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OF THE

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNUAL SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, HALLFAX, WEDNESDAY, October 22, 1856.

The Grand Division assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. Dr. Cramp, in the Chair. Roll of Officers called:

Present—G. W. P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; G. S., Patrick Monaghan; G. T., William Lippincott; G. Chap., Rev. Alexander McArthur; G. C., George B. Sanford.

Absent-G. W. A., W. A. S. Blewett; G. Sen., Rich-

ard Baker; P. G. W. P., John S. Thompson.

The G. W. P. filled vacancies by appointing brother N. Tupper, G. W. A.; William Murray, G. Sen.; James Mosher, P. G. W. P., pro tem.

Grand Division was declared open, and ready for busi-

ness.

The Standing Committee on Credentials presented the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the Credentials of the following named Representatives correct:

Acadia, No. 1.—P. W. P.'s Rev'd George Christie, Thomas B. Dane, W. Rogers, B. Rogers, R. Guest, R. Hunter, I. Horton, W. H. Gridley, P. Fraser, Z. Doty, H. Crowell.

CENTRAL, No. 2.—P. W. P.'s, Robert Brown, Samuel Brown, W. Enos Cook, T. Crowell, W. K. Dudman, J. A. Flint, H. Gardner, E. Huestis, Asa Killam, J. C. Moulton, N. Moses, C. Pinckney, Job H. Smith, J. M. Treat, C. White.

MILTON, No. 4.—P. W. P.'s, George Allen, Joseph Shaw, James B. Dane, I. Chute, W. Bancroft, T. Dane, J. Starr, T. Brady, Wm. Smith, Z. Corning, J. Hopkirk, W. Burrill, J. Burrill.

Union, No. 6.—Miles C. Woodman, Edward M. Marshall, E. J. Budd, W. H. Taylor, J. Dakin, C. S. Cossett, W. Smith, W. J. M. Gray, W. FitzRandolph, C. Woodman, H. Stewart. W. H. Dakin, W. M. Jones, J. H. Bonnell, J. C. Dexter, A. C. Carrol.

CHEBUCTO, No. 7.—W. P., John A. Bell. P W P's., J. W. Barss, R. H Wetmore, D. Gallagher, E. Jost, J. W. Quinan, T. Wesley, A. J. Ritchie, J. S. Thompson, J. Martin, J. Heenan, E. Creelman, P. Monaghan, J. E. Starr, D. O'Brien, G. E. Knowlan, H. A. Taylor, R. Baker, G. Butler, W. Brown, A. Robinson, C. Underwood, C. Legg, R. Fraser, J. Marshall, W. A. S. Blewett.

MICMAC, No. 8.—W. P., George A. Sanford. P. W. P's, G. J. Creed, B. W. Cochran, G. W. Bowes, T. Nixon, E. R. Jost, P. J. Bueree, T. Holder, J. B. Flowers, R. McMillan, T. Conran, G. Webb, J. Reardon, E. Joyce, C. W. Allen, R. M. Barratt, E. Butler, T. Wellington, J. J. Uhlman, J. L. Whytal, T. Granville, J. Drake, S. Selden, J. Dunn, J. E. Butler, R. Graham.

MAYFLOWER, No. 9.—W. P., William Philips. P. W. P's, E. A. Crawley, T. Angus, J. Jackson, W. Fenton, J. W. Marvin, J. Lannigan, F. F. Bacon, Wm. Murray, R. Dyer, J. Gordon, J. Coombs, J. H. Willoughby, A. Robinson, W. Graham, G. Longiel, T. Cudihee.

VICTORIA, No. 10.—P. W. P., Rev. S. N. Bently.

Avon, No. 12.—W. P., William Proctor. P. W. P's. T. S. Harding, P. S. Burnham, S. Black, L. Leadly, J. R. Martin, G. Fuller, J. Willis, J. Fuller, G. B. Sanford, D. P. Allison, J. P. Smith, J. Irons, M. Curry, E. Curry, M. H. Goudge, T. Teasdale, D. Mosher.

Avondale, No. 13.—P. W. P.'s, Elkanah T. Harvie, N. Mosher, N. Mosher, 2nd, N. Mosher, 3rd, N. Mosher, 4th, A. Mosher, J. Mosher, W. A. Mosher, W. Monnos, C. D. Mumford, J. W. Allison, J. L. Mosher, J. J. Dimock, G. C. Harvie, J. A. Harvie, H. Chambers, J. Irish, W. Knowles, E. Dimock.

ORIENTAL, No. 16.—P. W. P's, J. D. B. Fraser, Alexander McArthur.

New Glasgow, No. 17.—P. W. P.'s, William Lippincott, D. Ross, K. Forbes, D. McLean, G. McKay, T. Fraser, G. F. McKay, J. Milne.

ROSEWAY, No. 25.—P. W. P.'s, Isaac C. Crowell, J. Snow, G. H. Deinstadt, A. McNaughton, G. McIntosh, G. Snyder, W. Hogg, W. Firth.

Howard, No. 26.—W. P., James Adams. P. W. P.'s, R. Abbott, J. McDonald, R. Motton, jr., C. C. Vaux, R. Boak, sr., J. Spike, S. Tupper, R. Curry, J. Tracy, R. W. Reece, G. G. Gray, J. Metzler, J. W. Johnston, senior.

CAPE BRETON, No. 27.—P. W. P.'s, Lewis Johnston, Hugh Ross, T. Bown, W. W. Bown, A. Musgrove, J. Musgrove, J. A. More, G. L. Brown, J. McLean, W. Pippitt, jr., A. J. Babington, P. Moffatt, A. Nisbit, A. Logan, J. D. Maloney.

WILBERFORCE, INO. 28.—P. W. P's., Beniah Morse, David C. Landers, J. Woodberry, J. Dodge, W. Weltan, J. Dodge, M. McGregor, M. Wheelock, A. Wheelock, J. Robertson, O. Taylor, W. A. Fowler, C. Armstrong, J. P. Dodge, T. Wheelock, A. Dodge, B. Gates, W. Gates, J. Wheelock.

CHESTER, No. 32.—P. W. P.'s, James Mosher, James Bond, A. F. Morgan, Robert A. Smith, I. Hume, C. Church, William Reeves, D. Dimock, J. Morgan, Henry B. Mitchell, J. Reddin, senr., John L. Corkum, W. Evans, S. Stewart.

Pugwash, No. 36.—Angus Campbell, James E. Hitchins, W. Gould, Henry Seaman.

ROYAL, No. 37.—P. W. P's., Andrew H. Harris, William S. Purdy, James D. Nichol, W. Hanley, E. McDarmand, C.

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Morning Star, No. 38.—P. W. P.'s, John Burgess, senr., J. Caldwell, Thomas A. Malcom, E. Crossley, I. Malcom, J. G. Burgess, Charles D. Burgess, B. Bradshaw, D. McCallum, B. Vaughan.

Archangel, No. 40.—P. W. P's, George Burchill, James Armstrong, C. Carmichael, W. Regan, M. Melvin, J. Edwards, W. Orani, E. Burchell, M. Stubed, A. Anderson.

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CANARD, No. 50.—P. W. P.'s, A. S. Hunt, R. Starr, C. C. Hamilton, D. Dickey, J. Hardwicke, J. Ells, L. C. Woodworth, W. Gillitt, D. S. Thomas, L. Eaton, C. Dickey, J. B. Rockwell, L. Rand, S. Sheffield, J. D. Chipman, D.Cogswell, J. Lingley, A. G. Masters, W. A. Tupper, R. Starr, J. B. Marsters.

RISING SUN, No. 52.—W. P., Thomas McCurdy. P. W. P's., W. Layton, Isaac McCurdy, J. Layton, M. J. McCurdy, Francis Layton, Matthew J. Archibald, W. McCurdy, Samuel Braden, Peter Clark, A. McCurdy, R. Braden.

MAINMAST, No. 57.—W. P., David Blackmore. P.W. P's., John Gauld, E. McLeod, J. McQuarrie, S. Brown, N. Sutherland.

Hantsport, No. 62.—W. P., Edward Davidson. P.W. P.'s, W. Davidson, Elisha Fuller, Samuel West, Thomas Young, N. T. Harris, Benjamin Frost, George Unlaver, D. W. Faulkner, James Elder, N. W. Beckwith, N. Beckwith, W. Holmes, W. Burton.

AURORA, No. 68.—P. W. P.'s, Holmes C. Marsters, D.'Chipman, C. Norwood, G. W. Fisher, T. H. Parker, J. E. Beckwith, William C. Shaw, J. C. Morse, Isaac Shaw, E. C. Foster, Abel Parker, B. Caton, G. W. Caldwell.

WALLACE, No. 75.—P. W. P.'s, Joshua Huestis, R. B. Huestis, R. S. Simon, Henry Smith, Stephen Fulton, James Drysdale, E. Betts, Henry Fulton, William Fulton, Daniel Cameron, S. E. Huestis.

ALBION MINES, No. 79.—P. W. P.'s, Neil McKay, Duncan McKay, John Kerr, Hector McKenzie, Hector Fraser, William McPherson, Thomas Johnston, John Murray.

MARGARETTVILLE, No. 80.—P. W. P.'s, William Roy, James Reagh, T. Ansley Davey, Gilbert Baker, James Roy, Nelson Stronach, Thomas Maplebeck, John N. Roach.

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BETHLEHEM, No. 89.—P. W. P.'s, John McLeod, John H. Grant, John Grant, senr., William Jefferson, Alexander Grant, Peter Andreas.

Kelloge, No. 92.—P. W. P.'s, Alexander Ferguson, Edwd Fisher, Rev. J. Cameron, Alexander Thompson, John Wright.

ATHENEUM, No. 96.—P. W. P.'s, William Ackhurst, W. L. Bell, Joseph Belcher, David S D Clark, Mich. Herbert, J Shean, James Thomson, William M. Brown, L. E. VanBuskirk, Martin G. Black, jr., James C. Cochran, William Howe, Robert Noble, Peter G. McGregor, W. C. Silver, J. Wallace.

EVENING STAR, No. 97.—P. W. P., John M. Watson, James P. Milward, George Anderson, Elias N. Oxner, James Eisenhauer, Charles Morash, George Doney, John Dauphney.

EMBLEM, No. 100.—P. W. P.'s, Boyd McGee, Nathaniel Parker.

RAILWAY, No. 111.—P. W. P.'s, Peter Etter, Thos McKenzie, David Moore, John Cook, James R. McHaffey, Peter McDonald, Alexander Frame, Samuel Frame, James McHaffey.

Wolfville, No. 112.—P. W. P.'s, J. M. Cramp, John Rounsefelle, Jacob Bouser, Reuben Reed, Richard K. Angus, Stephen W. DeBlois.

SOUTHAMPTON, No. 117.—P. W. P.'s, Henry Harrison, Fillott Harrison, Henry C. Mills, D. A. Taylor, Joseph Atkinson, 2nd, J. Atkinson, 1st., W. B. Lodge, J. McAloney, William Adams, Geo. Atkinson.

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VESPER, No. 124.—P. W. P.'s, John T. Scott, D. Thompson, J. A. Scott, Isaac Scott, James Cochran, Peter McDonald, George Frazer.

JUNE ROSE, No. 125.—P. W. P.'s, T. H. Porter, George Richardson, John Thompson, S. Thompson, Amos Bezanson. W. P., James Manders.

HERO OF KARS, No. 127.—P. W. P.'s, Whitfield Freeman, Sam. Ford, R. J. Freeman, T. Ford.

The G. C. introduced the undernamed Representatives, who were duly initiated, and took their seats:—A. F. Morgan, of No. 32; E. T. Dimock, 119; G. J. Richardson and James Manders, 125.

The G. W. P. appointed the following Committees:

On the State of the Order—Rev. A. McArthur, Jas. Mosher and Michael Herbert.

Communications—Nathan Tupper, W. L. Bell and G. Creed, jr.

Auditing-A. J. Ritchie, R. M. Barratt and G. J. Richardson.

A communication from the Chairman of a Committee appointed by the "Brotherhood of Temperance Watchmen," at their Convention, held at Old Barns, Colchester, on the 7th ult., was read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Communications.

Communications from Chester Division, No. 32, and Recheb Division, No. 119, requesting the Grand Division to hold Sessions at Chester and South Rawdon, were read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Communications.

The G. W. P. read his Report, as follows:

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

Officers and Brethren,—

At the close of my term of office it becomes my duty to review the transactions of the year, and to offer such suggestions as may appear to be conducive to the advancement of the interests of the Order.

You have observed with much regret, I doubt not, that the statistical returns presented by the Most Worthy Scribe at the last meeting of the National Division exhibit a great falling off in numbers. Our Order now comprises 41 Grand Divisions, 2957 Subordinate Divisions, and 99,172 members. a much larger number of members a few years ago. attempting to account for this diminution various considerations have been adduced. Perhaps it is sufficient to refer to the experience of all benevolent enterprises, which commonly suffer a decline after the first fervours have subsided and the excitement of novelty has ceased, shewing the necessity of unremitting effort and watchful care lest the fire that has been kindled should die out for want of fuel. There is also a fact to be noticed which has exerted no small influence on our prosperity. I refer to the establishment of other Orders; which have won their way to patronage by the adoption of plans of operation of a more popular character, as is supposed, than our own arrange-Adverting to these circumstances the Most Worthy Scribe suggested, in his report to the National Division, the desirableness of certain changes which he regarded as necessary to the revival of the Order. I referred to them at the last Quarterly Session, and now transcribe that portion of the Most Worthy Scribe's report :---

- "The M. W. Scribe respectfully suggests the following, as, inhis judgment, the most suitable agencies:—
 - "1. The full and unequivocal membership of the female sex.
- "2. The extension of the minimum for the admission of youth, to twelve years of age.

- "3. The extension of the initiation of non-beneficial members at the discretion of Divisions.
- "4. The extension of the terms of Office in Divisions to six months.
- "5. The Institution of an 'Honorary Badge,' for members of three years good standing, as recommended at the late session, by the Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia.
- "6. The legal right to those entitled to Degree Regalia, to wear the same in Divisions.
- "7. The election of one or more Representatives annually to Grand Divisions from the body of members, not W. P.'s or P. W. P.'s."

With the exception of the first and second articles, which were partially adopted, the alterations recommended by the M. W. Scribe failed to obtain the sanction of the National Division. I have placed them before you for the purpose of consideration and discussion, that the views of the Grand Division on all or any of them, if judged advisable, may be conveyed to the National Division, at its next annual session, either by resolution or by instruction to your Representatives. I take it for granted that some members of this body will attend that annual session, the appointed place of meeting (Providence, R. I.) being so near and so casy of access.

Our history during the past year may be soon told. The first event that saddened our hearts and cast a gloom over our prospects was the death of Brother William Scott, the late G. Scribe—a brother whose attachment to Temperance principles was unswerving, and in whose removal the Order has sustained a very heavy loss. Then came the stoppage of the Athenaum newspaper, a calamity as distressing as the paralysis of a warrior's right arm. The defeat of the Prohibitory Liquor Law, occuring at the same time, sorely added to our discouragement. That untoward circumstance has been followed by an increase of intemperance in most parts of the Province. The enemies of our cause have been greatly emboldened, while the misery-making, crime-producing traffic has acquired new energy, and pursues its destructive career, seldom checked by men in office, even when the existing law is manifestly broken, but too often encouraged and patronized. A fearful responsibility rests on those by whose efforts the progress of reform has been stayed.

These things would not have proved so disheartening if we had been able to procure the services of Lecturers, by whose arguments and appeals the desponding might have been re-assured, the wavering decided, and wanderers reclaimed.— We have been entirely unsuccessful in our attempts in that direction, and consequently the Divisions have been left to their This disappointment, added to the want of a own resources. Temperance Press, has operated prejudicially in a variety of respects. It would have been less painfully felt if your presiding officer could have visited the Divisions generally, for purposes of inspection and public advocacy. He was unable to In mentioning this, I take the opportunity of submitting to the consideration of the Grand Division the importance of securing in one, at least, of its Officers, a brother possessing qualifications for public labour, and who may command sufficient leisure to devote a portion of his time to the advancement of the Order.

Although I have received a larger number of Reports from Deputies since the last quarterly session than in any other part of the year, I am not so well prepared as could be wished to furnish a full and accurate account of the state of the Order in this Province. Judging from the communications which have reached me, I am compelled to admit that, with but few exceptions, the movement has been retrograde rather than otherwise. The G. Scribe's Report, I have reason to apprehend, will confirm that statement.

The City of Halifax is almost the only place in the Province in which there is an encouraging increase. The Divisions there are numerically stronger by 77 members than they were this time last year. Their prosperity is doubtless owing to the zeal and activity of the brethren, their punctuality in attending the weekly meetings, and the numerous public gatherings, at which our principles have been expounded and the co-operation of the friends of Temperance sought. June Rose Division, Hammond's Plains, is also working its way with steady success. There is nothing particular to report respecting the other Divisions in the County of Halifax.

Passing over to Cape Breton, the following extract of a letter from Brother Bown, North Sydney, will be read with pleasure:—Taking the Divisions together, both here and at Sydney, you will find a great increase since last January.—There are numbers, not members, of the Order, who, through the influence of the Sons, have become sober men and good

members of society. Indeed, it is wonderful to see the influence the Order has had in the country, even among the shipping. Here you scarcely see a sailor on shore drunk, and breaches of the peace are hardly known. The tone of society seems completely changed. Drinking habits are going out of fashion."

I know so little of the state of Temperance affairs in the Counties of Guysborough and Pictou, and that little is not very cheering, that I can only express my hope that the brethren, who remain faithful, wlll not merely continue at the posts but succeed in re-animating dormant energies and restoring the vigour of the Order. The same remark applies to the County of Cumberland.

In Colchester and Hants Counties there is a variety of experiences. Some of the Divisions are holding their ground bravely; others are sinking into slumber. In one instance the establishment of a groggery where no such nuisance had existed for years seems likely to produce a good effect. Brother George Creed, junr., speaking of Rechab Division, says:—
"There seems now to be a brighter prospect. The arch-enemy of our cause has established a station in our midst. Rum has not been sold here for some years previously, and its presence seems to be imbuing the Temperance folk with new spirit, there is quite a buckling on of armour among our brethren."—Drunkenness is on the increase in Windsor, but it is pleasant to record that Hantsport is still free from the rum-curse.

Most of the Divisions in King's County maintain their position. Those which have been under my own superintendence, though not large, are doing good in their respective neighborhoods. Brother Hunt observes:—"The progress of our excellent Order is but slow. Our principles, however, take a firm hold upon the public mind, and hence, while there is a want of encouragement there is no cause for discouragement. The Sons, I am happy to say, are giving their thoughts more decidedly to the old Temperance Societies, and that is doing a good work." The brethren of Canard Division have invoked the aid of the law, and the result has been that a notorious

rum-seller has been driven from the field.

Annapolis and Digby Counties are so favourably situated for operations of the lawless that a large amount of rum is poured in among them, and the buyers are not few. Some of the Divisions are sickly, and some are ready to die; others show symptoms of vigourous health. Brother Whitman, referring to Clements Arch Division, says: "Although small in numbers,

I think our Division is mainly the cause of there not being any spirituous liquors sold at this place (Clementsport); and I can safely say there is less drunkenness here than in any other place I have visited in the Province." Brother Nicholls states respecting Royal Division that it is "in a healthy, active, and prosperous condition; but little if any liquor is sold in the village (Hillsburgh), and a drunken man is a rare sight among us."

In Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties the cause, so far as I can gather, is not in a satisfactory state. From Queen's County I have not received much intelligence, except that intemperance prevails greatly in the town of Liverpool, where, though no licences are granted, liquor in plenty is to be had. Some have drunk themselves to death; others are on the road; and our brethren there "despair of much change" till we get the Maine Law. But "despair" is a word not befitting a Temperance vocabulary, and it cannot but be hoped that the County that boasts of the "Hero of Kars," Division will ere long report the repulse of assaults and the beginnings of victories.

Lunenburg is a great drinking County, and the brethren there have much to contend with; nevertheless, there is a good degree of healthy action in some parts of the County. In the town of Lunenburg, where there are two Divisions, both working well, an attempt has been made to prevent the illegal sale of rum, but without much success, for want of due encouragement from the authorities. In Chester the Order is happily "gaining ground."

In furnishing these particulars I have endeavored to give, in few words, a fair account of the present state of our Order.— I may add that in several of the Divisions females are admitted as visitors, and that this measure is reported as

productive of good effects.

If it be now inquired, by what policy our future operations should be distinguished, there is, in my opinion, but one answer to give. Unflinching perseverance must be the order of the day. True, we have lost ground in some respects, and a new quickening impulse is everywhere needed. But why should we not obtain it? What is there to hinder our onward march?—Where are the difficulties that will not yield to a determined spirit? If the people of this Province need more enlightenment, it is for us to impart it. If any of the brethren have fallen into apathy, they must be roused. If any falter, they must be

reproved and disciplined. If any have straved away, the hand must be stretched out to bring them back. If there be opposition, it must be encountered with firmness and discretion. In a word, we are called on to resolve, one and all, that we do our duty, individually and collectively,-by personal efforts to diffuse the principles of the Order.—by punctual attendance at meetings of Divisions, and by so conducting ourselves at all times that our whole lives may be in harmony with our professed adherence to the Temperance cause. Nothing more is needed. If every Son of Temperance in this Province will devote his powers to the conscientious and habitual discharge of his duty, the strength of the Order will soon be doubled, and an overpowering beneficial influence will be exerted on the whole

population.

The loss sustained by the discontinuance of the Athenaum will be now to some extent repaired. I have the pleasure to inform the Division that the publication of the Abstainer has been undertaken by Mr. James Barnes of Halifax, and that the first number was issued on the 15th inst. The members of the Order, and of other Temperance Institutions, will exert themselves, I trust, to secure an extensive circulation of this Periodical. A liberal use of the Press is essentially connected with the success of our endeavors. In this instance the patronage can be exercised at so little cost that no one can be excused from participation in the effort. Give your paper a steady circulation of ten thousand, with corresponding energy on the part of the friends of Temperance, and the death-knell of the liquor traffic will soon be heard.

Whether we shall recommend to the subordinate Divisions an immediate renewal of the agitation for the Prohibitory Liquor Law, or whether it will be preferable to abstain from such agitation for a while, are questions which will probably be discussed at the present session. Considering, too, that a diminution of our numbers is going on continually, in consequence of the non-payment of dues, it may be proper to enquire into the expediency of so modifying our pecuniary arrangements as that difficulties or objections on that ground may find no excuse. It will further be desirable to devise measures adapted to give interest and power to public meetings in every part of the country, and thus to enlighten, excite, and animate. These and kindred topics will engage your attention. They demand serious and thorough consideration.

I cannot imagine, officers and brethren, that it is necessary for me to adduce arguments to remind you of the motives to You are familiar with them all. Nor are you in any wise unresolved or unprepared. Your course is well defined and your pupose is unshaken. The cause with which you are identified advances with sure steps, although to the ardent its progress seems to be slow. Checks and hindrances may be interposed, so as to occasion temporary or local embarrassment, but they will serve to sharpen ingenuity and stimulate Meanwhile, the persevering activity of our brethren in other parts of the world may be contemplated with instruction and encouragement. In Great Britain, the Temperance power begins to be acknowledged, and its voice is heard in the High Court of Parliament. In the States of the neighboring Union, notwithstanding obstinate and organised resistance, aided by all the force of legal quibbling, the Prohibitory policy is daily gaining favour. In these Colonies of British North America, good men and true are everywhere combining for the rescue of their countrymen from the destroyer. musters her hosts to the battle. New Brunswick, defeated by unworthy means, prepares for another onslaught. Nova Scotia will not be wanting. We will think of the past, and be thankful. We will gird ourselves anew for the conflict. We will not lay down our arms till Prohibition is the law of the land.

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. M. CRAMP,
GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order. The G. S. read his Report, as follows:

To the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brethren:-

Another year has been numbered with its predecessors, and we are again permitted—for the ninth time—to meet in Annual Session of Grand Division. The results of our united deliberations will be anxiously looked for by those whom we represent; much will be expected from us; let us not cause disappointment. It is essentially necessary, brethren, that we at the present Session—devise and mature such measures as may tend to the

revival and advancement of our Order, and the extension of our principles—Total Abstinence and Prohibition—throughout the Province. Let us then go to work with a "right good will," and a determination that the plans of operation we may adopt for the ensuing year, will be perseveringly and faithfully carried out. Let us show the world that we are sincere in our professions—faithful to our obligations—true to the principles of the "Cause we have espoused."

Two subjects of importance will necessarily occupy much of your attention—the employment of an Agent and Lecturer to visit the Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction; and the steps necessary to be taken in order to secure the enactment of a Law for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors by the Legislature of this Province. These two questions will require from you much thought; give them your most serious consideration, and whatever course you may resolve upon to pursue, be determined, and see that your work be properly, and promptly executed. In reference to again applying to the Legislature for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, we should not be discouraged by the failure of last year, nor by the repeal of the Law in the sister Province of New Brunswick. Maine, the Pioneer in the cause of Prohibition. See how nobly her people have again come out in favour of the Law, notwithstanding the exultations of its opponents at what they considered to be the final suppression of all agitation on the subject, by the action of the voters in 1855. How nobly did her sons redeem themselves, on the 8th September last, by triumphantly returning one of the candidates for the office of Governor, who is an avowed Prohibitionist, with a majority of between 15,000 and 16,000 votes! Is not this a great reaction in favour of the "cause of all mankind?" As it has been with the people of Maine, so shall it be with the men of New Brunswick. The brethren in the sister Province feel confident that they will again, ere long, have a Prohibitory enactment spread on the Statute Book. They are determined to agitate for the Law, until it is enacted, and they will get it! Let us imitate the example of our brethren in Maine and New Brunswick, and we too shall not be disappointed, but will be enabled to exclaim.

> Broadly waves our banner o'er us, Broader still be it unfurl'd, Till all nations join the chorus,— FREEDOM TO A RANSOM'D WORLD.

While we seek for the enactment of a Law for the entire suppression of the traffic, and cannot consistently, as temperance men, apply for one of a less stringent nature, we at the same time should be prepared to accept whatever Law—be it ever so much modified from the one we wish—our Legislators may be disposed to give us; by so doing we will in my opinion—pave the way for the whole measure.

I have much pleasure in announcing that the Publication Committee have at length—after devoting much time and attention to the subject—succeeded in making arrangements for the establishment of a Temperance Periodical, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Quarterly session held at Shubenacadie, in May last. The Committee have entered into an agreement with Mr. James Barnes, of this city, as Publisher. The Rev. Dr. Cramp—our present able and respected G.W.P.—has been engaged as the Editor, and from the well known abilites of our brother, as a writer and lecturer on Temperance, his name will be a sufficient guarantee as to the character of the paper and the spirit that will be exhibited in the editorial department. The strict business habits, and general punctuality of the Publisher will also, I feel convinced, give satisfaction to the Grand Division.

By the arrangements entered into by the committee, the G. D. is now relieved of the amount due on the printing materials of the late Athenaum newspaper, and for which it became responsible. I would refer the G. D. to the report of the Publication Committee for further information respecting their arrangement for the publication of the Abstainer, which is now the official

organ of this body.

In order to extend the circulation of the paper, I have mailed 250 copies of the Circular of the Publication Committee, addressed to the Divisions, Deputies, and temperance men throughout the Province; in addition to which I have also forwarded by mail a number of prospectuses, which were printed by the publisher, and wrote between seventy and eighty letters to some of the most prominent temperance friends. From the answers I have received, there are now about 1,500 copies ordered, but I have no doubt the circulation will soon exceed 2,000. As the first number of the Abstainer was issued on the 15th instant, brethren will now have an opportunity of judging of the style of articles that will appear in its columns, as also of the typographical workmanship; and, as the publisher depends upon the Grand Division to extend the circulation of the paper, it is hoped that the brethren will exert themselves to increase the list of subscribers.

Having corresponded with some of the prominent members of the Order of TEMPERANCE WATCHMEN, on the subject of establishing a periodical, I would inform the Grand Division that the matter was brought to the notice of the *Brotherhood* at their Annual Convention, which was held at Upper Stewiacke in July last, and the following resolution adopted:

"Resolved,—That this Convention urge upon all the Clubs under their jurisdiction the duty of responding to the invitation of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, respecting

their contemplated temperance periodical."

Respecting the state of the Order in the Province, I would apply the military term "as you were," to some of the Deputies and Divisions under this jurisdiction—but am pleased to state that some of them have "come to the front," and assumed their proper position. Although a few of the Divisions have ceased operations—some of which had not been in working order for twelve months and upwards—it is my opinion that a reaction is about to take place in some parts of the Province, as some of the Divisions that did not hold their meetings regularly for some time, have again resumed their work, and, I have been informed, with fair prospects of increasing the number of their members, and advancing the principles of our organization in the several districts where they are located.

As there are a large number of returns for the past quarter still due, I am unable to give you as full a statistical synopsis of the Order as I had wished; neither can I, satisfactorily, compare the returns of the Divisions for each quarter during the past year, in order to show the Grand Division the increase and decrease—numerically and financially—of the Divisions in each County: but would refer you, particularly, to the County of Halifax, where the Divisions are rapidly increasing in numbers, and by their returns show a marked advance over the corresponding term of last year, notwithstanding the great influx of strangers into the County during the past twelve months, and an increase in the number of places—both licensed and unlicensed—where intoxicating liquors may be found.

I regret to learn that intemperance is greatly on the increase in the Counties of Hants and Colchester; this is owing, no doubt, to the railway operations, along the line of which almost every shanty that has been erected is permitted to vend intoxicating drinks, even without licence, whereby a large proportion of the laboring men are prevented from attending to their work regularly, in consequence of their being in an almost continual

state of drunkenness. Many of these shanties being near the places where some of the Divisions are located, some of our weaker brethren were tempted, and, I am sorry to hear, have again relapsed into their former habits of intemperance. This state of things, I have reason to believe, is not unknown to the Magistrates living in the vicinity of the works; but why they do not perform the duty incumbent upon them as administrators of the law, is best known to themselves.

The names of seventy-nine Divisions are now on the records of this Grand Division; of this number, one—Mechanics, No. 34—has surrendered its charter; six have ceased working, with but little prospect of their being again resuscitated, viz.: Cumberland, 35; Rock, 63; Aurora, 70; Maine Law, 114; Salem, 116; Inkermann, 123. The above named Divisions have not been in working order for twelve months and upwards. Inkermann Division was never in a prosperous condition since its institution, and its organization, I fear, had rather a damaging effect on the Order in its chartered locality, as it tended to weaken the Division already existing—Morning Star, No. 59, which has been for sometime working under great difficulties. This is the second time for Rock Division, No. 63, to cease working; it never has been in a very flourishing condition since it resumed operations, about two years ago.

Of the remaining seventy-two Divisions, forty-eight only have sent in their returns for the quarter ending September 30, of

which the following is a synopsis:-

Initiated, 27 Divisions -	•	164
Admitted by Card -		1
Admitted by Dispensation -	-	5—170
Rejected		3
Withdrawn by Card	-	9
Withdrawn from the Order		16 - 25
Reinstated	-	28
Suspended		42
Violated pledge	•	51
Signed over		· 27
Violated p edge second time	•	· 13
Expelled for violation of pledge	-	53
Expelled for non-payment of due	s ·-	56-109
Deaths	- ;	5

Temperance meetings held			47
Tracts distributed			6
Representatives to Grand Division			437
Total number of Members on Financial \ Scribe's books, 48 Divisions		2	228
Receipts for quarter, 45 Divisions -	£307	18	13,
Paid for benefits by 16 Divisions	90	5	() "
Expenses exclusive of benefits, 34 Div'ns	192	3	Şį
Cash on hand, including investments, 43 Divisions	1567	1	412
Per capita tax, 48 Divisions	27	17	0
Per capita tax, received from 42 Div'ns	23	6	0

Since the last meeting of the Grand Division, returns have been received from the following named Divisions, for quarter ending 31st March, 1856:—Union, 6; Exeter, 113; Phoenix,

· 115; Flowing Fountain, 118.

Returns for quarter ending 30th June, have been received from Union, 6; Avondale, 13; New Caledonia, 14; Cape Breton, 27; Wilberforce, 28; Pugwash, 36; Royal, 37; Archangel, 40; Truro, 41; Olive Branch, 44; Port Royal, 46; Canard, 50; Rising Sun, 52; Lunenburg, 60; Lake, 71; Wallace, 75; Margaretville, 80; Father Mathew, 85; Bethlehem, 89; Kellogg, 92; Chedabucto. 93; Evening Star, 97; Invincible, 100; Victoria Mines, 108; Wellington, 109; Railway, 111; Southampton, 117; Flowing Fountain, 118; Alma, 121; Lower Horton, 122; Vesper, 124; June Rose, 125; Emblem, 126.

The following named Divisions have not sent in their returns for quarter ending 31st of March, 1856:—Concord, 5; Mechanics, 34; Queen's Own, 54; Morning Star, 59; Rock, 63; Iron Age, 82; Maine Law, 114; Salem, 116; Diligent River, 120; Inkermann, 123.

Returns for quarter ending 30th June are still due from Concord, 5; Columbia, 24; Mechanics, 34; Cumberland, 35; Queen's Own, 54; Morning Star, 59; Rock, 63; Harmony, 67: Aurora, 68; Aurora, 70; Agricola, 72; Iron Age, 82; Wilmot, 88; Garland, 105; Parrsboro, 110; Exeter, 113; Maine Law, 114; Phænix, 115; Salem, 116; Diligent River 120; Inkermann, 123.

The undernamed Divisions have not yet sent in their returns for the quarter ending 30th September, 1856:—Acadia, 1;

Central, 2; Milton, 4; Concord, 5; New Caledonia, 14; Hebron, 19; Columbia, 24; Mechanics, 34; Cumberland, 35; Truro, 41; Olive Branch, 44; Queen's Own, 54; Morning Star, 59; Lunenburg, 60; Star in the East, 61; Harmony, 67; Aurora, 68; Aurora, 70; Lake, 71; Iron Age, 82; Garland, 105; Victoria Mines, 108; Parrsboro, 110; Maine Law, 114; Phænix, 115; Salem, 116; Flowing Fountain, 118; Diligent River, 120; Lower Horton, 122; Inkermann, 123.

I herewith submit my account, which I trust, on examination, will be found correct.

I would call the attention of the Grand Division to a resolution passed at the last Annual Session, in reference to the collecting of statistics of intemperance by the subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction, the records of which were to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe. No copies of such records—if any have been kept by the Divisions—have yet been received.

As this Grand Division has agreed with the other Colonial Grand Divisions in an application to the National Division of North America for a separate charter, and, as that body has concluded to hold the matter "under advisement until the next annual meeting," it will be necessary to decide at this session what further steps should be taken in reference to that subject. I would here state that I have forwarded a communication to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, requesting him to acquaint me with the action of that body on the subject, as it does not appear that that Division has united with the others in the application referred to; but I have not yet received an answer.

Since the last quarterly session a charter has been granted for the institution of a new Division at St. Peter's, Cape Breton. D. G. W. P., D. H. Macqueen, of Sydney, was authorized to organize the Division. I have not yet been informed of its

organization.

Having now entered upon the labors of the session, let us do our duty faithfully, and I trust that, at its close, we may be enabled to refer with pleasure to the work we have done; and when we each return to the subordinate Divisions with which we are connected, let it be our object to diffuse a new energy among the brethren, and advance the interests of the Order to the utmost of our abilities. In conclusion, I pray that the "Great Patriarch above," to whom we should always be thankful for the success that has hitherto attended our efforts, may

lend us His countenance and blessing, and assist us in conducting our labors to a happy and successful conclusion.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

Patrick Monaghan,

Grand Scribe.

Halifax, October 22, 1856.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment during the Session were fixed as follows:

Brother R. M. Barratt moved the following resolution, which was seconded by brother N. Tupper:

Whereas, the P. W. P.'s, after leaving the Chair, lose in most cases their distinctive character, and become as ordinary members; and, whereas, it is the opinion of this meeting that the frequent meetings of those persons for the purpose of discussing general questions relating to the state of the Order in their several districts, holding public meetings, and otherwise forwarding the Temperance work, would be highly advantageous to the interests of the Order. Therefore, be it recommended to the Deputy G. W. P.'s to hold stated meetings of the P. W. P.'s of the different Divisions in their several districts, for the purpose of holding Public Meetings and otherwise forwarding the Temperance work.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table, to be taken up for discussion at a future meeting.

Brother S. Selden moved the following, which was seconded by brother W. L. Bell:

Whereas, four meetings of the Grand Division within the year involves expenses and loss of time, which are neither expedient nor tending to the advancement of interests, either in the Grand or Subordinate Divisions. Be it therefore resolved, that semi-annual meetings be adopted, at such seasons as will suit the Representatives of Town and Country.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table for future discussion.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form; the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called:

Present—G. W. P., G. S., G. T., G. Chap., G. Con.

Absent—G. W. A., G. Sent., P. G. W. P. Vacancies were filled as at Morning Session.

G. D. was declared open.

P. G. W. P. Thompson entered and took his seat.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representative Wm. Proctor, of No. 12, who was duly initiated, and took his seat.

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid:

James Bowes & Sons, Printing Journal, £6 12 6 A. J. Ritchie, for Printing, 1 6 3

A. Grant, for Advertising, 0 15 0

On motion, brother R. M. Barratt's resolution was taken up; while under debate it was moved and seconded that the resolution be referred to a Committee of three for consideration. It was moved and seconded, in amendment, that the subject be dismissed. On the amendment being put, it was declared lost—9 voting for, 10 against.

The original motion was then put and carried; the resolution was referred to a Committee consisting of the Grand

Treasurer, R. M. Barratt, and James Mosher.

On motion, brother Selden's resolution was taken up, and while under debate the Grand Treasurer moved in amendment, that the expenses of the G. W. P. and G. Seribe, only, in attending the Quarterly Sessions during the ensuing year, be paid. The amendment was seconded by brother J. Shean.

On motion the debate was adjourned. On motion the G. D. adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p. M., and opened in due form; the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called:

Present—G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. T., G. Con., G. Sent.

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

Vacancies were filled by brothers M. Herbert, G. Chap., James Mosher, P. G. W. P., pro tem.

G. D. declared open. P. G. W. P. Thompson entered

and took his seat.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representatives George A. Sanford, of No. 8, William Phillips, Thomas Cudihee and William Graham, No. 9, and James Adams, No. 26, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

The Minutes of Afternoon Session were read and ap-

proved.

The debate on brother Selden's resolution, and the amendment thereto—adjourned from Afternoon Session—was resumed.

Brother J. Mosher moved, seconded by brother W. Murray, that the whole subject be dismissed. After a lengthened discussion, the original resolution and amendment were withdrawn, by consent of the Grand Division, and brother W. L. Bell moved the following, which was seconded by brother N. Tupper, and adopted:

Resolved, That the expenses of the G. W. P. (or G. W. A. when acting as G. W. P.) and the G. Scribe, only, be paid for their attendance at the Sessions of the G. D. during the ensuing year.

The Grand Chaplain entered and took his seat.

The accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read, and on motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Rev. Grand Chaplain, as Chairman, presented the following report from the Committee on the state of the Order.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

In view of the full and particular details respecting the condition of our cause in this Province, presented in the able and interesting "Reports" of the G. W. P. and G. S., your Committee on the state of the Order feel relieved from the

responsibility of indulging in lengthened observations.

It is apparent that excepting the city of Halifax, and two or three other localities in the island of Cape Breton, where the brethren have manifested commendable zeal in the holding of public meetings for the promulgation of our principles, the Order generally is on the decline. In searching for the cause or causes of this declension your Committee are of opinion that it is attributable mainly to the facts mentioned in the report of the G. W. P., viz: to the suspension of the Athenaum newspaper, the want of an efficient lecturer in the field, the hostility of the Government to our cause, as manifested in the defeat of the Bill contemplating the enactment of a law for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, at the last session of the Legislative Assembly,—and the obvious leaning on the part of "men in office" to the support of said traffic,—to which might be added the neglect of many religious bodies to regard it as a moral offence.

Your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the opposition just referred to, and the protection which the Legislature gives to the trade in intoxicating liquors, are the chief obstacles in the way of our success, and the principal reasons for our retrogression.

As a means of reviving the Order your Committee would carnestly recommend that efforts be made to extend the circulation of "The Abstainer"—the first number of which has made its appearance—and which promises to be a most efficient instrumentality in carrying forward our noble enterprise. In connection with the circulation of our paper, the living voice of the Temperance advocate requires to be lifted up through the length and breadth of the Province, teaching the people the

impolicy and unrighteousness of giving legal protection and sanction to a trade directly at war with the spirit and intent of civil Government, and would, therefore advise the employment of a Lecturer for this purpose forthwith.

Your Committee would also suggest the propriety of taking into consideration the changes in the constitution proposed by the most worthy Scribe, as quoted in the Report of the G. W. P., as a means of increasing the interest of our institution.

Your Committee would express their belief that with "Prohibition" as our watchword—echoed by "The Abstainer," and re-echoed by the living voice of the Agent and Lecturer, of our "noble Order" would be revived, the Governmental policy of our country would be changed, and our beloved country itself redeemed from the terrible curse of Intemperance.

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

Alex. McArthur. JAMES MOSHER. MICHL. HERBERT.

Adopted after discussion.

On motion, the time for the election of Officers was fixed for to-morrow evening at 8 o'cleck.

The Grand Treasurer moved the following, which was seconded by brother R. M. Barratt:

Resolved, That the Grand Division continue to view with unabated interest and zeal the great subject of "Prohibition," considering its right, constitutionally and socially, undoubted.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table, to take up for discussion to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

On motion, the G. D. adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Grand Scribe.

THURSDAY, October 23, 1856.

The Grand Division assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form: G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. T., G. Chap., G. Con.

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

Vacancies were filled by brothers G. G. Gray, G. W. A., W. Murray, G. Sent., J. Mosher, P. G. W. P.

G. D. was declared open.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representative John J. Dimock, of No. 13, who was duly initiated and took his seat.

The Minutes of yesterday evening's Session were read

and approved.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom were referred the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correct.

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

A. J. RITCHIE, R. M. BARRATT, GEO. J. RICHARDSON.

Halifax, 23rd October, 1856.

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws presented the following report, which was adopted:

The standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws have had submitted to them for examination the Bye-Laws of Chedabucto Division, No. 93, upon which they would report as fellows:

The words "non-benefit members" in Section 1 of Article 9 conflicts with the Constitution. Your Committee would recommend that the whole clause in which the above words occur be erased, and the following substituted instead thereof:—Persons of old age or under disability, may be admitted in accordance with Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution, for the sum of five shillings initiation fee.

The words "in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution" to be added to Article 12; and the same words to be

also added to the second clause of Article 13.

As Section 2 of Article 14 requires several corrections in order to make it agree with the Constitution, your Committee

would recommend the whole Article to be erased, and the following substituted instead thereof;---

"Every member who is not absent at sea, or in some distant place, whose dues and fines are unpaid for eleven months, shall be served with notice by the Financial Scribe, if practicable; after notice, if a further period of four weeks elapse without his account being settled, he becomes liable to suspension or expulsion in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, and Article 2 of the Revised Statutes."

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

WILLIAM L. BELL. PATK. MONAGHAN. JOHN HEENAN.

Halifax, 23rd October, 1856.

The Publication Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee of Publications report

That during the past Quarter they have made arrangements with Mr. Barnes, of Halifax, for publishing a Temperance paper called "The Abstainer," to be issued monthly, about the dimensions of the late Athenæum, but of a different form, at the rate of two shillings and sixpence per year, under the editorial management of the Rev. Dr. Cramp, for whose services they have pledged the Funds of the Grand Division to the amount of Twenty Five Pounds per year.

That they have by the sale of the type and materials of the office to Mr. Barnes, relieved the Grand Division from any further responsibility, Mr. Barnes having agreed to pay the balance due on the types at Boston, and the rent of the office

recently occupied by Mr. Willoughby.

That they have now full confidence that such a paper will be issued as will adequately meet the views and wishes of a large majority of the real friends of Temperance in this Province.

The Committee respectfully remind the Grand Division, that they stand pledged through their Committee to the editor and the publisher of the "Abstainer" to use their greatest efforts to secure an extensive circulation for "The Abstainer" as to diffuse temperance intelligence, and to render the enterprise remunerative.

Respectfully submitted

RICH. McLearn, Chairman.
John A. Bell,
A. J. Ritchie,
W. M. Brown,
Patk. Monaghan.
C. Robson.
ALEX. JAMES.

The Committee on Communications presented the following report:

The Committee on Communications having had under consideration a Communication from the Temperance Watchmen, relative to the action to be taken in reference to the subject of a Prohibitory Law, beg to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, The people of this Province have repeatedly presented petitions, very numerously signed, to the Legislature on this subject, and these petitions have received very little

attention, therefore,

Resolved, That no further action by way of petitioning is expedient until an Assembly be chosen which will pay more respect to the wishes of the people in regard to Temperance, and that, in the opinion of this Grand Division, it is the duty of all Temperance men to use their utmost endeavors to effect a change in the character of our Legislature in this respect.

NATHAN TUPPER. WILLIAM L. BELL. GEO. CREED.

After some discussion, the debate on the report was, on motion, adjourned till after the election of Officers this evening.

Brother W. L. Bell moved the following resolution, which was seconded by brother T. W. Daupheney, and adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Division, the extension of the non-beneficiency system, at the discretion of

Divisions, as recommended by the M. W. S., at the recent Annual Session of the National Division, would be highly condusive to the welfare of the order, by increasing the number of its members.

That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the M. W. S., to be laid before the National Division, at its next Annual Session.

Brother G. Creed, junr., laid the following resolution on the table:

Resolved, That during the ensuing year—instead of the usual Quarterly Sessions—there be held two Sessions of this Grand Division; and that they be held in the month of February and June.

The Grand Sentinel entered and took his place.

On motion, the following Standing Committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

Constitutions and Bye-Laws-W. L. Bell, Grand

Scribe, J. Heenan.

Printing—Grand Scribe, A. J. Ritchie, R. R. McMillan.

Credentials—R. M. Barratt, J. Lanigan, W. A. S. Blewett.

Agency—J. A. Bell, W. M. Brown, G. J. Creed, C. Robson, S. Selden.

Publication—W. M. Brown, C. Robson, A. J. Ritchie, J. A. Bell, and Grand Scribe.

The Committee on Communications presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Com. on Communications report that they have had several communications before them on the subject of holding the sessions of the Grand Division in various localities in the country; but as this a subject that can only be settled by the Grand Division they respectfully refer the whole matter for the decision of that body.

NATHAN TUPPER. WILLIAM L. BELL. GEO. CREED. On motion, 400 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Annual Session were ordered to be printed, and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion, it was resolved that the expenses of the Officers in attendance at this Session be paid.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division met at 3 o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form; the G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. T., G. Chap., G. Con.

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

Vacancies were filled by brothers M. Herbert, G. W. A., W. Murray, G. Sent., J. Mosher, P. G. W. P., protem.

Grand Division declared open.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representative Roderick Fraser, of No. 7, who was duly initiated and took his seat.

The Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

P. G. W. P. Thompson entered and took his seat.

The resolution (on Prohibition) moved by the Grand Treasurer at a previous Session, was taken up, dismissed, and passed.

The Grand Chaplain moved the following resolution, which was seconded by brother N. Tupper, and adopted:

Resolved, That while this Grand Division cannot but regard the enactment of a Prohibitory Law as the only effectual means of suppressing Intemperance, it will contemplate with favour any preliminary efforts for the removal of the evil, such as the separation of the Liquor Traffic from all other traffic, and other measures of a similar kind.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form; G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe., G. T., G. Chap., G. Con. G. Sent.

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

Vacancies were filled by brothers R. Noble, G. W. A., J. Mosher, P. G. W. P., pro tem.

Grand Division was declared open.

P. G. W. P. Thompson and the G. W. A. entered and took their seats.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representative John Dunn, of No. 8, who was duly initiated and took his seat.

The Minutes of the Afternoon Session were read and approved.

The hour appointed for the election of Officers having arrived, the Grand Division proceeded to that duty, when, after the severel ballotings were had, the following named brethren were declared elected:

Rev. Alex. McArthur, of Pictou, G. W. P. James Mosher, Windsor, G. W. A. Patrick Monaghan, 66 Halifax, G. Scribe. G. T. John A. Bell, G. Chap. Rev. S. N. Bently, ٤٠ " Robt. M. Barratt, . . 66 G. Con. William Murray, 44 33 G. Sen.

On motion, it was resolved that the Installation of the Officers elect take place to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Communications—the debate on which was adjourned from the Morning Session—was taken up, and, after discussion, adopted.

Brother Creed's resolution—laid on the table at the Morning Session—was taken up, and, after some discussion, it was moved and seconded, that the brother have leave to withdraw the resolution, which on being put was carried,—12 voting for, 11 against.

The resolution was then withdrawn.

The Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Grand Scribe.

FRIDAY, October 24, 1856.

The Grand Division assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form; G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present-G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. T. G. Chap., G. Con.

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

Vacancies were filled by brothers S. Selden, G. W. A., R.

M. Barratt, G. Sent., J. Mosher, P. G. W. P.

Grand Division déclared open.

Minutes of last Evening's Session read and approved.

The Special Committee to whom brother Barratt's resolution—in reference to Meetings of P. W. P.'s—was referred, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting meetings of P. W.P.'s. have agreed to recommend the following for the consideration of this Grand Division.

Whereas, brethren who have passed the honorable and responsible office of Worthy Patriarch of Subordinate Divisions, should henceforth consider themselves specially devoted to the achievement of the Temperance reform.

Be it resolved; that this Grand Division, earnestly and respectfully recommend the Deputies, prior to each night of instillation to give notice to the Past Worthy Patriarchs in the jurisdiction of each, to meet at a certain time for purposes of consultation. That the objects of these meetings be to devise means for the increase of the members, and efficiency of the Order,—the arrangement for fraternal meetings of Subordinate Divisions—the suggestion of questions for discussion by those Divisions,—the arrangement of public meetings and other matters circulated to advance the cause, both among its devoted friends and the public generally.

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

WILLIAM LIPPINCOTT. R. M. BARRATT. JAMES MOSHER.

October 23, 1857.

On motion, the Sessions of the G. D. during the ensuing year were appointed to be held at the following places:—South Rawdon, on Wednesday, 22d January, 1857; Nietaux, on Wednesday, 22d April; Chester, on Wednesday, 15th July; and the Annual Session at Halifax on Wednesday, 28th October, 1857.

On motion, the following named brethren were appointed as the Committee on Halls:—George Creed, South Rawdon; Beniah Morse, Wilmot; Henry B. Mitchell, Chester; Bobt. M. Barratt, Halifax.

On motion of brother G. Creed, it was resolved, that three Delegates be sent from this Grand Division to the Annual Session of the National Division, which will be held at Providence, Rhode Island, in June next; and that the Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction be solicited to contribute towards paying their expenses.

On motion, G. W. P. Cramp, Rev. A. McArthur, G. W. P. elect, and Jas. Mosher, G. W. A. elect, were appointed as the Delegates.

The following resolution was moved by brother S. Selden, seconded by the Grand Treasurer, and adopted:

Whereas, it is a matter of deep regret and scriously interferes with the efficiency of this Grand Division, that so few Representatives from distant parts of the Province are able to attend its meetings; and whereas it is the duty of each Subordinate Division, if possible, to send one Representative, yet there are cases in which one Subordinate Division is unable to bear the expense of sending such Delegate.

This Grand Division therefore strongly recommend, that in such cases, two or more neighboring Divisions unite in bearing the expense of a Delegate, so that each District in the Province may have at least one Representative at all the

meetings of this Grand Division.

On motion of Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by brother W. Murray, it was resolved, That the Subordinate Divisions throughout the Province be requested to consider the propriety of separation from the N. D. of North America, and to report their opinion on the subject to the Grand Scribe, on or before the first of January next; and that the Grand Scribe be directed to communicate this resolution, by circular, to said Divisions, and to remind them of the previous action of the G. D. on the subject.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by brother W. Murray, it was resolved, That each Subordinate Division under this jurisdiction be requested to forward two copies of their Constitution and Bye-Laws to the Grand Scribe, in order that they may be laid before the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws for examination.

On motion of brother R. Noble, it was resolved, That the Grand Scribe have 100 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the Session (in addition to the number ordered yesterday) printed, and forward a copy to each member of the Executive and Legislative Councils and Legislative Assembly.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form; G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. T., G. Chap., G. Con., P. G. W. P.

Absent-G. Sentinel.

Vacancy filled by brother J. Shean, pro tem.

Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

On motion of P. G. W. P. Thompson, it was resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of preparing an address to the Clergy and the heads of families throughout the Province, urging the claim of Temperance, at the present time, on their special attention.

G. W. P. Cramp, P. G. W. P. Thompson and P. G. W. P. Brown were appointed as the Committee.

The hour appointed for installation of the Officers elect having arrived, G. W. P. Cramp addressed the Division on leaving the Chair.

The Officers elect were then installed; viz:

G. W. P Rev. Alex. McArthur,	P. W. P.	Oriental	Div.	No. 16.
G. W. AJames Mosher,	66	Chester	EE	32.
G. ScribePatrick Monaghan,	46	Chebucto	. "	7.
G. TJohn A. Bell,	P. W.	46	46	7.
G. Chap.—Rev. S. N. Bently	P. W. P.	Victoria	66	10.
G. ConRobert M. Barratt,	"	Micmac	44	8.
G. SenWilliam Murray,	"	Mayflowe	r"	9.

The G. W. P. addressed the Grand Division on assuming the duties of his office.

On motion the following named brethren were severally elected as Representatives to the National Division:

G.	W.	P	-Rev.	Alex.	McArthur,	No.	16.
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G. W. A.—James Mosher, " 32.

P. G.	W. PRev. John M. Cramp, D. D.,	No.	112.
44	John S. Thompson,	"	7.
46	Rev. George Christie,	"	1.
"	William M. Brown,	66	96.
"	William Burrill,	**	4.
"	James W. Johnston,	"	26.
P. G.	W. A.—W. A. S. Blewett,	44	7.
"	Rev. John Cameron,	"	92.
•4	Lawrence E. Vanbuskirk,	46	96.

On motion, it was resolved, that P. G. W. A., Thos. O. Geddes, of No. 5, be elected a representative to the National Division, provided his credentials are forwarded to the Grand Scribe previous to the next Session of the G. D.

On motion of P. G. W. P. Cramp, seconded by brother J. D. Wallace, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address to the Military in the Garrison of Halifax, and that the same be printed in circulars for distribution.

The G. W. P., G. Chap., and G. T. were appointed as the Committee.

On motion of brother J. Mosher, seconded by the Grand Conductor, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be conveyed to the Divisions in this city for their kindness in allowing the Grand Division the use of their Room during the present Session.

The business of the Session having been concluded, the Grand Division was declared closed, to meet in Quarterly Session at South Rawdon, Hants County, on Wednesday, 28th January, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Grand Scribe.

Halifax, October 25, 1856.

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W. LIPPINCOTT,
Grand Treasurer

Halifax, 22d Oct., 1856.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT ANNUAL SESSION.

W. A. Blewett, G. W. A., P. Monaghan, G. S., Rich. Baker, G. Sen., John S. Thompson, P. A. J. Ritchie, [G. W. P. Alex. Robinson, Wm. Brown, John Heenan, Chas. Legg, Thos. Wesley, John A. Bell, C. Underwood, R. H. Wetmore, *Rodk. Fraser, H. A. Taylor, J. W. Quinan, Danl. O'Brien, Edward Jost, John Martin, R. M. Barratt, G. J. Creed, R. R. McMillan, Chas. Allan, P. J. Beuree, *G. A. Sanford, Thos. Conron, Thos. Wellington, *John Dunn, J. J. Uhlman,	G. B. Sanford, G. Con., Wm. Proctor, Geo. C. Harvie, *John I. Dimock, Rev. Alex. McArthur, G. Chap. No. 16. Wm. Lippincott, G. T., No. 18. Jas. Tracy, John Metzler, Senr., Robt. Motton. Junr., Robt. Boak, Senr., Richd. Currie, *Jas. Adams, C. C. Vaux, No. 32. M. J. McCurdy, No. 52. J. W. Daupheney, No. 60. Nathan Tupper, No. 71. Wm. L. Bell, Robt. Noble, M. Herbert, John Shean, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Wm. M. Brown, P. G. W. P.
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Rev. S. N. Bently, No. 10.

^{*}The Representatives whose names are marked thus * were initiated during the Session.