Boston - - - - -	£0 3 7½
		Postages for Quarter - - - - -	0 8 3½
		Grand Treasurer per receipt - - - - -	15 7 0
	15.	For Certificate for Cape Breton Division, at Pro- vincial Secretary's Office, the money having been remitted to late Grand Scribe	0 5 0
1853.	Jan'y 12.	Paid G. Treasurer on account Agency Fund - - -	5 0 0
		Do. (Debt) - - - - -	9 15 0
		Ink, Paper, &c. - - - - -	0 1 2
	15.	D.G.W.P. Hunt's expenses and postage of Returns	0 5 0
	22.	Grand Treasurer for Agency Fund - - - - -	3 0 0
		Do Do. on account of Debt - - - - -	16 0 0
	26.	Do. Do. Do. - - - - -	3 5 0
	27.	Grand Scribe's Salary, 1 qr. - - - - -	7 10 0
			<hr/> £61 0 1
		Balance due G. D.	0 2 6