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 OF THE
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At the Quarterly Session, held at Truro. 25th and 26th
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Quarterly Report of the G.S. to G.D. for Quarter beginning 1st Jan'y. and ending 31st March, 1855.

No. of Division.	Names of Divisions	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Volunt. the Pledge.	Reinstated.	Volunt. Pledge 2d time.	Signed over.	Withdrawn.	Rejected.	Representatives to G.D.	Contributing Members.	Cash received.	Paid For Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per Capita Tax received.	Per Capita Tax not received.						
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20	Cape Breton	N. Sydney	18		1	1	1	1																	
21	Wilberforce	Nictaux	18		1	1	1	1																	
22	Prince William	Windsor	18		1	1	1	1																	
23	Prince of Wales	Sandy Cove	18		1	1	1	1																	
24	Chester	Mill Village	7		1	1	1	1																	
25	Mechanics	Chester	1		2	1	1	1																	
26	Cumberland	Dartmouth	1		2	1	1	1																	
27	Pugwash	Amherst	3		1	1	1	1																	
28	Royal	Pugwash	1		1	1	1	1																	
29	Morning Star	Hulshorough	1		1	1	1	1																	
30	Archangel	Cheveree	1		1	1	1	1																	
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39	Rising Sun	Musquodoboit	7		1	1	1	1																	
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50	Lake	Cornwallis	3		6	1	1	1																	
51	Apricola	Sewiacke	3		3	3	3	3																	
52	Wallace	Wallace	16		1	2	1	1																	
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54	Albion Mines	Albion Mines	3		2	1	2	2																	
55	Margaretville	Wlnnot	82		1	1	2	2																	
56	Iron Age	Londonderry	1		2	1	1	1																	
57	Father Matthew	L. Steviacke	2		5	1	1	1																	
58	Clements Arch	Clements Port	1		1	1	1	1																	
59	Wlnnot	Sewiacke	1		4	1	1	1																	
60	Bethlehem	North Sydney	2		1	1	1	1																	
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64	Evening Star	Lunenburg	2		1	1	1	1																	
65	Invincible	Aylesford	5		1	1	1	1																	
66	Young Men's	Yarmouth	10		7	1	1	1																	
67	Wlnnot	Causo	103		7	1	1	1																	
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OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

TRURO, Wednesday, 25th April, 1855.

The Grand Division opened in due form, at 10 A. M., the G. W. P. John S. Thompson, Esq. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P. and G. Scribe.

Absent—G. W. A., G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Con., G. Sentinel, P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled as follows: by appointing brothers J. F. Blanchard, G. W. A., S. G. W. Archibald, G. Treasurer, Rev. A. McArthur, G. Chaplain, Charles Blanchard, G. Conductor, H. A. Taylor, G. Sentinel, G. Reading, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The Grand Division declared open for business. The Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials was read as follows:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the following Credentials and find them correct.

- P. W. P. J. K. Wilson,
Harvey Doane,
Robt. Hogg,
Rufus Crowell,
Jas. D. Coffin,
Thos. Coffin, jr.
O. W. Homer,
Saml. O. Doane,
Wm. L. Crowell,
Isaac Hopkins,
Jas. H. Doane,
W. W. Ashley,
T. O. Geddes,
Prince McLaren,
Chas. Doane,
Thos. Coffin, senr.
Saml. Westwood, } Concord, No. 5.
- P. W. P. Jno. Coombes,
Jno. Barron, }
W. P. Jno. Longille, } Mayflower, No. 9.
- P. W. P. Jno. Bailey,
W. P. Wm. Hall, } Oriental, No. 16.
- P. W. P. Jno. Pierce,
W. P. Wm. Firth, } Roseway, No. 25.
- P. W. P. Jon. Woodbery,
Obed Taylor, } Wilberforce, No. 28.
- W. P. Enos W. Moreland, Chester, No. 32.
W. P. Thos. Elliott, Mechanic's, No. 34.
W. P. Jno. J. Burgess, Morning Star, No. 38.
W. P. Wm. McCully, Truro, No. 41.
P. W. P. Xerxes X. Chipman, Star, No. 49.
W. P. Henry Gesner, Canard, No. 50.
- P. W. P. Robt. Logan,
David Frieze,
James Butler,
James Putnam,
John Forbes,
David Whidden,
Archibald Frame, } Rock, No. 63.
- W. P. Wm. Creelman,
P. W. P. John McCurdy, } Agricola, No. 72.
- P. W. P. Jnc. Robinson, Albion Mines, No. 79.

P. W. P. E. Layton,
 R. N. B. M'Lellan,
 Jno. C. Spencer,
 T. R. McKim,
 J. L. McLellan, } Iron Age, No. 82.

W. P. John Fulton, Wilmot, No. 88.

P. W. P. Jno. Casey,
 W. P. Donald McPhee, } Kellogg, No. 92.

W. P. Jno. George Marshall, Athenæum, No. 96.

W. P. Wm. Asell Rockwell, Wolfville, No. 112.

W. P. Jno. W. Allison, Exeter, No. 113.

P. W. P. Jas. Starratt,
 W. P. Danl. Waterman, } Phœnix, No. 115.

P. W. P. Jno. Dechman,
 W. P. Saml. Hutchinson, } Salem, No. 116.

P. W. P. Geo. Creed,
 W. P. Wm. Dimock, } Rechab, No. 119.

P. W. P. Nat. P. Hughes,
 W. P. Archibald Lamb, } Diligent River, No. 120.

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

R. M. BARRATT,
 JNO. HEENAN,
 C. C. VAUX.

Adopted.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz.: George Butler, No. 7: Charles D. Upham, Robert S. McCurdy, David Page, Andrew Moore, Jotham B. Waddell, and James Kent, No. 41: Peter Clarke, No. 52: Judge Marshall, No. 96.

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

State of the Order—G. Reading, J. F. Blanchard, Judge Marshall.

Communications—David Page, S. G. W. Archibald, C. D. Upham.

Appeals—C. Blanchard, J. B. McCulley, H. A. Taylor.

Auditing—C. B. Archibald, J. K. Blair, A. L. Archibald.

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

Worthy Brothers,

A report concerning the state of the Order, its objects and duties, is of peculiar interest at the present time. In Nova Scotia, the United States, and the United Kingdom, the cause which we are organized to uphold and advance, to the best of our ability, is becoming yearly, perhaps daily, of more commanding consequence;—more attention is paid to its nature and requirements, more zeal and fidelity are evinced by its advocates,—its opponents recede, battling as they go, in some instances, in others apparently willing for a truce, and almost ready to come under our hammers. The civilized world, happily, is at length aroused to the magnitude of the evil we oppose, and the good we sustain,—and when men's minds are influenced by moral enquiries, the right will conquer if those who represent it perform their duty righteously. Much indeed has been achieved in reference to Temperance, at the present day: but we should be well aware that we have a difficult post to maintain, and much more to accomplish.

Matters of business will be laid before you in the papers of the Grand Scribe.

The question of Agency devolved on the Grand Division at the Windsor Session, held in February. The brethren then reappointed brother Cooper, up to the present period,—when his term of engagement concludes. Propositions on the subject will, probably, come before the Grand Division in this its April Session, and I earnestly hope that opportunities will appear whereby this very important service will be duly sustained. Care in choosing, and steady liberality in supporting, are what this means of advance requires.

A well considered Prohibitory Liquor Bill, as the Grand Division are aware, was urged on the attention of the Legislature during its session of 1855. It was adopted by the House of Assembly;—the Legislative Council scarcely challenged or combatted its principle or particulars, but they returned it to the country for consideration, with an expressed understanding that if it should come again, as it did in January 1855, it shall have their assent. Brethren, it is for the friends of Temperance, under Providence, to say whether it shall so come again, and shall become law. Vigilance, prudence, righteous zeal, are what our cause demands at your hands during the

present year. The more I see of society, the more I hear of this question, the more I consider the sphere of morals generally, the more am I convinced, that legal suasion is the proper crowning of moral suasion,—and that at the present day, common sense, and patriotism, and religion, require steady unflinching attention to both objects. If moral suasion accomplished all that its friends could desire, we would still require legal suasion, as a State testimony against the customs of Intemperance, as a State purification from the shackles of the tyrant, and as a security for the future. Let us devise wisely, and work zealously, respecting our great objects..

In reference to difference of opinion, on one point, in the House of Assembly, we may hope that the question is settled; respecting it we should give credit for upright intentions,—and not revive any unpleasantness which for awhile attached to its consideration.

The Bill is of thorough character; it demands the principle of Prohibition in a very comprehensive form; it was more successful, in maintaining its integrity during the Legislative scrutiny, than was expected,—we may hope that it will soon be an ornament to the Statute Book of the Province.

We should recollect, meantime, that an amended License Law is now in force, and by that, a kind of local Prohibitory Enactment is provided for the counties which may be prepared for its adoption.

Brethren, I have much pleasure in announcing, that our Order in Nova Scotia, appears in a more than usually prosperous condition. The number of members and of Divisions have most encouragingly increased during the term,—and, far as my individual experience extends, better attendance at meetings of Divisions, more zeal, more unity of opinion, have become established characteristics of the present period. These matters afford cause of thankfulness and of hope, and should greatly tend to animate as regards future advances. The first term of the year exhibited undoubted signs of improvement,—the second has nobly exceeded that,—let us have faith, and act accordingly, that the remaining terms of 1855, may exhibit continued progress, and form a prelude to a much more glorious series of future times.

It becomes a pleasant duty to call the attention of those qualified as representatives to the National Division, to the courteous and urgent invitation received by me, for the brethren,

from the Grand Worthy Patriarch of South Carolina, and respecting the Session to be held in Charleston in June next. It will, doubtless, be a meeting of much interest and importance, and I hope that several brethren of Nova Scotia will find it convenient to represent the Province on that occasion.

One Division of the city, has honourably and successfully distinguished itself, in some missionary efforts. It has been instrumental in establishing a Division at St. Margaret's Bay, twenty miles from Halifax, and has made other similar advances which promise well. This example of social visitation, for the purpose of extending our Order and the cause of Temperance, might be followed, and with very happy effects, by other Divisions in various parts of the country. Other new Divisions have been organised by instrumentality of Deputies, but that of St. Margaret's Bay is named, because it was the result of a voluntary effort on the part of a Subordinate Division.

The new Division just alluded to, has been named the Inkerman,—let it be indicative of the indomitable individual heroism which our struggle with a tyrant principle, and in behalf of justice and mercy, demands. Our cause does not include ill to any, but on the reverse, its object is the good of all mankind. Let us be worthy of laurels in this noble field; it is one which calls for the heroism of charitable action and patient endurance; and its honours are those of the heart, those which spring from the growth of human happiness, and the approval of heaven.

Brethren, the old apathy, of which we had to complain, appears removed to a great extent, respecting meetings of the Order;—judging from my experience, I would say, that the brethren have now chiefly to guard against, undue warmth of temper, uncharitable remarks, disputes on inconsequential topics, and readiness to give and take offence. Our Division rooms should be places noted for courteous demeanour, for intelligence, for general interest, as well as for good morals and the Temperance element. Much depends on the various companies which form the army of our Order; many eyes watch our conduct; let us reform what is wrong with ourselves, and go on improving our local concerns, while we strive after influencing society generally. The better the instrument, the more efficient, we may expect, will be its instrumentality.

Want of acquaintance with the proceedings of the National and Grand Divisions, is sometimes observable, to an injurious extent, in the Subordinate Divisions. This may be remedied,

by Worthy Patriarchs carefully and statedly calling the attention of Divisions to these matters,—by a better distribution of documents,—and by a mode of filing these so that easy access may be had to any part of them, by members of Divisions generally. An index of the Reports up to the present time, might be a valuable aid to a proper acquaintance with the rules and usages of the Order. As an immediate practical improvement, the Grand Division might provide for the special presentation of a copy of its reports, to each officer of every subordinate Division. The better the acquaintance maintained between the various degrees of the Order, the greater, we may believe, will be the harmony and efficiency.

A voluntary organization, with monthly or other meetings, of Past Worthy Patriarchs, has been recommended by some brethren of Halifax. The proposed objects are, the maintaining of the spirit and discipline of the Order, among such members,—the study of the rules and usages,—and the promotion of missionary Temperance efforts. At present, too frequently, P. W. P's. seem to forget the honourable posts they have passed,—and to merge in the ranks, forgetful of how much the cause has to expect from them, and what a staff they should form for its official members generally.

I have to express regret that very engrossing avocations have hitherto prevented me from giving that study and varied attention to the interests of the Order, that I so much desire. I hope for future opportunities, and for improvement of these. The Committee to whom was intrusted the supervision of the Prohibitory Bill, and of which I was chairman, attended to the duties which they had in charge. I have very gratefully to acknowledge the invariable courtesy which I have experienced from brethren of the Order, during my official visits, and on other occasions,—and to say, that such kindly countenance is a great support and encouragement in the performance of public duty, and is calculated to be as useful, as it is complimentary and creditable. I have also to express thanks to the Deputies whose reports I have received. Some of these documents include particulars that are deserving of special mention, and that may be more distinctly attended to at another opportunity.

Several matters which might be mentioned, may have been omitted, in consequence of the exigencies as regards time, under which this report was prepared. Respecting these and other failings I expect a kindly forbearance,—and, as regards myself, hope for much improvement.

In conclusion, brethren,—let me again call to your attention, the great desirableness of preparing at this session, for a simple and comprehensive plan for the Temperance proceeding of the year,—in reference to the Agency, other missionary efforts, more general objects,—and very zealous and wise arrangements concerning the legislative feature of our sacred cause. Keep in mind our pledges and obligations,—our principles of Purity, Charity and Fidelity,—the privileges and duties that are included in our profession,—and the honour and righteous triumphs that may attend our patient though humble exertions. The past has pleasing memories concerning our cause ;—the future has many promises ; let us religiously try for their happy realization.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. F.

J. S. THOMPSON.

G. W. P.

Which on motion was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read the following Report :—

G. W. P., Officers, and Brothers,

It is again my privilege, as it is my duty, on the assembling of the Grand Division in quarterly session, to address you and bring to your notice and consideration the several matters in connection with our Order, that have transpired since our last meeting, and before doing so, I unhesitatingly affirm that the time has fully arrived when as Temperance men we must sustain our principles by every legitimate means in our power, and show to the world at large that Nova-Scotians will be free, and are determined to rid the land of one of the greatest evils that ever infested a country—the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The Legislative Council having appealed to the Country, to the Country we will go ; and I firmly believe that the petitions next session will be much greater in numbers than on any previous occasion ; we must be in earnest in the matter, and prepare for the carrying out of the law, after it is obtained.

The License law passed at the last session of the Legislature, will in the meantime prepare the way for the more stringent measure we are seeking for. It is gratifying to see the law passing in Canada and New Brunswick, with such respectable majorities ; in the latter province the cause seems to be rapidly progressing—the Order there embracing 91 working Divisions.

with a membership of 5000 active brethren, fully alive to their responsibility, and determined to carry the law into effect. We are called upon at this time to deliberate upon this subject, and to adopt such measures as will best tend to promote the object we have in view, and our serious attention should be given to it, and also the subject of an Agent and Lecturer, as the present crisis demands that we should have an energetic, zealous, and persevering brother in the field, to arouse the brethren throughout the Province into activity and zeal, that we may exhibit a band of determined brothers ready to do battle against our enemies, until alcohol no longer pollutes the land. The engagement with brother Cooper terminates at this session of the Grand Division, and the subject now comes before the Grand Division, and I can testify to the good resulting from the agency by an increase of members in many localities, as well as an awakening to a sense of duty by several Divisions.

The attention of this Grand Division should also be given to the Athenæum paper; and an effort made by the brethren throughout the province to place the subscription list in such a position, as to render the paper self-sustaining. The paper has been before the country for three months, and is every where received with marks of approval, the greatest one would be to render it remunerative to those who are labouring to give the country a cheap and valuable family paper.

Our numbers have increased during the past quarter, and a missionary spirit has been awakened in the minds of many of the brethren, and accordingly visits have been made by Divisions to surrounding districts, which have had good effects and resulted in the opening of new Divisions. Since my last report several new Divisions have been opened, viz. Diligent River, No. 120, by A. P. Bradly, D. G. W. P.; Lower Horton Division, No. 122, by P. G. W. P. the Rev. Dr. Cramp; Inkerman Division No. 123, located in St. Margaret's Bay, by brother G. G. Gray, deputed for that purpose; Alma, 121, and Vesper, 124, by G. W. A. Rev. J. Cameron, one of the most zealous and active members of the Order, who deserves all praise at our hands for the time and attention bestowed upon the promotion of our noble cause, having been instrumental in opening 8 Divisions in the section of country wherein he resides, often travelling a distance to lecture and perform the duties of his office at a sacrifice of time and means, and if all our brethren were half as zealous, we might bid defiance to all the efforts that our enemies could

make to frustrate our onward progress. Our cause has assumed a high and noble position, victory is within our grasp, yet apathy and indifference exist to a great extent in many districts, and I cannot help referring to Amherst where the light of Temperance has almost ceased to exist, and to Pictou, where it grows dimmer every day, but they must be roused, and means must be employed to again cause the brethren to come forth and live to the promotion of the great moral enterprise on which we have embarked, until the captives are released from the craving appetites which bind them to ruin, and our country is free.

Of the 83 Divisions supposed to be in working order, 61 have made returns to this office, of which the following is a synopsis :

Initiated during the Quarter	-	418	
" by Dispensation	-	41	
Admitted by Card	-	16	—475
Withdrawn by Card	-	18	
" from the Order	-	6	—24
Rejected	-	9	
Suspended	-	36	
Reinstated	-	34	
Expelled for Violation	-	54	
Do. for non-payment of ducs		49	
Violated Pledge	-	45	
Signed over	-	36	
Violated 2nd time	-	13	
Deaths	-	5	
Temperance Meetings held	-	70	
Tracts distributed	-	1200	
Contributing Members	-	2775	
Cash received	-	£534	18 5
Paid for benefits by 28 Divisions		170	6 9½
Expenses exclusive of benefits by	}	351	14 10
42 Divisions			
Cash on hand and investments		1753	3 5½
Total Amount of per Capita Tax		34	9 2

The above is decidedly encouraging, and if all the Divisions would cause their returns to be forwarded to this office, how pleasing and satisfactory it would be, and how much more zeal for our cause be evinced by this punctuality, when a correct state of our affairs might be exhibited.

Divisions have no seal, this ought not to be.

Not working, Prince William, 29, Prince of Wales, 36, Oak, 43, Elysium, 77, Garland, 105, Kingston, 102, Port George, 87, Nelson, 95, North, 99, Compeer, 105.

Returns for the quarter ending 31st December, 1854, have been received since my last report, from the following Divisions: Westport, 15, Hebron, 19, Cumberland, 35, Paradise, 45, Rising Sun, 52, Morning Star, 59, Iron Age, 82, Salem, 116.

No returns have been received for the Quarter ending 31st March, from the following Divisions; Acadia 1, Central 2, Milton 4, Hebron 19, Walton, 23, (for two last quarters); Columbia, 24, Cape Breton 27, Pugwash 36, Archangel 40, Lunenburg 60, Iron Age 82, Bethlehem 89, Chedabucto 93, Evening Star 97, Invincible 100, Young Men's 101, Wilmot 103, Southampton, 117, Flowing Fountain 118.

Several documents have been forwarded to me for the decision of the Grand Division, which will be submitted in order; and I would once more appeal to the D. G. W. P's. and subordinate Divisions to cause their respective returns to be forwarded without delay to this office; and I think it so easy to be accomplished, that I cannot imagine any excuse for the delay hitherto.

On 16th March we had the painful duty of assembling the brethren together in the city, to arrange for the interment of our late brother T. C. James, Esq., G. W. P. of Newfoundland, and it is creditable to the brethren in so readily responding to the call. On the 18th about 300 members of the Order attended the funeral of the departed brother, and subsequently an address of condolence was presented to the widow, who had been on a visit with her late husband to Halifax—a copy of which I forwarded to the Grand Scribe of Newfoundland, and have received a reply, thanking this Grand Division for the sympathy shown towards the head of the Order in that place, and that the communication would be laid before that Grand Division to meet on the 18th instant. Our late brother James was personally known to many members of the Order in Halifax, and was much respected for his many public and private virtues; and I trust that the untiring zeal for the cause displayed by him, will be exemplified in the lives of many now living, by following in his footsteps.

Brethren, sincerely praying that our meeting at this time may be for the better to all of us, and the worse to none, and trusting that Providence will smile upon us, and aid and counsel us in all our undertakings, I remain, yours in L. P. and F.

WM. SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

A communication was read from Aurora Division, No. 70, asking the opinion of the Grand Division, on a Constitutional point; also from Grand Division of Pennsylvania in reference to fixing the location of the National Division.

Referred to the Committee on Communications.

An appeal against the decision of the New Caledonia Division, No. 14, was submitted and referred to the proper Committee.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Bye-Laws was read, as follows:—

Halifax, N. S. 21st April, 1855.

The standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws have had submitted to them for examination, the Bye-Laws of Avon Division No. 12, New Glasgow No. 17, Mainmast No. 57, and Margaretville No. 80 on which they would report the following alterations.

AVON DIVISION.—The words “provided that we grant no benefits, either weekly or funeral, to any brother who is two years in arrears,” proposed as an addition to the second clause of Sect. 4 of Art. 3, your committee deem unnecessary, as the qualification of members entitled to benefits is distinctly stated in Sects. 1 and 3, and in the first clause of Sect. 4, of the same Article. Were the proposed addition adopted it would conflict with the above named Sections, and difficulties in awarding benefits would ensue.

The words “Constitution and,” in Sect. 3 of Art. 4, to be omitted, as Divisions have no power to remit penalties imposed by the Constitution.

The words “for every week thereafter” in Sect. 1 of Art. 5, to be omitted, as your Committee are of opinion that a fine for an offence is sufficient, without being increased every week for an indefinite period.

The words “in accordance with Art. 7, of the Constitution, and Art. 2 of the Revised Rules,” to be added to Sect. 2 of Art. 5.

NEW GLASGOW DIVISION.—Art. 2, Sect. 1.—The words “no benefit members will be admitted” to be stricken out, and the

words "persons will be admitted in accordance with Sect. 2, of Art. 5 of the Constitution," to be inserted instead thereof.

The same alteration to be made in Sect. 2 of Art. 4, as recommended in Sect. 3 of Art. 4 of Bye-laws of Avon Division.

Sect. 1 of Art. 5 to be amended, by omitting the words "for each week thereafter," as recommended in Sect. 1 of Art. 5 of Avon Division.

Sect. 2. of Art. 5. to be amended as recommended in Sect. 2 of Art. 5, Bye-Laws of Avon Division.

MAINMAST DIVISION.—The Mainmast Division have adopted the Bye-laws of Avon Division, as corrected by your Committee.

MARGARETVILLE DIVISION.—Sect. 1 of Art. 2, requires the same alteration as recommended in Sect. 1 of Art. 2 Bye-laws of New Glasgow Division.

The words "ten shillings" to be inserted after the words "two pounds," in Sect. 4 of Art. 3, as the Constitution provides that "the sum of *not less than ten dollars* be appropriated as a Funeral benefit, on the death of the wife of a brother."

Sect. 3 of Art. 4 requires to be amended as Sect. 3 of Art. 4 Bye-laws of Avon Division.

Sect. 1 of Art. 5, same as Sect. 1 Art. 5 Bye-laws of Avon Division.

Sect. 2 of Art. 5, same as Sect. 2 of Art. 5 Bye-laws of Avon Division.

Sect. 9 of Art. 5; The words "a balloting shall take place and if a majority shall vote to give it* to him," to be omitted, as your Committee deem the same unnecessary, and likely, if retained, to create unpleasant feelings between the Division and the brother withdrawing, particularly if he should be in good standing on the books of the Division.

"Art. 13.—No member of this Division shall go to law with a brother in the Division, under a penalty of fine, reprimand, suspension, or expulsion, as a majority of the members may think proper, without first submitting the difficulty to the Division in writing, when a committee shall immediately be appointed to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting. Committees may be challenged in such cases as jurors in the Supreme Court."

* Withdrawal Card.

Although the above Article does not conflict with the Constitution, yet your Committee believe it to be a new feature in the Order, and would recommend Divisions having similar rules to erase them.

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

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
JNO. HEENAN.

Adopted.

Brothers C. Blanchard, Reading, and Butler, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for a public meeting, to be held in the Court House, this evening.

Brothers, J. D. B. Fraser, Rev. A. McArthur, and Charles Blanchard, were appointed a Committee in reference to the Athenæum Paper.

The public meeting Committee reported verbally. On motion it was decided that the subject of the Prohibitory Law, and action in reference thereto, be the first business in Order at the afternoon Session.

On motion, *Resolved*, that during this Quarterly Session of G. D. we adjourn at 10 o'clock until 2, at 6 o'clock until 9 A. M., the next morning.

The G. D. adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G. D. opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P. and G. Scribe.

Absent—G. W. A., G. T., G. Conductor, G. Chaplain. G. Sentinel, P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled same as at the previous Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz. : Wm. McCulley, No. 41 : Wm. Creelman, No. 72 : John Fulton, No. 88.

The subject of Agency was decided to be the first question taken up at to-morrow morning's Session.

Brother C. Blanchard brought to the notice of the Grand Division a pamphlet published by Judge Marshall, entitled the "Strong Drink Delusion," and moved the following:—

Resolved, that this Division recommend to the subordinate Divisions throughout the Province, to supply themselves with and distribute the work, as extensively as possible.

The subject of the Prohibitory Bill was taken up and discussed, and the question postponed for further consideration.

The G. D. adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., to-morrow.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, April 26th, 1855.

The G. D. opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe.

Absent—G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Conductor, G. Sentinel, P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled same as previous Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced representative J. B. Colter, No. 113, who was duly initiated and took his seat.

Minutes of previous Session read and confirmed.

The Committee on the State of the Order reported as follows:—

The Committee appointed on the state of the Order have carefully perused the reports of the G. W. P. and G. S., and beg to refer the suggestions and information contained in these documents to the best consideration and the decision of the Grand Division. They are pleased to find that increased zeal is manifesting itself in the Order in many parts of the Province, and although the G. S. complains that "apathy and indifference exists to a great extent in many districts," still we have reason to rejoice that "the civilized world happily is at length

aroused to the magnitude of the evil we oppose and the good we sustain."

The Committee agree with the G. S. that the synopsis furnished by him of the returns from subordinate Divisions for the last Quarter is "decidedly encouraging." They regret, however, that so many have been expelled for non-payment of dues, and they trust that such prudent and wise changes in the financial affairs of the subordinate Divisions now that the National Division has accorded that privilege, that not only old members may be retained but that new ones may be induced to join their ranks on either the reduced or the non-benefit system.

The Committee consider that the services of a travelling Agent and Lecturer will be greatly required during the present year to keep the question of a prohibitory law constantly before the public mind.

They also consider that the "Athenæum" newspaper is an important auxilliary in the cause and that its present improved appearance, enlarged size, and the able manner in which it is conducted challenge for it a generous support among members of the Order and friends of Temperance generally. The Committee do not hesitate to pronounce it one of the cheapest and best family papers published in the Province, and trust that the subscription list will soon place it in a self-sustaining position.

The Committee feel very sensibly that the present aspect of the Temperance question in this Province calls for unabated and vigorous efforts on the part of Sons of Temperance, so that the vantage ground gained during the last sitting of the Legislature may not be lost. Shall the next House of Assembly be *more* or *less* willing to sustain a prohibitory law than the last?

The Committee hesitate not to say that this question is one to be determined by the friends of Temperance, and they trust that their brethren will all in this respect conscientiously and determinedly discharge the duties devolving upon them.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

GEO. READING,
J. G. MARSHALL,
J. F. BLANCHARD.

Adopted.

The Committee on the Athenæum paper reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of sustaining the Athenæum newspaper, after conferring with the G. S., respectfully report the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Committee in Halifax to whom the management of the Athenæum has been intrusted, be authorised to apply the sum of £100 in such manner as they may deem advisable towards sustaining that paper, in lieu of the loan which, by previous resolutions of this Division, they were authorised to make to the publisher; and that the appropriation of this sum relieve this Grand Division from any further responsibility in this matter.

JAMES D. B. FRASER,
CHARLES BLANCHARD,
ALEXR. McARTHUR.

Adopted.

The subject of the Agency was taken up, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Grand Division, the Agency should be continued, and that the former Committee be appointed with full powers to negotiate on this subject, viz. : the G. W. P., brothers Robson, Creed, Ritchie, Brown, Lanigan, and Motton.

The Auditing Committee reported :

“ The Committee appointed to audit the accounts and Books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the accounts correct.

J. K. BLAIR,
A. L. ARCHIBALD,
G. B. ARCHIBALD.”

On motion, *Resolved*, that the G. D. rejoice at the Legislative progress already made concerning Prohibitory enactment, and express a hope that such progress will be continued to ultimate consummation; and recommend the subject accordingly to Subordinate Divisions.

The following accounts were passed, and ordered to be paid :

James Bowes & Sons,	£5	17	6
Joseph S. Rogers,	10	0	0
A. J. Ritchie,	1	10	0
William Scott,	1	3	6

Brother J. D. B. Fraser moved the following, seconded by brother Charles Blanchard:—

Whereas, It is highly desirable that the G. W. P. and G. W. A. be sent as representatives from the Grand Division to the National Division, at its Session in June next, and it is expected that important results to the Order will arise therefrom,

Therefore *Resolved*, that the Subordinate Divisions be requested to contribute according to their means, and remit their respective amounts to the G. Scribe, at their earliest convenience, that this important object may be carried into effect.

On motion *Resolved*, that the expenses of the Officers in attending this Session of G. D. be paid.

The G. D. adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G. D. opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe.

Absent—G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Con. G. Sentinel, P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled same as at previous Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

Minutes of morning Session read and confirmed.

The Committee on Appeals reported :

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following report :

Your Committee have had under consideration two appeals from Caledonia Division, No. 14, located in Granville, signed by Samuel McCormick, 2nd, and Joseph D. Halfyard respectively, complaining of the action of said Division in reference to a grant of money to the Patriotic fund. Two questions are involved in the appeals, the one constitutional the other on a

point of order. In one of the appeals the following questions are propounded, the solution of which will form an answer to both.

1st. Whether a subordinate Division has power to grant its funds for any purpose that a two-third vote of its members present may think proper.

2nd. Whether, as the within resolution is worded (referring to the resolution embodied in the appeal) the funds of the Division could be touched.

3rd. Whether brother Bingay's amendment was constitutional or not.

4th. Whether after notice of appeal to a higher branch of our Order, a disputed grant can be constitutionally drawn, previous to such decision being received.

On these points, your Committee submit the following remarks :

1st. Subordinate Divisions have power to grant its funds for any purpose not inconsistent with the Bye-Laws.

2nd. The wording of the resolution was understood by the Division, and therefore not objectionable on that ground.

3rd. The amendment offered by brother Bingay, was in order, and it was clearly the duty of the W. P. to put it to the Division.

Questions of order should not be submitted to the Division, except in cases of dissatisfaction with the decision of the Chair.

4th. If notice of appeal had been given prior to the order being drawn, the W. P. would have acted judiciously, in that particular case, in withholding such order. In all ordinary cases, however, all decisions of the acting Body are held to be valid until reversed by the superior Body in the case.

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

CHARLES BLANCHARD,
H. A. TAYLOR,
J. B. McCULLY.

Adopted.

The G. S. was directed to answer the communication of members of Westport Division, and refer them to the rule on the subject, of withdrawn members.

The Committee on Communications reported as follows :

Your Committee beg leave to report on the subject of the location of the National Division, that if it should be the opinion

of that body, that a permanent location would be best, the Committee have no objection to Philadelphia as the place, but at the same time feel doubtful of the propriety of a permanent location of the National Division.

The Committee have also had under consideration the following question, viz. : " a member joins the Division at the age of 47, having previously been afflicted with quinsay five or six times during his life, at intervals of from two to six years. Is he entitled to benefits when disabled by same sickness? Is this such a disease or complaint within the meaning of our rules as to deprive him of benefits when again attacked with it? The decision of the Grand Division is respectfully desired.

(signed) " E. H. HARRINGTON,
" D. G. W. P. Aurora Division. No. 70.

" *Antigonish*, April 6th, 1855."

The Committee are of opinion that the disease is not one which comes under the moral provision.

The brother being admitted in accordance with the rules and Bye-Laws of the Division, is entitled to benefits.

DAVID PAGE,
CHARLES D. UPHAM, } Committee.
S. G. W. ARCHIBALD,

Adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, that three hundred copies of the Journal of the present Session of this G. D. be printed.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the W. P's. of Subordinate Divisions be requested to call attention of their Divisions to the Journals of National and Grand Divisions, and alterations that may be made by authority in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the thanks of this G. D. be given to the Truro Division for the use of their room during this Session, and to the brethren, for hospitality and attention to the members of the G. D.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

The G. D. then closed to meet at Liverpool on Wednesday 25th July next, at 10 A. M.

WM. SCOTT, G. Scribe.

Grand Division Sons of Temperance in account with G. Treasurer.

		Dr.	£	s.	d.
1855.					
March 22.	To Amount order per Charles Wright		15	4	6
April 23.	Amount paid Grand Scribe's expenses to Windsor in January		2	5	0
	A. J. Ritchie's acct. for printing		3	6	3
	Jas. Bowes & Son's acct. for printing Quarterly Reports		8	0	0
	Balance in hand		21	1	9
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			£49 17 6		

		Cr.	£	s.	d.
1855.					
Feby. 1.	By Balance from last Quarter,		22	5	4
April 23.	Amount received from Grand Scribe,		27	12	2
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			£49 17 6		

W. A. S. BLEWITT, G. T.
Per W. M. BROWN.

HALIFAX, 23rd April, 1855.

Agency Fund of Grand Division in account with G. Treasurer.

		Dr.	£	s.	d.
1855.					
April 23.	To amount paid brother Cooper per order		40	0	0
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			£40 0 0		

		Cr.	£	s.	d.
1855.					
Feby. 1.	By Balance in hand,		6	4	11½
April 23.	Amount received from Grand Scribe,		31	12	5
	Balance due Grand Treasurer,		2	3	7½
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			£40 0 0		

W. A. S. BLEWITT, G. T.
Per W. M. BROWN.

WM. SCOTT, *Grand Scribe, in account with the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.*

1855		Dr.	£	s.	d.
Jan'y 31.	For	Balance due per account, - - - - -	3	2	0
April 25.		Blank Returns sold during quarter, - - - - -	0	19	6
		Abridged Ritual, do. - - - - -	1	10	0
		Cards of Withdrawal, do. - - - - -	1	9	0
		New Ritual to 6 Divisions, 7s. 6d. - - - - -	2	5	0
		Cards, Initiation Females, - - - - -	0	17	6
		Poll Tax received for quarter ending 31st Dec. 1854, after report			
		Phoenix, 6s. 3d.; Iron Age, 8s. 9d.; Roseway, 9s. 3d.;	1	4	3
		Paradise, 5s.; Salem, 6s. 3d.; Rising Sun, 7s. 9d.;	0	19	0
		Westport, 10s.; Wallace, 7s. 9d.; Pugwash,	0	17	9
		3s. 9d.; Hebron, 8s. 6d.; Cumberland, 8s.;	1	0	3
		Southampton, 5s. 6d.; Morning Star, 1s. 3d.;	0	6	9
		Star in the East, 8s. - - - - -	0	8	0
		Paradise Division on account of Agency, - - - - -	1	0	0
		Victoria Mines, do. do. - - - - -	0	10	0
		Port Royal, do. do. - - - - -	1	0	0
		Acadia, do. do. - - - - -	1	10	0
		Central, do. do. - - - - -	1	0	0
		Railway, do. do. - - - - -	1	0	0
		New Caledonia, do. do. - - - - -	5	0	0
		Collections at Public Meetings, various places, from			
		January to March, - - - - -	19	12	4
		Heman Crowell, balance, - - - - -	0	2	3
		Odes, - - - - -	0	0	7
		Henry Stewart, - - - - -	0	7	0
		James Drysdale, - - - - -	0	1	0
		Charter fees from Reehab, Diligent River, Lower			
		Horton, Vesper, and Alma Divisions, - - - - -	6	5	0
		Dispensation fees, Mayflower, 1s. 3d.; Chebucio,			
		2s. 6d.; Howard, 1s. 3d.; Mainmast, 5s.; Oriental,			
		1s. 3d. - - - - -	0	11	3
		Per Capita Tax, per returns, - - - - -	29	9	6
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			£	21	17
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		Cr.			
		By Postages last quarter, - - - - -	1	13	10
		A. W. Corbett, 5s. Westport Division, 1s. 3d. - - - - -	0	6	3
		New Caledonia Division, 6d.; Morning Star, 1s. - - - - -	0	1	6
		Paid J. W. Compton, - - - - -	0	3	0
		" E. G. Fuller, - - - - -	0	7	6
		" G. Treasurer, General Account, - - - - -	27	12	2
		" " on account Agency, - - - - -	31	12	5
		" G. Scribe's Salary; 1 quarter, - - - - -	10	0	0
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			£	71	16
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		Balance due G. D. - - - - -	£	11	1
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True, April 25th, 1855.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING SESSION.

J. S. Thompson,	}	No. 7.	Wm. McCulley,	}	No. 41.
H. A. Taylor,			Chas. D. Upham,		
George Bulter,					
J. D. B. Fraser,	}	No. 16.	Isaac McCurdy,	}	No. 52.
Rev. A. McArthur,			Peter R. Clark,		
William Scott, No 26.			John Gammell,	}	No. 72
George Reading,	}	No. 41.	George Fulton,		
Charles Blanchard,			J. M. McCurdy,		
J. F. Blanchard,			Wm. Creelman,		
S. G. W. Archiblad,			Ezekiel Sibley, No. 85.		
Richard Craig,			John M. Teas,	}	No. 88.
J. B. McCulley,			John Fulton,		
J. B. Waddell,					Rev. J. Cameron, No. 92.
Andrew More,					Judge Marshall, No. 96.
James Kent,					John B. Colter, No. 113.
David Page,					J. B. Cooper, P. E. I.
A. L. Archibald,					
C. B. Archibald,					
Edward Archibald,					
J. K. Blair,					
Chas. H. Blair,					
Robt. S. McCurdy,					