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#### QUARTERLY SESSION-

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT, Jan'y 25, 1865.

THE Grand Division met in Rising Sun Division Room, at 7 o'clock, P.M., and opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the chair.

Roll of Officers called:

#### PRESENT.

Dr. Wm. E. McRobert, G.W.P. Patrick Monaghan, G. Scribe. Henry A. Taylor, G. Treas. John McLearn, G. Con.

#### ABSENT.

Stephen Selden, G.W.A. Rev. J. O. Ruggles, G. Chap. G. W. Delano, G. Sent. Rev. I. J. Skinner, P.G.W.P.

Vacancies were filled by Bros. John Heenan, G.W.A.; Rev. J. McLeod, G. Chap.; Wm. Murray, G. Sent.; Rev. A. McArthur, P.G.W.P.

The following Report was read and adopted:

Halifax, January 21, 1865.

The Standing Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the undermentioned representatives, and find them correct: MILTON, No. 4.-W.P., James Burrill.

Union, No. 6 .- W.P., Edmund Rolan.

CHEBUCTO, No. 7.—W.P., William T. Forbes.

MAYFLOWER, No. 9.—W.P., Samuel Foster.

Avon, No. 12.-W.P., Joshua Smith.

ORIENTAL, No. 16.—W.P., John McLeod; P.W.P., Francis Beattie.

ROSEWAY, No. 25.—W.P., Joseph Collic. Chester, No. 32.—W.P., James Smith.

ROYAL, No. 37.—W.P., James H. Morehouse; P.W.P., J. H. More.

TRURO DIVISION, No. 41.—W.P., J. W. Killor; P.W.P.'s, Geo. Reading, Robt. Chambers, L. J. Walker, Saml. Pettie, W. Cummings, A. J. Walker, Richd. Craig, Almon Berry, Chas. H. Blair, J. B. McCully.

OLIVE BRANCH, No. 44.-W.P., James Shaw.

STAR, No. 49.—W.P., Enos Locke.

RISING SUN, No. 52.—W.P., Rev. John Teasdale; P.W.P., Wm. Cumminger.

Rock, No. 63.—P.W.P., Geo. Frieze.

LAKE, No. 71.—W.P., Charles Bishop.

WALLACE, No. 75.—W.P., Samuel H. Morse.

CHEDABUCTO, No. 93.—John J. Mellish; P.W.P.'s, H. R. Cunningham, James Tory, Joseph Hart, Alex. Tory, Abner Hart, John Cunningham, Christopher Hart.

ATHENÆUM, No. 96.—W.P., Thos. Clarke.

NORTH, No. 99.—W. P., James R. Murray; P. W. P.'s, Joseph Graves, John Charlton, Rev. P. F. Murray, Phineas Graves, Uriah Johnston, James Dunn, James Charlton, John Lent, Ainsley Brenton.

FRIENDSHIP, No. 106.—W. P., Robert Brooks; P. W. P., John Roach, Amos Blenkhorn, Thos. Roach, Thos. Blenkhorn,

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WOLFVILLE, No. 112.—W.P., Andrew Johnson.

RECHAB, No. 119.—W.P., Caleb Burgess.

VESPER, No. 124.—W.P., Robert Davis.

ROCKLIN, No. 129.—W. P., A. Sutherland; P. W. P.'s, Robert Fraser, A. Murray, D. McLeod, Jas. McLeod, Robert Sutherland, Alex. Fraser, W. H. Fraser, W. Sutherland.

PITTACUS, No. 132 .- W.P., Geo H. Jenkins.

ARCTIC, No. 140.-W.P., David Murry; P.W.P.'s, Charles Ruggles, George Walsh, G. Coggin, Alfred Peters, M. Peters.

WRITE ROSE, No. 142.—W.P., Alfred Atkinson; P.W.P.'s, D. J. Taylor, J. A. Fulton, Caleb Lewis, J. C. Taylor, John S. Taylor, Stephen Ruscoe, Joseph Atkinson, W. McLennen.

Tyro, No. 145 .- W.P., George Bailey.

HOPE, No. 154:-W.P., William Aymer.

COBEQUID, No. 155.—W.P., J. B. Layton.

LIFE-BOAT, No. 158 .- W.P., Amaziah Smith.

WESTERN STAR, No. 161 .- W.P., Charles Haines; P. W. P.'s. Nicholas Haines, Robert Haines, James Parry, William Brine, Isaiah Chambers.

Welsford, No. 168.—Isaac L. Barnhill; P. W. P.'s, P. McKenzie, Allen Forbes, A. Kirkpatrick, C. Snider, Rev. J. McLean, James McHeffy, J. B. Fraser, C. Fraser.

ISLAND HOME, No. 170.-W.P., John P. Graham.

SHEERBROOKE, No. 173 .- W.P., Edward O'Neil; P.W.P., Joseph Lantz.

New Era, No. 179.—James Mulhall.

GREEN TREE, No. 180.—Gorham Freeman; P.W.P., Bennet Freeman.

RAY OF HOPE, No. 186.—Wm. Condon.

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GREEN VALE, No. 193. - P. W. P.'s, Rev. S. B. Martin, Isaac Gaetz, Geo. McKinley, Wm. Anderson, Alex. Gibson.

TANGIER, No. 194.—W.P., Charles McCutchen. CANNING, No. 196 .- W.P., David Lowden.

RESCUE, No. 199 .- W.P., James Ward.

HALL'S HARBOUR, No. 201.—W.P., E. P. Hamilton. Brooklyn, No. 202.—W.P., Rev. James J. Hill.

WINE HARBOUR, No. 204.-W.P., George Bishop.

WAVERLEY, No. 205,-W.P., Archibald McKinnon.

PRINCE ALFRED, No. 207 .- W.P., James McKeen; P. W. P., John Campbell.

RAY OF LIGHT, No. 208.—W.P., John Lenton.

St. Andrew's, No. 212.—Archibald McGillvray.

Annapolis, No. 215.—Rev. D. S. Gordon.

DAY-SPRING, No. 217 .- W. P., Rev. Jos. G. Angwin; P. W.P.'s, John Forbes, Alex. James, Charles Robson.

CENTREVILLE, No. 218 .- W.P., Alex. McKay.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LANIGAN. JAMES MERLIN.

The Grand Sentinel entered and took his seat.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by Richd. S. Blois, it was roted that lady visitors and members of subordinate Divisions be admitted to the sittings of this session, as spectators.

Grand Scribe read three communications from Athenæum Division, cancelling credentials of representatives. Communications ordered on file, and names of members erased from roll.

Read a communication from Z. Pope Vose, of Rockland, Maine, concerning "Youth's Temperance Visitor." Ordered on file.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following named representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats: -Wm. T. Forbes, of No. 7; A. J. Walker, of No. 41; Rev. James Teasdale, Wm. H. Cumminger, Walter McCardy, John K. Ervin, Wellington Archibald, John Ervin, of No. 52; Robert Davis and John Cochran, of No. 124; Isaac L. Barnhill and J. B. Fraser, of No. 168; Henry McDonald and Peter McDonald, of No. 171.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed following named committees:

On State of the Order: Rev. J. McLeod, Francis Layton, Alex. James, George Butler, P. G. W. P. Wm. M. Brown.

On Communications: P.G.W.I'. J. S. Thompson, P. G.W.A. Rev. N. Gunnison, Francis Beattie.

On Enrollment of Names of Representatives present: Wm. Layton and Henry L. Everett.

Grand Scribe read communication from Grand Division of P. E. Island, on the subject of petitioning for a Charter for a National Division for British North America.

Referred to Committee on Communications.

Wm. Kaulback, of No. 52, being announced in waiting he was obligated in ante room, by the P.G.W.P.,

signed the Constitution, and took his seat.

Grand Scribe read a communication from John Dakin, a member of late Haleyon Division, No. 160, asking that a clearance card be granted him by the Grand Division. On motion a clearance card was granted him.

The accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read and ordered on file.

The following Report was read and adopted:

The standing Auditing and Finance Committee report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, all of which they find to be correct.

The Committee have examined the following accounts, which

they find to be correct, and recommend for payment:

Abstainer Office	\$8.00
S. Selden	40.00
James Bowes & Sons	50.00
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R. & J. Wetmore	

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Halifax, 23rd Jan'y, 1865.

The following Report was read and referred to Committee on State of the Order:

The Agency Committee have much pleasure in being able to report to the Grand Division, in Quarterly Session assembled, that quite a warm interest has been recently awakened among the members of the Order in Halifax, on behalf of the department entrusted to your committee.

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Seeing the necessity for more regular and continued efforts in extending the principles of our Order, and promoting the spread of our benevolent enterprize, a considerable list of subscriptions has been obtained—to be paid half-yearly towards this object. And your committee have therefore been encouraged to engage the services of two brethren who are already in the field. Brother Rev. Mr. McArthur is in Hants County, and will probably proceed into Kings; and brother R. M. Barratt is on a tour in the eastern counties, and Cape Breton, in parts of which there has heretofore been but little, if any, Temperance effort employed, and, where we believe a vast amount of good These brethren have so recently entered on may be done. their work that your committee are unable to inform the Grand Division of the results of their labors; they doubt not, however, that the whole order will be benefitted by knowing that their united contributions are being employed in forwarding the cause of temperance, benevolence and brotherly love.

Your committee would again invite those Divisions which have not yet made an effort to sustain these agencies, to strive to do so as early as convenient. If a list of annual subscribers to the Agency Fund could be made up in each Division, it would give permanency to this movement, which would make it more

and more "the cause of all mankind."

### Respectfully submitted,

S. Selden, Charles Robson, John McMurray, Robt. Noble, Henry A. Taylor.

HALIFAX, Jan. 24, 1865.

William H. Fraser, of Rocklin Division, No. 129, being announced in waiting, he was obligated in the ante room, by the P.G.W.P., signed the Constitution and took his seat.

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

To the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of NOVA SCOTIA.

Officers and Brothers.—

Three months have passed away, and we have commenced upon a new year since we last met in Grand Division; and I feel that we have abundant reason for gratitude and thanksgiving to the great Patriarch above for the manifold mercies vouchsafed to us as an organized body, and for the fostering care which he has been pleased in his great goodness to extend

toward us since our last meeting.

But while we have much cause for thankfulness for the great success with which the Almighty has been pleased to crown our efforts, during the year just brought to a close, many of us must feel self-condemned in view of our coldness or lukewarmness in the good cause which we are banded together to promote. let our past unfaithfulness suffice, and let us as one man on this the first month of the year 1865, gird on our armour and dedicate ourselves anew to the noble work in which we are engaged, that of saving our fellow-men from impending ruin.

It affords me very great pleasure to be able to say (notwithstanding the lukewarmness of many) that perhaps at no period in the history of this Grand Division, have we enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity than we enjoy at the present time. dences of which are found in the institution of New Divisions, the resuscitation of apparently lifeless ones, -the increase of membership, and the healthy condition of our highly praised and eminently useful organ the Abstainer; we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that we owe much of our present prosperity to the influence of this paper; and I feel that the thanks of this Grand Division are due to our worthy Grand Scribe for the very able and efficient manner with which he conducts our organ. I think I may be excused for saying that I felt some degree of pride when I saw the first number of the Abstainer adorned with its And what Son of Temperance does not feel new year's dress. pleased at the important and favourable changes which have taken place in this department of our work, since the Abstainer was first introduced to us with so much difficulty and under the most unfavourable circumstances, by our very worthy brother, P.G.W.P. Rev. Dr. Cramp; at first appearing as a monthly,

then as a semi-monthly, struggling on against fearful odds, receiving insufficient support from its friends and looked upon with indifference by many in the Order; yet steadily and perseveringly has it kept on its mission surmounting every obstacle and overcoming every difficulty, until it has grown strong and powerful in the work, and has assumed the dignified position which the organ of the Sons of Temperance is entitled to occupy. And I would respectfully recommend that this Grand Division bring into operation every legitimate means for a more extended circulation of this valuable paper, believing it to be the most powerful weapon which we possess with which to do battle with the great common enemy—the enemy of all mankind. I do humbly trust that in view of the great responsibility which the Grand Scribe has assumed in reference to this paper, that every brother will see the necessity and feel the importance of individual effort to advance the interest and increase the support of the same.

It is with the liveliest feelings of satisfaction that I have to report that the Agency Committee have been enabled to procure the services of our esteemed and worthy brothers P.G.W.P. Rev. A. McArthur and D.G.W.P., R. M. Barratt to lecture in various sections of the Province. I feel assured that with such labourers in the field we may confidently expect great results, for I believe there are hundreds and thousands in our Province who only require to be made properly acquainted with the object of our mission, to be induced to take hold and help us in our work. And I beg leave to recommend that the Divisions throughout the Province will imitate the praise-worthy example of the Divisions in the city by raising funds in their respective Divisions to aid the Agency Committee in carrying on their missionary work: for we must all feel the importance and absolute necessity (if we would succeed in our mission) of keeping efficient workmen constantly in the field; and this cannot be done without money.

In referring to the License Law, I have to say that whenever it has been rigidly enforced it has proved a complete success, inasmuch as by it we are enabled to provent the sale of Intoxicating liquors as a beverage, in those Sections where no licenses are granted, or else bring those persons who are engaged in the illicit traffic to justice. I sincerely believe that the failure

of the License Law, of which so many complain, is not found to be so much in the working of the Law but because the Law is not properly worked or enforced; and I would respectfully suggest that this Grand Division urge upon the Subordinate Divisions throughout this jurisdiction the importance of a more faithful working of the present License Law, before we ask for any amendments thereto. I would recommend that this Grand Division take into their favourable consideration the subject of establishing, or recommending by circular or otherwise, a regular system for the guidance of Subordinate Divisions, in enforcing the Licenso Law; and urge upon the various Divisions, the importance of hecoming incorporated, to the end that they may be better able to conduct prosecutions against violators of this Law, and call upon all professors of Religion, and all lovers of good order to aid and assist us in suppressing the illicit traffic in intoxicating liquors throughout our Province.

I am not prepared to give a full report of the action taken upon the License question by the various Counties which have held their Courts of General Sessions; but learn that Cumberland County granted Licenses by a majority of one, fourteen voting for and thirteen against it. I am happy to say that no licenses have been granted in Colchester, Shelburne, Digby, Yarmouth, Lunenburg, Queens, Guysborough, and I believe Antigonish, and the East District of Hants, and also in some of the Polling Sections in Kings. Some of the Counties have not yet held their Annual Sessions. I would earnestly request that every information that can be had upon this subject from

every locality be communicated to the Abstainer.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the bonds of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, duly executed, which I hold in my

possession.

You will have submitted for your consideration, a Circular from the Grand Division of P. E. Island, upon the subject of establishing a National Division in British North America. This subject is not new, having been carefully and seriously considered by this Grand Division nine years ago; and I have no doubt this very important matter will receive that consideration at your hands which it demands.

I exceedingly regret that circumstances over which I have had no control, have prevented me from giving to this subject that attention and consideration to which I feel it to be entitled, but hope to be able to devote more time and attention to the good work in the present quarter than I have been able to do in the past. And I may say in conclusion, that I sincerely trust our deliberations will tend to advance the interest of our noble Order throughout this jurisdiction, and more particularly in the community of Middle Musquodoboit.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

W. E. McRobert, G.W.P.

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 Brethren,-

#### NEW DIVISIONS.

I have much pleasure in reporting that since the Annual Meeting two new Divisions have been instituted, viz.:

1. Day-Spring, No. 217, at Dartmouth, on 29th November, by County Deputy, Robert M. Barratt.

2. Centreville, No. 218, at Centreville, King's County, on 6th December, by D.G.W.P. Wm. C. Bill.

#### CHARTER GRANTED.

A Charter has been granted for the institution of a new Division to be located at Ratchford River, Cumberland County.

#### DIVISIONS RESUSCITATED.

It is also with pleasure I have to announce that three old Divisions have been resuscitated, viz.:

1. Truro, No. 41, Truro, on 25th October, 1864.

2. Wilberforce, No. 28, Nictaux, on 19th Dec., 1864.

3. Rocklin, No. 129, West River, Pictou County, on ——instant.

#### CHARTER SURRENDERED.

Evening Star Division, No. 97, located at Lunenburg, has

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Eighty-eight Divisions have sent in Returns for the quarterly term ended December 31, 1864, from which is compiled the following

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

No. Members admitted	460
Rejected	11
Members withdrawn	116
Violated pledge 1st time	161
Reinstated	110
	49
Violated pledge 2d time	25
Expelled	288
Died	13
Whole number on F. Scribe's books	4677
No. Lady Visitors admitted	146
" " withdrawn, died, &c	
Whole No. of Lady Visitors	
No. of Public Temperance Meetings held	
No. of Temperance Documents distributed	
Receipts \$1,635.08\frac{1}{2}	
Expenses, exclusive of benefits 1,259.172	
Paid for benefits 114.40	
Per Capita Tax to G. D	
Cash on hand and invested 9,328.80	

#### RETURNS DUE.

Returns are still due from Divisions for the year 1864, as follows:

No.'s 72, 87, 89, and 174—four quarters each.

No.'s 5, 38, 97, 100, 118, and 134 — three quarters each.

No.'s 62, 165, 166, and 210-two quarters each.

No.'s 13, 19, 80, 106, 108, 110, 115, 125, 137, 146, 152, 157, 159, 175, 183, 185, 195, 207, and 209—one quarter each.

#### FINANCES.

The receipts of this office to 21st inst. were as follow:

$_{:}$ Receipts.	
Received for per Capita Tax, Stock, &c	\$354.69
" towards Agency Fund	63.521
Balance in hands of G. S. last quarter	5.77
	\$423.983
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Paid G. Treasurer, as per receipts       \$410.15\frac{1}{2}\$         Balance in hands of G. S.       13.83	
Datance in rands of G. S 15.55	\$423,984
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#### STATE OF THE ORDER.

Owing to but very few reports having come to hand, I am unable to report as to the precise condition of the Order in each locality. As before stated, several new Divisions have been instituted, and old ones re-organized; one has surrendered its Charter, and eleven are not working. While many of the Divisions are working well, some of them receiving good accessions to their membership, others are barely holding their own, -which fact is principally owing in some cases to absence of active members, and in others to lukewarmness of the brethren. In Halifax city while the Divisions are working well, three of them have to lament that the attendance at regular meetings is not so large as it should be. In the county, June Rose and Green Vale Divisions are not very prosperous. The other Divisions are doing well. It may not be out of place to name here the

Divisions in other counties which are laboring under difficulties, and not as prosperous as heretofore.

Annapolis County.—Port George, Cunningham, and Forest. Colchester County.—Agricola has not had a meeting for

nearly two years.

Cumberland County.—Eureka has ceased working, and may be considered as dead. The same may be said of Temple Division.

Cape Breton.—Bethlehem Division has not worked during

the past year. Brougham barely holds its ground.

Digby County. — General Williams, Hope, and Home Divisions are not progressing, but hope to increase in mem-

bership during the present quarter.

Hants County.—Avon and Hantsport Divisions barely maintain their position in the Order; Morning Star has not been heard from since April; Vesper though "small in numbers" is struggling to keep its Charter.

Kings County.—Aurora and Garland must be considered as dead; Invincible has not been very active for some

months past.

Lunenburg County.—Evening Star has surrendered its Charter; Oliver will likely give up its Charter, although it has been suggested that a change of location might tend to keep it alive.

Pictou County.—Flowing Fountain is not working. The other Divisions, although holding their ground, are not as prosperous as their leading members would wish; yet hopes are entertained of an increase in their membership before the expiration of another term.

Shelburne County. — Concord Division is not working. Roseway hopes for better times during the present winter.

Victoria and Inverness Counties.—None of the Divisions in these Counties are working. As Bro. Barratt will soon visit Cape Breton Island, he may succeed in arousing the brethren there.

Yarmouth County.—Ohio has not yet been resuscitated. I have been informed, however, that an effort will soon be made to get it into working order.

Bermuda Islands.—Owing to the prevalence of yellow fever during the summer and fall months, and the removal of

one of the regiments, the three Divisions in the Bermuda Islands have experienced a decrease in membership. A letter just at hand from one of the deputies states that Star of Hope and Reid have resumed operations, and that Argus

would likely be at work again in a few weeks.

The foregoing list of Divisions will give the Grand Division an idea as to the localities requiring exertion on the part of members of the Order. The other Divisions are working well—a number of them receiving large accessions to their membership, as the Quarterly Returns will show. It is to be regretted, however, that many members have still to be expelled for non-payment of dues.

#### AGENCY.

The Grand Division will no doubt learn with pleasure that the Agency Committee have succeeded in securing the services of two brothers as Agents and Lecturers. Particulars will be stated in a Report from the Committee, which will be presented during the Session.

#### A NEW NATIONAL DIVISION.

A communication from the Grand Division of P. E. Island will be laid before you, which document solicits the co-operation of this body in petitioning the National Division to grant a Charter for the establishment of a National Division for the British North American Provinces. This subject will require a serious consideration at your hands, which it will no doubt receive.

#### BANDS OF HOPE RITUAL.

The Committee on Bands of Hope, appointed at the annual session, have published a Ritual for the use of that organization, to which is appended a code of rules for their government, &c. Two thousand copies have been placed in my possession by the Committee, with instructions to dispose of them at the rate of \$3 per 100 copies.

#### DIVISION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

About two years since, the necessary documents for the establishment of a new Division were forwarded (through Bro. S. Selden, G.W.A.) to Rev. Mr. Hobbs, Sydney, New

South Wales. Since that time I have not heard from Mr. Hobbs, but observed in an English Temperance paper recently to hand, that he had succeeded in instituting the Order in that colony.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO N. D.

As all the returns from Divisions for the year 1864 have not yet been received, the returns to the National Division cannot be laid before you at this session. As it will be necessary to forward them to the Most Worthy Scribe in March next, I would suggest that the tax to the National Division be appropriated at this meeting.

#### AGENCY FUND.

I would again remind representatives of the necessity of increasing the Agency Fund, especially as two Agents are now in the field. Through the efforts of the Agency Committee, a number of the brothers in Halifax city have put down their names for liberal annual subscriptions. I trust every Division—every member of the Order—will feel it to be their duty to contribute to the fund, thereby enabling the Agency Committee to continue their work.

The amounts received for Charter Fees during the term (\$10), I have paid over to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Agency Fund. I would suggest that the G. D. give instructions to the effect that in future the amounts received

for Charters be paid over to this fund.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

Patrick Monaghan, Grand Scribe

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT, January 25, 1865.

N.B.—Since the meeting of the Grand Division, returns for the quarter ended December 31, 1864, have come to hand from Star of Hope and Reid Divisions, Bermuda. Those-Divisions have hopes of increasing their membership. Argus Division has not yet resumed operations.

Returns have been received from Concord Division for terms ended June 30, and December 31, 1864. The Division has resumed operations with prospects of success.—G.S.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The following Report was read and approved of:

The Standing Committee on Charters, and institution of new Divisions, beg to report that since the annual meeting they have recommended the granting of Charters, as follows:

1. On 23rd November, 1864, to Rev. Joseph G. Angwin and ten others, residents of Dartmouth, Halifax County, for Day-Spring Division, No. 217.

2. On 23d Nov., 1864, to Alexander McKay, and nineteen others, residents of Centreville, King's County, for Centreville

Division, No. 218.

3. On 31st December, 1864, to John S. McLean and nineteen others, residents of Ratchford River, Cumberland County, for Greville Division, No. 219.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

PATK. MONAGHAN, GEO. MATHISON, JAMES SPIKE.

HALIFAX, Jan'y 24, 1865.

The following Report was read and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws have had submitted to them for examination, the Bye-Laws of New Caledonia Division, No. 14, Howard, 26, Wellington, 109, and Parrsborough 110.

Your Committee erased Article 14 of the Bye-Laws of New Caledonia Division, relating to the appointment of Chaplain, as that officer is now elected by the Division.

Your committee did not find anything to conflict with the Constitution in the Bye-Laws of the other Divisions.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

PATK. MONAGHAN, WM. MURRAY, JOHN HEENAN.

Halifax, Jan'y 24, 1865.

The following Report from the Publication Committee was read and referred to Committee on State of the Order: Your committee beg to report that the change which has been recently made in the size and appearance of the Abstainer, meets with unqualified approbation from all parts of Country, and they feel that the enterprise and energy of its Editor and Proprietor, entitle him to expect a very large increase in his subscription list. They would urge on members of the Grand Division to exert all their influence, in their various localities, to promote its circulation. They regret to say that there are some Divisions in the Province which do not take a single copy; and in their opinion it is not too much to say that no such Division can prosper. They trust the Grand Division will use its influence to induce every Subordinate Division to take one or more copies. They believe that the enlargement of the subscription list of the Abstainer will be a very fair index of the prosperity of our cause.

In Love, Purity and Fidelity.

CHARLES ROBSON, Chairman. S. Selden.

On motion of bro. Wm. Murray, seconded by Wm. Layton, it was agreed that the Grand Division meet to-morrow at 9 A.M., adjourn at 12, and meet at 1 P.M.

On motion of bro. Wm. Murray, seconded by Richd. S. Brois, bros. J. D. Wallace and James C. Hills were appointed a committee to confer with committee of Rising Sun Division to make arrangements for Public Meeting to be held to-morrow evening.

Grand Scribe read communication from St. Andrew's Division, No. 212, recommending several amendments to License Law. Proposed amendments were referred to a special committee consisting of bros. Alex. James

Isaac McCurdy, and Wm. Layton.

The following Report, and copy of Petition referred to therein, were read:

Your Committee have to report that they met, and after careful consideration prepared a draft of a Petition which they respectfully forward, with this report, for the approval of the Grand Division. If it should meet with approval, they beg to suggest that it be signed by the G.W.P., and G.S., and that a committee of legal brethren residing in the city, be appointed to prepare a Bill to be laid before the House of Assembly, together with the Petition.

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

CHARLES ROBSON, Chairman. HENRY A. TAYLOR, J. M. CRAMP, J. McMurray, G. G. GRAY.

Pending consideration of Report and Petition the Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G.S.

#### FORENOON SITTING

Thursday, 26th January, 1865.

Grand Division opened at 9 o'clock, A.M., the G.W. P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called:

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Conductor.

Absent-G.W.A., G. Chap., G. Sent., P.G.W.P.

Vacancies were filled by bros. Wm. M. Brown, G.W. A.; Rev. N. Gunnison, G. Chap.; Wm. Murray, G. Sent.; Rev. A. McArthur, P.G.W.P.

Minutes of last evening's sitting were read and approved.

The G. Sentinel entered and took his place.

Consideration of Report and Petition in reference to Asylum for Inchriates was resumed.

After some conversation the Report and form of Peti-

tion were adopted.

On motion of P.G.W.A. Gunnison, seconded by P.G. W.P. Brown, Bros. Charles Robson, Alexander James, P.G.W.P. McMurray, P.G.W.A. Gunnison, and G.W. A. Selden, were appointed a committee to have the peti-

tion, and a bill in accordance therewith, prepared and presented to the Legislature.

The following Report was read and adopted:

HALIFAX, N.S., 23rd Jan'y, 1865.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers,-

Your Committee on the Band of Hope Ritual, would report, having met on the 12th of November, 1864, in Committee Room, Temperance Hall, Halifax.

Present.—Brothers R. M. Barratt, Chairman; G. Mathison, Secretary; J. Spike, J. S. Thompson, Wm. Murray, G. G.

Gray, and S. Selden.

The Chairman produced a copy in manuscript, of the Constitution, Rules, and Ritual, for the future guidance of Bands of

Hope, which with slight alterations was approved.

Estimates from the Printers in connection with the Order, were called for. Tenders were received from Messrs McNab and Shaffer, and Mr. Selden. The estimate from brother Selden being the lowest, it was accepted to the effect that 2000 copies of 32 pages be furnished, for \$40.00.

Bros. Thompson, Barratt, and Selden, were appointed a subcommittee, to attend to the editing and superintending of the

printing of the proposed pamphlet.

The committee approved of the copy submitted and decided that 50 per cent, be added to cost price of publishing, (to cover all expenses) and that the edition be delivered to the Grand Scribe for sale to the Bands of Hope requiring the same, at the cost of \$3.00 per hundred copies.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

GEORGE MATHISON, Secretary to Committee.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by P.G. W.P. McArthur, a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee on Bands of Hope, for their services in preparing the Ritual, &c.

P.G.W.P. Thompson presented the following Report from Committee on Communications:

The Committee on Communications report—

The committee recommend that the communication from the Grand Division of P. E. Island be placed on file for the present; and the Grand Division of Nova Scotia being of opinion, that to consider and determine the question at this time, at least, would be for various reasons inexpedient, and that, therefore while entertaining and expressing true brotherly respect for the G. D. of P. E. Island, this Grand Division briefly resolve as before stated.

That the communication concerning an organization supposed to be antagonistic to the Order of Sons of Temperance, is deemed not calling for any definite reply from this Guand Division; but that the Grand Division of Nova Scotia expresses a hope that the organization alluded to may yet proceed harmoniously for the

promotion of Temperance, in the British Provinces.

J. S. THOMPSON-F. BEATTIE, N. GUNNISON.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOROIT, 26th Jan'y, 1865.

Adopted unanimously.

Rev. Bro. McLeod presented the following Report which was considered by clauses, and adopted after slight amendment:

Your committee having examined the documents placed in

their hands beg leave to report as follows:

That at no previous period in its history has our noble Order enjoyed a greater measure of prosperity than at the present time. While it is true that we have to mourn over lukewarmness and defections in some localities, yet upon the whole the quarter ending 31st Dec., 1864, has been one of unusual prosperity, whether viewed in reference to the increase of membership, and their fidelity to the pledge—to the efficiency of our temperance organ, the Abstainer, and its increase and increasing circulation—to the ability and energy of the agents employed to advocate the principles of our Order, or to our financial condition.

Your committee are pleased to learn that two agents are now employed by this Grand Division in disseminating the principle of temperance, benevolence and brotherly love in different locali ties in this province. To this department of labor too much importance can scarcely be attached. There can be little doubt that in many instances, owing to the lack of a good and efficient agency, Divisions have declined, and, in some cases, ceased to exist. Of this truth, the numerous inoperative Divisions resuscitated by means of our agents is sufficient proof. Your committee therefore trust that all our subordinate Divisions will feel it to be both a duty and a privilege in imitation of the praise-worthy example of the city Divisions, to contribute with liberality to the Agency Fund, and your committee would further recommend that the Grand Scribe be authorized to pay over to the Grand Treasurer, in aid of the Agency Fund, all monies received for Charter Fees.

We regard with feelings of pride and satisfaction the chlarged and improved appearance of the Abstainer, and feel that the thanks of this Grand Division are due to our worthy Grand Scribe for the very able and efficient manner in which he conducts our Organ. Your committee learn with regret that there are some Divisions in this Province which do not take a single copy of the Abstainer. Though we know neither the name nor the locality of these Divisions, yet we are pretty safe in asserting that they are not the most flourishing under your jurisdiction. Upon the circulation of this paper, in a very great degree, depends the life, activity, and prosperity of our Order, and your committee would carnestly recommend that representatives and all others friendly to the cause of God and humanity do employ every legitimate means to increase its circulation.

In reference to the License Law as it now stands, your committee are of opinion that if properly enforced it would in a great measure prevent illicit traffic, and keep under a wholesome restraint those legally authorised to sell intoxicating liquors, and that in order to the efficient operation of said law, and to relieve individuals from the responsibility and unpleasant consequences of a legal process, your committee would recommend that subordinate Divisions become incorporated, so that as hodies they may be able to conduct prosecutions against violators of this law.

With a view to the greater prosperity of our Order your committee beg leave to recommend that subordinate Divisions endeavor to make their meetings as interesting and attractive as possible, by the introduction of recitations, readings, discussions on

Temperance and other subjects of interest, and also that they hold monthly or more frequent public Temperance meetings.

Your committee would also remind brothers generally of their individual responsibility to do what they can to advance our glorious cause. Victories are won on the battle field, not by generals whose breasts are blazoned with stars, and whose brows are crowned with honors, but by the rank and file, by every man standing at his post and doing his duty: and if we are ever to gain a triumphant victory over intemperance it must be achieved in like manner, by every Son of Temperance doing what he can be that little or much to replenish and enlarge the funds of our Agency Committee—to extend the circulation of our Temperance organ—to induce others to enlist in our noble cause, and, in a word, to use all possible means to advance the interests and promote the harmony of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

John McLeod, F. Layton, G. Butler, A. James, W. M. Brown.

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT, 26th Jan'y, 1865.

Bro. J. C. Hills presented a Report and programme from Committee on Public Meeting. Programme approved.

Bro. James presented a Report from Special Commit-

tee on License Law.

Pending consideration of Report, Grand Division adjourned.

Patrick Monaghan, G. S.

#### AFTERNOON SITTING.

Thursday, 26th January, 1865.

Grand Division opened at one o'clock, P. M., the G. W.P. in the chair.

Roll of Officers called:

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Cou.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Chap., G. Sent.,\* P.G.W.P.

Vacancies were filled by Bros. J. Heenan, G. W. A.; Rev. J. McLeod, G. Chap.; Wm. Murray, G. Sent.; Rev. A. McArthur, P.G.W.P.

Minutes of forenoon sitting were read and approved. Consideration of Report of Committee on License Law resumed. After a lengthy discussion, the Report was amended and adopted as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the proposed amend-

ments in the License Law, beg leave to report as follows:

The committee concur in the recommendation of the Grand Worthy Patriarch: that under existing circumstances it would not be expedient to apply to the Legislature at the next session for further amendments to the License Law.

In relation to the amendments suggested by the St. Andrew's Division, they refrain from expressing any opinion, inasmuch as other amendments will probably be suggested by another year's experience, and the whole will naturally be considered together, by another committee of the Grand Division, before any amending law is introduced to the Legislature.

They recommend that the wording of the law be altered so as to remove any doubt that may exist as to the right to prosecute and convict the same person for more than one offence committed

before the date of the first conviction.

They recommend that this subject he considered again at the next annual session of the Grand Division.

All which is respectfully reported in L. P. & F.

A. JAMES,
WM. LAYTON,
ISAAC MCCURDY,
Except as to the first clause.

Musquonobort, 26th Jan'y, 1865.

P. G. W. A. Heenan presented the following Report from Committee on Appeals:

The Standing Committee on Appeals having had before them the appeal of brother Anderson, from the decision of the W. A. of Oliver Division, in the chair, beg leave to report as follows:

<sup>\*</sup> The G. Sentinel, owing to serere indisposition, was prevented from attending throughout the whole of the Session.—G.S.

That it appears from the paper before the committee to be an abstract case or merely an opinion of one brother, which could not be properly appealed from to the Grand Division, as a decision of the Division should have first been had, which does not appear to have been the case.

With reference to the case of the withdrawal card presented to Oliver Division, by the brother who had received it from that Division, your committee think Oliver Division ought to be the hest judge of the eligibility of the brother for membership in our Order. Your committee are also of opinion that when a brother presents a card, the Division receiving it should retain it, whether the brother be elected or otherwise, as the rejection of a member, and the return of the card to the person so rejected, may lead to impositions on the Order.

Your Committee beg to be relieved from the further consider-

ation of the subject.

JOHN HEENAN, R. M. BARRATT, WM. MURRAY, PATK. MONAGHAN.

Halifax, January, 1865.

On motion of R. S. Blois, seconded by the Grand Treasurer, 400 copies of Journal of Proceedings of this Session were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Bro. Alexander James moved, and Bro. George Butler seconded, that the thanks of the Grand Division be tendered to the friends in Middle Musquodoboit, who so kindly entertained representatives from a distance.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Murray, seconded by P. G. W.P. Wm. M. Brown, a vote of thanks was passed to the Commissioner of Railways, for according to representatives attending the session, the privilege of travelling on the Railway at reduced fares.

Minutes of this sitting were read and approved.

Grand Division closed at 3½ P.M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe.

ly, \$2.94; Goldenville, 3.54; Ray of Light, \$1.92; Living Oak, 2.58; St. Andrew's, 5.16; 195.60

Amount carried forward.....\$322.48

GRAND S	CRIBE in acct. with GRAN	ND DIVISION—(Continued.)
1865.	Dr. J	Imt. brought forward.\$322.43
	Annapolis, \$1.26; Day	
	ville, \$1.38	3.78
Jan'y 20.	To amounts received toward	s Agency Fund:
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	D.G.W.P. Lanigan, do. M	ayflower 13.25
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	J. L. Whytal, collection be	ox, Micmac Div 10.883
	Thos. Brown, do. Athenæ	um Div 5.043
	Jas. Gossip, subscriptions	
	Do. Do.	military members do. 4.87½
•	D.G.W.P. Thompson, colle	
	Lady Visitors, Athenaum	Div 1.00
	D.G.W.P. Forest, collection	on Tangier Div 2.64
	D.G.W.P. Bryden, quarte 11 ct. on 89 members.	rry sub. New Era Div.,
	Wm. Bryden, Liverpool,	1.33, marterly subs 1.00
	To amounts received for Cha	
	*** * *	14.00
	To amounts received for T.	
		Quarterly Returns 4.55
		s 4.00
	" " Journs	als of G.D 2.50
	" " Visitor	rs' Ritual 1.60
	" " Ode C	ards 1.50
	" " Officer	s' Cards 1.50
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	<b>`</b> ~	\$423.984
1865.	Cr.	
Jan'y 13.	By paid G. Treasurer on Ag	
10	" Genera	d Account 57.41
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15.		" 137.00 y Fund 20.654
21.	" Agenc	" 13.87
21.	" Gener	al Account 89.36
23.	ee ee	" 20.86
20.	Balance in hands (Post	
	•	\$423.981
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Examined and found to be correct.

Malifax, Jan'y 23, 1865.

R. H. WETMORE, JOHN L. WHYTAL, R. J. WILSON.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G.S.

GRAND 1	Division S. of T. in acct. with Grand Tr	easurer.
1864.	Dr.	
Oct. 28.	To Cash in Savings Bank, see book	\$400.00
ou. 20.	" on hand from last quarter	31.424
1865.	<b>1</b>	01.123
Jan'y 13.	To Cash from Grand Scribe	57.41
16.	"	32.00
19.	"	137.00
21.	**	89.36
23,	"	20.86
		\$768.054
1004	Cr.	<del></del>
1864.		00.70
Oct. 28.	By Cash paid Grand Worthy's expenses	. \$3.50
N OF	" Miss Anderson	
Nov. 25.	Do. Do. Abstainer Office, printing passwords, &c	
26.	Do. Do. McNab & Shaffer, Special Circulars	
	Do. Do. J. D. Nash, Envelopes, &c., Grand Scribe	
	Do. Do. Fishwick's expenses, parcel to G. Scribe.	
-00"	Do. Do. R. T. Muir, Books, Paper, Ink, &c	. <b>4</b> .94
1865.		
Jan'y 19.	Do. Do. Grand Scribe's salary to Dec. 81, 1864	
	Do. Do. Editor Abstainer's salary to Dec. 31, 1864	
20.	Do. Do. J. Bowes & Sons, July Journals	
21.	Do. Do. Grand Scribe's Office and Postage acct	. 25.36
		\$201.55
	By cash in Bank, see Book\$400.00	<b>*</b> -02.00
	Do. Do. on hand to balance	
	20, 20, 04 1(61/4 10 /04/1001111 11111111 1101000)	566.504
		\$768.054
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### G. Division in acct. with Grand Treasurer-(Continued.)

	1'1	RMANENT A	AGENCY FUND.		
1864.			)R.		
Nov. 1.	To Cash on h	and	<b></b>		\$35.20
1865.					
Jan'y 13.	Do. Do. from	Grand Sci	ribe		39.00
19.	Do. Do.	Do.			20.654
21.	Do. Do.	Do.	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	$13.87^{-2}$
				9	\$108.72±
1864.		. 0	R.		,
Nov. 25.	By Cash paid	l Bro. Barr	att's expenses t	o Ingraham	
2.0 20.					\$6.50
			Lecturing, &c.		14.00
Jan'y 13.			account		40.00
				•	\$60.50
		Cash o	n hand to balan		
				•	2700 501
				١	\$108.72 <u>4</u>

Since preparing the above statement I have invested a further sum of \$100, for which see Bank Book of this date. There has also accumulated the sum of £1 10s. 7d. interest on eash invested.

HENRY A. TAYLOR,
Grand Treasurer.

HALIFAN, Jan'y 23, 1865.

Examined and found to be correct,

R. H. WETMORE, JOHN L. WHYTAL, R. J. WILSON

### REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING SESSION.

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John Heenan, P.G.W.A.
P. Monaghan, G. Scribe
H. A. Taylor, G. Treas,
Edwd. Jost
Geo. Butler
J. C. Hills
H. L. Everett

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Erratum.—The name of C. C. Hamilton, M. D., of 112, D. G. W. P., wits unitted from list of Representatives present at annual session.—G.S.

### APPENDIX.

#### GRAND DIVISION AGENCY FUND.

Amounts received by G. Scribe since Annual Meeting of G. Division. Jan'y 20 .- From members of Chebucto Division, through D. G.W. P. Heenan, viz.: Michael Monaghan, annual...... \$2.00 R. J. Swcet, ......... 2.00do. J. S. D. Thompson, do. 2.00Thomas Conron. half year..... 1.00 Robt. Brechin, do. 0.75Thos. Balfour, 0.50do. John Young, 0.25do. John Heenan, quarter's subscription ..... 1.00 P. Monaghan, do. 1.00 H. A. Taylor, do. 1.00 George Butler, · do. 1.00 Charles McQueen, do. 0.50Robt. J. Wilson. do. 0.50J. S. Thompson, 0.50đο. John Martin, do. 0.50Jas. Marshall, do 0.50Geo. J. Cook, do. 0.25Robi. H. Wetmore,..... 1.00 (Less five cents)....\$16.25 16.20 From members of Mayflower Div., through D.G.W.P. Lanigan: George Porter, annual ...... \$2.00 John Lane, do. ...... 2.00Wm. Williams. do. 1.50 David Ellis. do. ......... Thos. Joyce, do. 1.00 Samuel Foster. 1.00 do. John Lanigan, half year ...... M. A. Shaffer, quarter's subscription..... 1.00 2.374 Division's contribution box..... 15.624

Amount carried forward..... \$31.821

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Halifax, N. S., February 1, 1865.

A Quarterly Session of the Grand Division will be held in Bridgetown, Annapolis County, on Wednesday, 26th day of April, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Reports of Deputies, and Quarterly Returns, to be sent in to

the Grand Scribe by the 18th day of April.

It is requested that Returns due from subordinate Divisions for the year 1864, be sent in without delay, as the Grand Scribe is desirous of preparing the annual returns for the National Division immediately, viz. :

No.'s 72, 87, 89, and 174-four quarters each. No.'s 38, 100, 118, and 134—three quarters each.

No 's 62, 165, 166, and 210-two quarters each.

No.'s 5, 19, 108, 115, 125, 137, 142, 146, 152, 159, 175, 183, 185, 195, 207, and 209—one quarter each.

The Address of the G.W.P. is Dr. W. E. McRobert, Great Village, Londonderry, N.S.

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Rituals per sett, \$1.50. Single B. B., \$1.00. Sett of Officers' Cards, 50 cents. Ode Cards, per dozen, 75 cents. Ritual Lady Visitors' per sett, (8 books,) 80 ets. T. and W. Cards, 10 cts. each. Visitors' T. and W. Cards, 10 ets. each. Blank Quarterly Returns, 50 ets. per dozen. Copies of Public Ceremonies, 30 cts. each. Charters and Rituals for new Divisions, \$7. Band of Hope Ritual, \$3.00 per hundred.