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At a Special Session,
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AND
At the Annual Session,
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SPECIAL SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,
Halifax, Oct. 18, 1853. }

The Grand Division opened in due form, the G.W.A. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G.W.A., G. Scribe, G. Trea., G. Sentinel.

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

The vacancies were filled as follows, C. B. Naylor, G.W.P., Joseph Quinan, G.W.A., M. Herbert, G.Chap. P. Monaghan, G. Con., J. S. Thompson, P.G.W.P. Prayer by G. Chaplain.

The requisition calling this special session was read.

The Standing Committee on Credentials reported as follows:—

REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the Credentials of the following Brethren, sent from the Divisions to which they respectively belong, and find them correct:

W.P. H. A. Taylor, P.W.P. J. W. Barss, C. B. Naylor, D. Gallagher, Edw. Jost, Wm. Ackhurst, R. H. Wetmore, J. W. Quinan, Thos. Wesley, A. J. Ritchie, W. F. Knight, J. S. Thompson, John Martin,	} Chebucto Division, No. 7.	P.W.P. John Heenan, E. Creelman, P. Monaghan, J. E. Starr, Danl. O'Brien, G. E. Knowlan, P.W.P. G. I. Creed, B. W. Cochran, G. W. Bowes, S. Gray, J. E. Cabot, T. Nixon, J. A. Jost,	} Micmac Div., Chebucto Div. No. 8.
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E. R. Jost, P. Beurce, T. Holder, C. Downie, R. McMillan, E. Dougherty, J. B. Flowers, W.P. John Reardon,	} Micmac Division, No. 8.	P.W.P. Isiah Delap, Wm. Young, Danl. James, Israel Troop, W. Weatherspoon, Stephen Troop, J. Van Blaccomb, J. D. Halfyard,	} New Caledonia, Div., No. 14.
P.W.P. James Jackson, John W. Marvin, Thomas Angus, John Lanigan, F. Bacon, Jas. Gordon, Wm. Fenton, Wm. Murray, John Buckpitt, Isaac Wier, W.P. Rich'd Dyer,		} Mayflower Division, No. 9.	
P.W.P. Thos. A. Bauer, W.P. Henry Whitman, P.W.P. Joseph Burnaby, W. A. S. Blewitt, Geo. S. Parker, Nathan Payzant, Wm. Gold, Jas. E. Mulhall, Andrew Gold, Alex. G. West, Wm. Bryden, Wm. Adams, Moses Crossland, Chas. Bill, Nathan D. West, Geo. Myers, Edw. McLeod, J. R. B. Ball, G. W. Bochner,	} Victoria Division, No. 10.		W.P. James Spike, P.W.P. Robt. Boak, Wm. Scott, John Metzler, Robt. W. Reese, W. H. Neal, Robt. Motton, jr. C. C. Vaux, John A. Johnston, J. W. Johnston, J. W. Johnston, jr. Wm. Full, Geo. Gray, John C. Craigen, S. F. Barss,
W.P. Saml. McMick, P.W.P. Joseph Shaw, Saml. Pickup, Robt. Delap, Robt. Mills, Wm. Webb, Wm. Gillett, Shadrach Parker, Stephen Parker, John Carter, Job Wade, Israel Young.		} New Caledonia Division, No. 14.	P.W.P. Stephen Selden, Chas. Robson, N. Russell, R. McLearn, Edw. Foster, Henry Browne, Jas. W. Turner, W. Foster, jr. J. M. Cramp, D.D. P. J. Kuhn, W.P. Alex. James,

P.W.P. James Page,
 A. S. Blinkhorn,
 Chas. Tupper,
 Nathan Tupper,
 W. F. Cutten,
 E. B. Cutten,
 Alex. Robb,
 A. W. Marsters,
 B. G. Page,
 Chas. D. Roach,
 F. Bulmer,
 R. A. McLellan,
 J. M. Leighton,
 W.P. B. Douglas,
 P.W.P. J. Burgess, senr.
 T. Malcom, senr.
 Don. McCallum,
 T. Malcom, jr.
 Jas. A. Smith,
 Chas. D. Burgess,
 Saml. Caldwell,
 Isaiah Malcom,
 Joseph C. Lake,
 P.W.P. John Whitman,
 W. Wheelock,
 Thos. Burton,
 Chas. James,
 Jas. Corbett,
 Wm. Hawk,
 Jacob Smith,
 Simon Riley, senr.
 Andw. Davison,
 Richardson Harris
 Wm. Roach,
 Geo. LeCain,
 A. W. Corbett,
 Simon Riley
 Geo. Purdy,
 Wm. Ritchie, jr.
 L. E. Van Buskirk,
 W.P. Arch. Patterson,
 P.W.P. John Irwin,
 Wm. Fraser,
 R. D. Cutten,
 P.W.P. John Campbell,
 James Barss,
 T. R. Patillo,
 J. N. S. Marshall,
 J. W. Cobb,
 Wm. Jackson,

Queen's Own, No. 54.
 Port Royal Division, No. 46.
 Morning Star, No. 38.
 Cumberland Division, No. 35.

P.W.P. Wm. Davis,
 O. Payzant,
 John Edgar,
 John Blair,
 Jos. F. DeWolfe,
 W.P. W. S. Jacobs,
 W.P. Thos. Wellington,
 P.W.P. S. C. West,
 J. L. Whytal,
 Edw. Butler,
 Robt. Graham,
 Wm. Egan,
 J. S. Rogers,
 J. J. Uhlman,
 Neil McKay,
 Wm. Murray,
 R. M. Barratt,
 Wm. Fox,
 Edw. Joyce,
 Henry Mosely,
 Alex. Ross,
 P.W.P. J. J. Rudolf,
 B. Zwicker
 J. W. Dauphine,
 Henry King,
 John Cronin,
 John Burns,
 Francis Morash,
 Edw. Brown,
 W.P. Robt. Lindsay,
 P.W.P. D. N. McQueen,
 Jas. P. Ward,
 C. H. Harrington,
 N. H. Martin,
 J. W. Keveney,
 Edw. Liscomb,
 Wm. Turnbull,
 R. M. Martin,
 P.W.P. E. H. Harrington,
 Alex. Thompson,
 Jas. Bradshaw,
 Wm. Currie, M.D.
 W.P. Thos. O'Singer,
 P.W.P. Moses Shaw,
 G. F. Ditmars,
 Geo. Whitman,
 J. H. Ditmars,
 Israel Balcomb,
 Jas. E. Potter,
 John G. Balcomb,

Queen's Own, No. 54.
 North Star Division, No. 58.
 Lunenburg Division, No. 60.
 Star in the East Division, No. 61.
 Aurora, No. 70.
 Clements Arch Division, No. 86.

P.W.P. Israel Potter, Josiah Burrill, John B. Burrill, W. B. Crowell, P.W.P. Wm. M. Brown, John McMurray, W. L. Bell, M. G. Black, Saml. Creelman, A. W. McLeod, J. C. Cochran, Geo. Van Buskirk, John Shean, David Clark, Wm. Howe, Howard D. Steele,	} Atheneum Division, No. 96, Clements Arch, 86.	P.W.P. Michael Herbert, James Toal, James Thomson, P. G. McGregor, Robt. Noble, G. A. Blanchard, P.W.P. J. M. Watson, Geo. Anderson, E. M. Oxner, Jas. P. Milward, Benj. Dauphine, Alex. Zwicker, jr. Chas. Morashi, Wm. Cronin, Jas. Eisenhaur, W.P. Geo. Dorey,	} Evening Star Division, Atheneum Div., No. 96. } Evening Star Division, Atheneum No. 97.
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All of which is respectively submitted in L., P. and F.

A. J. RITCHIE,
 P. MONAGHAN,
 G. W. BOWES.

The G. Con. retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated, and took their seats—viz: George E. Knowlan, Daniel O'Brien, H. A. Taylor, Edward Dougherty, John Rearden, Samuel Gray, Richard Dyer, William Murray, Wm. Hy. Neal, W. Murray, Thomas Wellington, H. R. Cunningham, James Thomson, James Toal, John Shaw.

On motion of Grand Treasurer, Resolved, That a Public Meeting be held under the auspices of this G.D. on Wednesday Evening, 26th inst., in the Temperance Hall.

On motion, Brothers Motton, Monaghan, Martin, Wetmore, and Ackhurst, were appointed a Committee to carry the above resolution into effect.

On motion, Resolved, That the Grand and Subordinate Divisions, walk in procession on Wednesday afternoon, 26th inst., at 3 o'clock, and that Bros. McMillan, O'Brien, McKay, Dougherty and Dyer be a Committee to make arrangements for the same.

On motion, Resolved, That a Soiree be held on Thursday Evening, 27th inst., and that Bros. Flowers, Barratt, Motton, McKay, Angus, Joyce and Dyer, with power to add to their numbers, be a Committee to make arrangements for the same.

The Special Session was then closed.

WM. SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*

ANNUAL SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,
Halifax, 26th Oct. 1853. }

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

Present—G.W.P., Rev. George Christie,
G.W.A., Charles B. Naylor,
G.Scribe, William Scott,
G.Chap., Rev. Dr. Cramp,
G.Con., Charles Blanchard.

Absent—G.Trea., M. G. Black, jr.,
G.Sen. George G. Gray,
P.G.W.P. W. M. Brown,

The vacancies were filled as follows.

Brothers Howe, G. T., Dyer, G. Sen., N. Tupper,
P.G.W.P. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The Standing Committee on Credentials reported as follows:—

The Standing Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the Credentials of the following Brethren, sent from the Divisions to which they respectively belong, and find them correct:

<p>W.P. W. H. Gridly, P.W.P. George Christie, Peter Fraser, Ben. Rogers, W. Rogers, Israel Horton, T. B. Bond, J. Tooker, Robt. Hunter, Stephen Sullivan, W. R. Alden, M. Wyman, Robt. Guest, N. Lewis, T. B. Dane,</p>	} } } } } } } } } } } } }	<p>W.P. Charles Pinkney, P.W.P. Thomas Crowell, Samuel Brown, W. K. Dudman, F. W. Redding, T. C. Moulton, Heman Gardner, Nathan Moses, Edward Heustis, W. E. Heustis, James Starr, Robert Brown, Wm. Waddleton, Samuel Flint, Laban Balkum, Asa Killam,</p>	} } } } } }
Acadia Division, No. 1.		Central Division, No. 2.	

W.P. Joseph Shaw,	Milton Division, No. 4.	P.W.P. Wm. A. Mosher,	Avon- dale, 13 Union
P.W.R. William Burrell,		Elka. T. Harvic,	
Joseph Burrell,		W. H. Knowles,	
John Richards,		P.W.P. Daniel Cochran,	
William Bancroft,		Division, No. 39.	
James Hopkink,		W.P. C. D. Upham,	
Thomas Dane,		P.W.P. A. I. Archibald,	
W. C. Williams,		G. Reading,	
Thomas Brady,		J. F. Blanchard	
Zacariah Corning,		D. McCurdy,	
Jas. N. Gardner,		Chas. Blanchard,	
Nelson Gardner,		J. Burnyeat,	
Freeman Gardner,		David Page,	
Robert Smith,	Jas. Kent,		
Isaac R. Chute,	Richard Craig,		
Nelson Corning,	J. B. Waddell,		
James Dane,	J. B. McCully,		
W.P. Wm. H. Taylor,	C. B. Archibald,		
P.W.P. Henry Stewart,	J. N. Archibald,		
Edward I. Budd,	J. K. Blair,		
Miles Woodman,	Chas. Blair,		
William M. Jones,	E. F. Munro,		
Benjamin Hardy,	S.G.W. Archibald,		
John Dakin,	W.P. L. D. Chipman,		
Chas. Cassett,	P.W.P. W. Chipman,		
W. F. Potter,	C. A. Marsters,		
E. M. Marshall,	G. E. Marsters,		
Wm. H. Dakin,	William Eaton,		
W.P. Joseph Fuller,	Jas. E. Dewolf,		
P.W.P. T. S. Harding:	J. P. Cunningham,		
J. B. Sanford,	J. Mills,		
John A. Jenkins,	W. H. Chipman,		
D. P. Allison,	James Neary,		
Simon Black,	Henry Terry,		
J. P. Smith,	P.W.P. Walter Ricketson,		
Michael Coburn,	Branch Division, No. 44.		
Law. Leadlaw,	W.P. Leander Eaton,		
James Irons,	P.W.P. Rev. A. S. Hunt,		
John K. Martin,	C. W. Rathburn,		
George Fuller,	C. C. Hamilton,		
Edward Davison,	Jonathan Borden,		
M. H. Goudge,	Leander Rand,		
P. S. Burnham,	James Hardwick,		
W.P. William Mounce,	David Dickey, jr.		
P.W.P. Nicholas Mosher,	J. B. Rockwell,		
Allen Mosher,	John Thomas,		
Jas. Mosher,	Richard Starr,		
N. Mosher, jr.	W. A. Tupper,		
N. Mosher, 3rd,	George Barnaby,		
C. D. Mumford,	George C. Pinco.		
Avondale Div., No. 13.	Union Division, No. 6.	Oak Division, No. 43.	Truro Division, No. 41.

<p>P.W.P. W. H. Lyons, Wm. Gilliatt, A. G. Marsters, Joshua Ells, W.P. Robert Braden, P.W.P. Samuel Braden, William Layton, E. W. Tupper, P. P. Archibald, J. K. McCurdy, George Fulton, Thos. McCallum, George Bates, Francis Parker, Saml. Archibald, M. J. McCurdy, Isaac McCurdy, P.W.P. Jas. Cox, Jas. Bligh, Nathan Tupper, David Lawrence, Wm. Chase, C. C. Morse, Samuel Sweat, W.P. S. Tupper, P.W.P. John Gammell, E. W. Tupper, P. P. Archibald, J. K. McCurdy, Geo. Fulton, Isaac Gammell, Robt. Gammell, Hugh Dunlop, James A. Logan, Rev. J. Smith, W.P. T. N. Downie, P.W.P. W. H. Gibbon, Gilbert Reagh, Wesley Baker, William Ray, Joseph Ray, Gilbert Baker,</p>	<p>} Canard, No. 50. } Rising Sun Division, No. 52. } No. 71. } Lake Division, No. 72. } Agricola Division, No. 73. } Margaretville, No. 80.</p>	<p>P.W.P. A. W. McLellan, Ezra Layton, R.M.B. McLellan, John C. Spencer, George Spencer, T. R. McKim, J. M. Layton, S. L. McLellan, W.P. James Frame, P.W.P. John M. Teas, Robt. Putnam, P.W.P. H R. Cunningham S. Campbell, J. A. Torey, E.H. Franchville, W.P. John W. Ray, P.W.P. Geo. H. Parker, W. A. Baker, Walter Welton, A. T. Baker, Jos. L. McKenna, J. Wheelock, E. C. Wheelock, W.P. Thomas Banks, P.W.P. Thomas Hardy, James Bent, J. H. Bartaux, Elias Grieves, Gilbert Willett, W.P. A. P. Bradley, P.W.P. John Lockhart, E.D.W. Ratchford Cyprian Davison. P.W.P. Samuel Logan, Railway Division, No. 111.</p>	<p>} Wilmot Iron Age Division, No. 82. } Cheda- No. 83. } Victoria Mines Kingston Division, No. 102. } No. 108. } Parris- No. 110 } Railway</p>
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. RITCHIE,
G. W. BOWES.
P. MONAGHAN,

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives:—Richardson Harris, Edw. Davison, W. Ricketson, A. G. Marsters, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

The Minutes of Special Session held on the 18th inst., were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for procession, reported the following resolution :

Whereas a creditable procession cannot be got up without music.
Therefore Resolved, That this G. D. deem it expedient to dispense with the contemplated procession on the present occasion.

Adopted.

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

On Communications—Bros. J. S. Thompson, Redding, Harris.

On Appeals—Bros. Monaghan, Howe, C. Blanchard.

On State of the Order—Dr. Cramp, M. G. Black, N. Tupper.

Auditing Committee—Bros. H. Blanchard, McLellan, Van Buskirk.

The G. W. P. read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

TO THE OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Worthy Brothers—Another year has passed away, and we are again met at the Annual Session of our Grand Division. It now devolves on me to give some account of the manner in which I have discharged my duties during the past year; and to give such information as I am able, respecting the present state of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in our Province.

In my quarterly reports I have generally referred to my proceedings, so far as it seemed necessary to make them public. The 'State of the Order' also, has from time to time been noticed. Not being willing therefore to trouble you with such matters as have already been referred to, I shall say little respecting myself—and respecting our state and prospects, I shall just endeavour to give such information and offer such suggestions as present circumstances seem to warrant.

During the year, I have visited a considerable number of Divisions throughout the Province—though I was not able to accomplish as much in that respect as I wished.

I also embraced every opportunity of conversing with brothers belonging to such Divisions as I could not visit. From the information I have been able to gather, I am led to the conclusion that there is nothing particularly cheering in the present circumstances of the Order in this Province, nor is there much to discourage. The absence of quarterly returns prevents me from determining whether our numbers have increased during the year or not. They certainly have not increased to the extent we would desire. Perhaps, however, our progress has been as great as, in the circumstances, we

could expect. In estimating our progress, we must take care not to fall into the popular error of judging by the numbers which, at any given time, may be professedly on our side. A tree grows when it spreads its roots more widely, or sinks them deeper into the soil, as well as when it unfolds its leaves and extends its branches—and, though that part of the process of vegetation cannot be observed, we know that it is essential. We also know that, as a part of the vegetable economy, it must precede that which comes immediately under our observation. So also may it be said of all those moral principles intended to regulate Society. They must first find a rooting in the human heart. And, though the growth and expansion of these is that at which Society aims, rather than the implanting of the seed of these principles in the heart; still even that which is the object of desire cannot be obtained, unless our efforts be subjected to the Universal Law, which demands that the seed “take root downward,” in order that it may “bear fruit upward.”

Forgetting those things, many seem, at the present time, to be unnecessarily discouraged. And, moreover, not remembering that there may be winter in the moral world as well as in the natural, there are some ever ready to despond, when they witness less vigour than usual: and perhaps, even to complain saying, “I have laboured in vain.” There is no reason why we, taking into account the nature of man, should anticipate the triumph of temperance principles, without much effort, on the part of those by whom they are supported. In the pursuit of that noble object which we have in view, we must expect experience of the difficulties which every great moral reform has had to encounter. In fact, the difficulties in our way must necessarily be peculiarly great—for they are of a twofold nature. First, there is the unnatural appetite for indulgence in strong drink—which, even in opposition to the best interests of the man—in defiance of reason—of a sense of duty—and of the claims of humanity, continually cries “give, give.”

And again, this cause has to contend with a class of men whose God is Mammon—who have never allowed themselves to judge of the character of their employment, by the rules which in any other case they would apply. And who are evidently unwilling to be convinced that theirs is one of the catalogue of crimes against which the Bible utters severe denunciations. In the Bible we find written “*Woe to him that giveth his neighbor drink.*” “*Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.*”

To us, the application of these words appears so plain, that we wonder any doubt is entertained in the matter. Yet such is the fact. And it may remind us that when we have to contend with those who will not see, or seeing will disregard such weighty declarations, we must count upon meeting with serious hindrance, from their opposition.

That class of our fellow men who are under the control of an appetite for strong drink are truly objects of pity. They need sympathy, rather than cold rebukes. The second class, viz. those who traffic in intoxicating liquors, we now almost despair of reaching by argument or persuasion. It now appears as if our only hope, with respect to them, lay in the obtaining of such a law as will forbid the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and compel obedience, by such penalties as will deter from that heartless conduct, which, though increasing the wealth of the vender, is doing so, at an incalculable expense, to the bodies and souls of men, and to the interests of society in general.

I am glad to know that the feeling in our Province in favour of a prohibitory law, is still gaining strength. Assured of this, we will bear patiently the taunts of those who insinuate that intemperance is increasing. For if it be so, certainly, no man who has a character to lose will maintain that those who have been labouring to promote temperance are the cause of the evil. And, with almost equal certainty, may we conclude that society, finding "moral suasion" insufficient to accomplish the desired reform, and, feeling as we do the evil of intemperance, will co-operate with us, in our exertions to obtain a prohibitory law.

In my report for last Quarter, I referred to my attendance at the National Division, in June last. Among other advantages which I derived from that meeting, was the opportunity it afforded me of knowing the prevailing sentiment in that Body, and to some extent, throughout the United States generally, with reference to a "prohibitory law," for the suppression of the liquor traffic. In the N. D. there was only one feeling—and that was, that such a law ought to be passed in every country. There was also much information afforded, of such a nature as to assure us that such a law will soon pass in every State of the Union. The progress of public opinion in that direction will also help us in our part of the great work.

From intercourse with Brethren of different Subordinate Divisions, I find that, in many cases, the attendance is not so general as it was some years ago. The causes for this are not such as our enemies would insinuate. It is in many cases because they feel discouraged at the small amount of success which has attended their efforts. Finding that the greatest enemies to the movement are either acting under the authority of the Laws of our Country, which is supposed to give their employment a certain amount of respectability—or are selling without license—restrained by no fear of a law which renders conviction all but impossible, they feel discouraged, and are, in some cases apparently, disposed to cease from exertion till the laws of their Country shall be so framed as to leave unshielded those who would, for the sake of gain, follow a course which tends to the ruin of so many human beings. I would however remind Brethren, that, while their desire is reasonable, they can only hope to secure their object, by persevering effort—and the feeling for sustaining that effort must be fostered in the Division Room.

Brethren are, in many cases, not aware of the social advantages connected with such meetings. They afford an opportunity for cultivating those high moral principles so beautifully set forth in the "Initiation Ceremony." A taste for literature, of that kind which improves and exalts the mind, may also be cultivated. And, if this were the case, what a favourable influence would be produced on such persons, as, by our exertions, have been reclaimed from a life of dissipation. Instead of the coarse and disgusting language of the bar-room,—the maniac laugh—and the idiotic, or perhaps, obscene discourse of such haunts, he would feel himself associated with men—and not animals or demons—with those who did not forget what a man is, and what he may become.

During the past year, we have endeavored to exercise the strictest economy in reference to the funds of the G. D. The debts are now nearly discharged. For the particulars under this head, however, I would refer the G. D. to the accounts of the G. S. and T.

At the last meeting of the N. D., certain resolutions were passed affecting the "Constitution" of the Order of the Sons of Temperance—and some also which admit of certain changes in the practice of Subordinate Divisions. I would recommend that a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine the N. D. Journals, and report all such changes, accompanied with such suggestions as may be necessary to secure uniformity of action.

I am sorry to inform the Grand Division that no copies of the new Ritual have been received. The N. D. Journals only reached me about a week ago. And, not till then, did I understand that no copies of the Ritual would be sent till the money was remitted. A limited number at least, might have been forwarded—especially as we have a credit in our favour with the N. D.

I have only farther to add the expression of my ardent desire for the prosperity of our beloved cause. And that as tending to this a spirit of wisdom may guide our deliberations. That Brotherly love may reign in every heart. That purity of intention may characterize every part of our procedure. And that fidelity to the great interests entrusted to us may appear in every part of our conduct. Thus will we continue to be a blessing to society. We will have an approving conscience. And "the blessing of him that was ready will come upon us."

All which is respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

GEORGE CHRISTIE, *G.W.P.*

On motion, the following Brethren, Naylor, Reading and S. Creelman, were appointed a Committee to examine the Journal of N. D. and Report in tangible form such alterations and amendments to the Constitution, and working of Subordinate Divisions, as it contains.

The G. S. read his Report, which was received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE OF S. OF T. }
Halifax, N. S., Octr 26th, 1853. }

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers, and Brethren,—Never did the Cause, which we are united to perpetuate, more require the mature deliberations of this Body than at the present time. Let us cast our eyes around and we behold the great struggle going on between Alcohol and its supporters on the one hand, and pure bright sparkling water and its friends, the friends of moral regeneration, on the other hand—and we cannot but feel that already the fields are white with Harvest, and that it is our duty to put in the sickle and reap. In every other part of the world great activity prevails among the adherents of the Cause, which is gaining them fresh victories every day, and increasing their strength, and unless we are more alive to our duty, and exert ourselves more, in the several parts of the Province where we reside, to arouse the people to the necessity of banishing that traffic from our midst, which brings so much evil in its train, we cannot hope for success. Would that each one of us felt the responsibility which rests upon us as teetotallers; for having received the light, we should not rest satisfied until its rays penetrate the hearts of our friends and neighbours. No one can shut his eyes to the fact that the drinking Custom prevails to an alarming extent, and is daily increasing, and engulfing in its fiery vortex, young and old; nay even both sexes fall a prey to its destructive jaws. It is melancholy to think how cold we are in respect to this great Cause, and how little exertions are being made by us to spread its influence. Not even the hundreds of melancholy deaths, starving families and naked children, caused by the *legal* traffic of Rum selling, seems to arouse us to a sense of our duty. On beholding a scene of this kind, we involuntarily shrink with horror at the sight, but the momentary effect is soon forgotten and we relapse into our former state of apathy and indifference. I am sorry that it is my duty thus to write, for from the position I hold, much is brought to my notice that otherwise would escape attention. It is fearful to contemplate the want of true heartedness in the cause,—too many fancy that they are doing all that is required of them, if they keep the pledge themselves, visit the Division once or twice a year to pay up their dues, and then pursue their way, minding everything but the cause of Temperance, and resting safe in their own rectitude, caring not for nor heeding the fate of thousands around them; while their example in not attending the Division Room is exerting a baneful influence, one after another following the same course, until a few determined “Sons” only are left to work the Division and prevent its surrender, changing from one office to another that the machinery may be kept in motion. This picture is not overdrawn, it is the truth, and it therefore becomes us to endeavour to do something during this Annual Session to bring about a different state of affairs.

I addressed a Circular to the Subordinate Divisions, urging upon them the necessity of having their returns into my hands at an early day, but regret that notwithstanding the earnest appeals constantly being made to them, many Divisions are remiss in the performance of this duty, and I am satisfied that in many instances the Circulars and Journals of the Grand Division are never submitted to the Division nor acted upon. I also felt it my duty to request the Credentials of Representatives elected, to be forwarded along with the return that they might be recorded, and save time at the several Sessions of G. D. Many Divisions have attended to this duty, and the good effects will be visible ere long. During last week when the Special Session was called, there were several Representatives in the City from various parts of the Province, and anxious to attend, but owing to their Credentials not being in, either for 1852 or 1853, were debarred this privilege. Had their Credentials have been sent in as directed this would not have occurred, and they could have been initiated into this branch of the Order. If seconded by the Divisions in the exertions I am making to bring the affairs of this body into a proper train, many of the inconveniences now felt will vanish. Since elected to this office at the last Annual Session my efforts have been directed to the correcting and simplifying the working of this Body, how far I have been successful, is known to those who have some idea of the work performed and which came under their notice.

One or two Counties have held Conventions, and others are making efforts to have them, the result of these efforts cannot be otherwise than good. The necessity of a good lecturer and agent, are every day more apparent. The benefit to the Order would be incalculable from the appointment of a person competent to visit Divisions, instruct them in their working, and lecture in public, and I hope that this Annual Session will not close without having accomplished this object. Discrepancies occur in nearly all of the quarterly returns, many giving the same No. of Contributing Members as the previous quarter, while the return shows expulsions and suspensions which should reduce the number; others give more, some less, with equal impropriety. Surely there is some one in each Division who feels interest enough in its affairs, to keep a supervision over these matters, and endeavor to have them correct.

The following is a report of the 74 Subordinate Divisions which have made their returns to this G. D. for quarter ending 30th Sept.

Number Divisions Working	-	-	-	83
Initiated during the quarter	-	-	-	122
Admitted by Card	-	-	-	6
Do. by dispensation	-	-	-	15
Withdrawn	-	-	-	30
Rejected	-	-	-	2
Reinstated	-	-	-	15
Expelled for violation Article 2nd	-	-	-	49
“ “ non-payment of dues	-	-	-	70
Suspended (mostly for non-payment dues)	-	-	-	25

Violated pledge 1st time	-	-	-	-	52
Signed over	-	-	-	-	22
Violated pledge 2nd time	-	-	-	-	22
Deaths	-	-	-	-	5
Contributing Members	-	-	-	-	3463
Total amount of receipts for quarter	-	414	10	7½	
“ “ paid for Benefits	-	114	19	5	
“ “ Cash on hand	-	2718	4	11	
“ “ Per Centage on fees & dues	-	20	18	9½	

By this it is quite evident that the order is not in that position it ought to be, nor as healthy as the most *lukewarm friend* could wish to see it; and unless we become more determined in our efforts, and follow the example set us by other Provinces, we must assuredly retrograde, and no amount of zeal will avail us after the enemy enters our Citadel. It is our duty to keep him out. Returns have been received for the quarter ending 30th June since last report from Compeer 107, Union 39, Avondale 13, Father Matthew 85, Herald 84, Grand Pre 47.

The following Divisions have not sent in their returns for quarter ending 30th Sept. Wilberforce 28, Prince of Wales 30, Pugwash 36, Mainmast 57, Lalla Rookh 83, Port George 87, Britannia 91, Wilmot 103, Friendship 106. Prince of Wales 30, Lalla Rookh 83, Friendship 106, have not sent returns for the two past quarters. Twenty of the returns sent in are without a seal, and it appears to me quite useless to attempt referring to these matters quarter after quarter, when no notice is taken of them, nor any suggestions given for the good of the order, acted upon. We should feel how much depends upon accuracy in these matters, and that correct and punctual returns would exhibit a healthy condition, whereas the present loose system disheartens and discourages the efforts making for preserving the working of this body from further reproach. Whatever may be the opinion of those among us who do not feel the force of these complaints, I am satisfied that we cannot remain as we are. We must either advance or retrograde;—and what Son of Temperance, filled with that love to his fellow creatures which ought to characterize us, will for the fear of a little labour and exertions on his part, allow the enemy to occupy the vantage ground? None I trust; and it therefore becomes a solemn duty to those assembled here, representing the various Divisions—to *act* and adopt such measures as will tend to remove the present inactive state of the Order. Who will pretend to say, that a large majority of the people are not with us? None! it is felt and believed by our enemies that they are; therefore it is the more necessary that we should be up and doing, and strengthening our position until our fortress becomes impregnable. We have many, very many, influential men in our ranks, but alas for the good of the Order that influence is never exerted, nor their presence ever found within the precincts of the Division Room. I feel sanguine as to the ultimate success of our cause, and therefore the more earnestly urge upon the members of this body the duty of active exertion, and that each one carry energy and decision in these

matters into the Division Room to which he respectively belongs, and I have not the least doubt, but that the next Annual Session of this G. D. whoever lives to see it, will prove a highly satisfactory one. With fervent prayers for the prosperity of our beloved Order, I subscribe myself.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

WM. SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*

On motion, Resolved, That the subject of the location of the Quarterly Sessions be taken up at the Afternoon Session.

Grand Chaplain moved the following amendment :

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the Agency be called for at the Afternoon Session.

Passed.

The G. D. then adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 26th, 1853.

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, G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sentinel.

Absent—G.T., P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled by Bros. Van Buskirk, G.T. W. Burrill, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

The G. Con. retired and introduced Representatives, Nicholas H. Martin and George Fulton who were duly initiated and took their seats.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

Brother Uhlman moved the following Resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Division approve of the arrangement proposed with Mr. Johnston by the Committee on Agency, and hereby agree to pay the sum offered, viz. : £125, for six months if required.

Brother John S. Thompson moved the following Resolution :

Resolved, That this G. D. express regret at the non-arrival in this Province of any Copies of the New Ritual for Subordinate Divisions, and at the absence of all information how such copies might be

obtained, until within a few days past. They would also express regret, that several complaints, well founded, have been made, respecting delay in answering letters and transmission of orders, as regards the office of Most Worthy Scribe,—and as such matters, if continued, may be seriously detrimental to the interests of the Order, the G.D. hereby request that the G.W.P. take such steps to represent these complaints as may cause speedy and effectual remedy.

The G.W.P. added Brother Henry Blanchard to the Committee on Bye-Laws.

Brother Wetmore from the Committee on Public Meeting, reported verbally.

The G. D. then adjourned to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, 27th Oct'r. 1853.

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, G. Chaplain, G. Con., G. Sentinel.

Absent—G. Treasurer, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

The G. Con. retired and introduced Representatives, S. Tupper and Putnam, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Brother McLearn submitted the report of the Committee on the Agency.

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Session of the Grand Division of S. of T. of Nova Scotia, held at Pictou, Report that they have made inquiry for a suitable lecturer in different sections of the Province but without success. They have had correspondence with some gentlemen who have declined the office. The last correspondence has been with Brother Johnston of N. B. whose services we hoped to obtain, but as the Grand Division will learn from his letter though not conclusive, there is not much expectation of gaining his valuable services.

RICH'D McLEARN, Chairman.
W. L. BELL,
J. S. THOMPSON.

On motion, Resolved that Bros. Wm. Burrill, Charles Blanchard and J. E. Dewolf, be a Committee to consider the most desirable places for holding the Quarterly

Sessions of the G. D. for ensuing year. Brother N. H. Martin moved that a letter of his to the Agency Committee, be read to the G. D., passed and letter read.

The Committee on Quarterly Sessions reported, as follows :

The Committee appointed by this Grand Division to consider the Question of suitable localities for holding the Quarterly Sessions of the Grand Division for the ensuing year beg leave to report as follows :

Upon mature consideration of the applications both written and verbal, they recommend that the first Quarterly Session be held in Upper Stewiacke in January next ; in Annapolis Royal in April ; in Cape Breton in July ; on the last Wednesday of each month respectively.

WM. BURRILL,
JAS. E. DEWOLF,
CHARLES BLANCHARD.

Grand Division Committee Room, October 27th 1853.

Brother Richardson Harris moved that the Quarterly Session of July instead of April be held at Annapolis.

Lost.

The Report adopted.

Brother Burrill moved that the next Annual Session be held in Yarmouth.

Brother Gammel moved that the next Annual Session of this G. D. be held in Halifax.

Brother Howe moved that a Committee be appointed to consider the question and report—not agreed to.

A motion to defer the question until the Afternoon Session was then put and lost.

The amendment was put and lost, and the original Resolution passed.

Brother Dougherty gave notice of motion to rescind.

The G. D. then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 27th, 1853.

The G. D. opened in due form the G. W. P. in the the chair.

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

Absent—G. Sentinel, P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled by Bro. Masters, P.G.W. Bro. Toal, G. Sentinel. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the vote relating the Annual Session be reconsidered.

It was then moved that Halifax be the place for holding the next Annual Session. Passed.

On motion of Brother Burrill,

Resolved, That application be made to the N. D. at its next Annual Session, to strike out the words located in Yarmouth and Halifax, from the charter of this G. D.

The G. S. and G. T. submitted their accounts, which were handed to the Auditing Committee.

Bro. Grand Chaplain reported from the Committee on the State of the Order :

The Committee on the State of the Order have read with attention the Reports furnished by the Grand Worthy Patriarch and the Grand Scribe, and proceed now to offer a few observations on the statements contained in them.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch, they observe, sees "nothing particularly cheering" in the present condition of the Order in this province. Yet, although he admits that there are some symptoms of declining energy, which he satisfactorily accounts for, he is on the whole of opinion that "there is not much to discourage." The Grand Scribe goes more into detail, and enumerates various particulars, tending, in his judgment, to show that there is a lamentable deficiency of zeal and perseverance among the friends of the Order. That such deficiency exists, to a considerable extent, may, as your Committee believe, be granted; nevertheless, they are disposed to look at the facts of the case from a less gloomy point of view than some do. They think that the vast amount of benefit already realised ought not to be lost sight of, but rather acknowledged, with devout gratitude, to the Giver of all good; and they ask the Members of the Order to bear in mind that as there are ebbs and flows in the history of every great enterprise, arising from the nature and constitution of the human mind, so also difficulties are to be encountered in carrying into effect important reforms, in the struggle with which the faint-hearted may be tempted to retire. But these things must not move us. The suppression of intemperance is our mission, and we must persevere till it is fulfilled.

The Committee regard with great satisfaction the prospect of obtaining the services of an experienced and popular Lecturer, for the winter months; and they trust that talented gentlemen in different parts of the province will be prevailed on to assist in this movement by travelling and lecturing in their respective Districts. The people, they doubt not, are prepared to sustain the effort, not only by hospitable sympathies but also by liberal contributions.

Several Temperance Conventions have been recently held, and have produced good effects. Your Committee advert with peculiar pleasure to this mode of advancing the cause, believing that it is one of the best means of procuring an energetic utterance of public opinion.

The Grand Scribe refers in his Report to sundry irregularities in the proceedings of Subordinate Divisions, which cannot fail to exert an injurious influence on the prosperity of the Order. In the estimation of some they may appear to be of a minor character; but your Committee beg to submit that strict observance of all the regulations of the Order is faithfully promised by every member and officer, and is essential to the completeness of its transactions, and that neglect or indifference to these matters may often be viewed as a sign of incipient decay.

The year on which we are about to enter is likely to be a highly important one in the Temperance history of this Province. A powerful effort is to be made in order to procure a prohibitory law, and this effort will require an unusual concentration of the vigorous activities of the Order. With this in view, the Committee suggest the desirableness of issuing an Address to Subordinate Divisions, reminding them of their duties and responsibilities, and urging on them the necessity of adopting measures for revived action. They cannot but hope that the effect of such an appeal will be salutary.

The Committee trust that immediate and unremitting endeavours will be employed throughout the Subordinate Divisions for the purpose of procuring signatures to petitions to the Legislature for a prohibitory law, similar to the Maine Law. The time is now come for determined and simultaneous action. It is expected of every Son of Temperance that he will faithfully discharge his duty.

Your Committee share in the feeling of disappointment expressed in consequence of the non-arrival of copies of the new Ritual. It is extremely unfortunate that the opportunity of putting the Ritual in practice has not been enjoyed at this meeting of the Grand Division. Such representations, they doubt not, will be made to the National Division, as shall prevent the recurrence of annoying circumstances of this kind.

In conclusion, the Committee earnestly entreat the members of the Grand Division to resolve on such zealous employment of individual effort, during the ensuing year, as shall place the Temperance Cause on high vantage ground, and secure its ultimate triumph.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

J. M. CRAMP,
M. G. BLACK, Jr.,
NATHAN TUPPER.

Adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation, contained in the above Report, a Circular be addressed to the Subordinate Divisions through the Columns of the Athenæum. Brothers Dr.

Cramp, R. McLearn and P. G. McGregor were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Brother Naylor reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Journals of N. D., leave was granted to amend the report and add suggestions.

Brother Henry Blanchard reported from the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee beg to report that they have examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe and find them correct.

W. H. BLANCHARD,
GEO. VAN BUSKIRK,
A. W. McLELLAN.

Adopted.

Financial Committee Reported.

The Committee appointed to examine into the financial affairs of the Grand Division beg to report that they have attended to that duty, and believe that the Books and Accounts are still kept in a satisfactory state. The following is an exhibit of the assets and liabilities.

Due by Grand Division.

Messrs. Bowes & Son, for Printing	-	9	5	0
Athenæum Office	- - - -	3	18	4
W. Grant	- - - -	0	11	4
E. G. Fuller	- - - -	0	14	4½
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		£14	9	0½

Due to Grand Division.

Mayflower Division	- - - -	0	0	9
National Division over remitted	- - - -	6	0	1
Chedabucto Division	- - - -	0	3	0
Henry S. Stewart	- - - -	0	7	6
Arch. Patterson	- - - -	0	11	4
Canard Division	- - - -	0	5	0
E. H. Harrington	- - - -	0	10	0
Cash in Treasurer's hands	- - - -	5	2	3½
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		£13	0	5½

shewing a deficit of but £1 8s. 7d. which will be more than met by property in hands of G. S. all of which is respectfully submitted.

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

Adopted.

The Standing Committee on Bye-Laws reported.

The Standing Committee on Bye-laws would report that they have examined the Bye-laws of Chebucto Division, No. 7, and that in their opinion they do not conflict with the Constitution.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

P. MONAGHAN,
W. H. BLANCHARD,
JOHN HEENAN.

Adopted.

The G. D. then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

October 28th, 1853.

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, G. Chap., G. Con.

Absent—G. T., G. Sentinel, P. G. W. P.

Vacancies filled by Bros. Mosher, G. T., Monaghan, G. Sentinel, Burrill, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to engage a lecturer or lecturers to labour in different sections of the Province with power to make absolute engagements and guarantee their Salaries.

On motion, The Agency Committee for last quarter was reappointed.

The G. D. proceeded to the election of Officers, and on the ballot being taken the following Brethren were declared duly elected.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, G. W. P.

Richard McLearn, G. W. A.

William Scott, G. Scribe.

Nathan Tupper, G. Treasurer.

Rev. J. C. Cochran, G. Chaplain.

Daniel Mosher, G. Con.

P. Monaghan, G. Sentinel.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 28th, 1853.

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

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

Absent—G. W. A., G. T., G. Con., G. Sentinel.

The vacancies filled by N. Tupper, G. W. A., S. Creelman, G. T., J. S. Thompson, G. Con., Monaghan, G. Sentinel.

G. Scribe submitted a letter and account from Bro. D. Page.

On motion, Resolved, That the G. D. adhere to the decision already given upon the subject.

On motion of Brother James, Resolved, That it be strongly recommended to Subordinate Divisions to reimburse D. G. W. P.'s all monies necessarily disbursed by them in the performance of their duties, not less in any case than five shilling per annum from each Division under their charge, to defray expense of postages, &c.

The Committee on Journal of N. D. submitted their Report as amended.

The Committee appointed to examine the Journals of the last Session of the National Division and report alterations made in the Constitution of Grand and Subordinate Divisions, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty and find the following matter requiring the attention of this Grand Division.

1st. Rule 15. Constitution of Grand Division is amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting the following: Each Subordinate Division shall pay not more than five cents (or three pence) per quarter for each of its members, whose names may appear on the F. S.'s books to be sent with the returns to the G. D. at the close of each quarterly term.

2nd. Sect. 1st. Art. 5. Constitution of Subordinate Divisions is amended by striking out *two dollars* and inserting *one dollar*.

The only other Resolution requiring especial notice is the following:

Resolved, That the installation ceremonies in Grand and Subordinate Divisions may be performed in public at the option of Divisions.

With reference to the above your Committee would submit the following Resolution for the guidance of Subordinate Divisions. §

Resolved, "That in all cases where Installation takes place in public, the Division shall take care not to violate the order given in the B. B. respecting private portions of our ceremonies.

The Committee would further beg leave to propose for the adoption of this Grand Division, viz.

Resolved, That in future the Subordinate Divisions shall pay to this Grand Division the sum of three pence per quarter for each contributing member, that may be found on the books by the Financial Scribe in lieu of the per centage now paid.

All of which is submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

CHARLES B. NAYLOR, Chairman,
GEO. READING,
SAML. CREELMAN.

Grand Division Room, October 28, 1853.

Adopted.

Brother James moved the following :

Resolved, That the Resolution contained in the above report is understood by this G. D. not to refer to members of Subordinate Divisions who are under suspension for non-payment of dues—but when suspended members pay up their dues, the same allowance shall be made to the G. D. as if they had not been suspended.

Brother James moved the following :

Resolved, That in order to mark in a solemn manner our recognition of the Divine Goodness in elevating the Temperance cause to its present high position in this Province, and in giving us cheerful and animating hopes of its final triumph in every civilized land, this G. D. will at its next annual meeting commence on Saturday for initiation and other preliminary purposes, and that on the Sabbath following and before proceeding to business, sermons will be preached to the members of the Grand Division by brethren invited to officiate, in two or more places of worship in this City.

Not agreed to.

Brother Charles Robson moved the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Division recommend that a Provincial Temperance Convention be held at Halifax on the last Wednesday of February, and that it be recommended to all Subordinate Divisions and all Temperance organizations to send delegates and as far as practicable to pay their expences.

On motion the previous Committee were discharged from further duty and the following brethren appointed a Committee to carry out the above Resolution, viz. Brothers Robson, W. M. Brown, Black, McLearn and James.

Brother Dr. Cramp moved the following :

Resolved, That the members of the Order be requested to communicate from time to time to the Editor of the Athenæum for insertion in that paper, such intelligence respecting the progress of the Tem-

perance Cause as they may have the opportunity to furnish; and that all lecturers employed by this Grand Division be directed to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of the Athenæum, that Journal, though not under the control of the Grand Division, being the recognised organ of the Sons of Temperance in this Province.

Passed.

The G. D. then adjourned to meet at half-past seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

October 28th, 1853.

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, G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Sentinel.

Absent—G. Conductor, P. G. W. P.

Vacancies filled by Brother Quinan, G. Conductor, McLearn, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of Afternoon Session read and approved.

The G. W. P. intimated to the G. D. that when he took office he was unable to obtain the Book in which the names of the members of the G. D. have been recorded in their own hand writing, and that after the fullest enquiry said Book could not be found.

On motion, Resolved, that the Officers elect be now installed.

Grand Officers elect installed by P. G. W. P. Brown, assisted by P. G. W. P. Christie.

P. W. P. Rev. Dr. Cramp, Mechanics Div. 34, G. W. P.

“ Richard McLearn, “ “ “ G. W. A.

“ William Scott, Howard “ 26, G. Scribe

“ Nathan Tupper, Lake “ 71, G. Trea.

“ Daniel Mosher, Coldstream “ 20, G. Con.

“ P. Monaghan, Chebucto “ 7, G. Sen.

“ Rev. J. C. Cochran was not present.

The G. W. P. addressed the Grand Division.

Brother J. S. Thompson moved the following.

Resolved, That the members of this G. Division have much pleasure in expressing their very high sense of the services of Brother

Rev. George Christie, as G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, for the Year ending at the present time; and that this sense of services includes consideration of the ability, business habits, urbanity, zeal, and general efficiency, of Brother Christie, as Chairman of Meetings of the Order, as Representative to the National Division, and as visiter of Subordinate Divisions, and lecturer on Temperance in various parts of the Province, during the period mentioned.

On motion, Brothers McLearn, Naylor and Quinan, were appointed a Standing Committee on Finance, to superintend the Financial affairs of the G.D. and report at its quarterly Session.

On motion, The following brethren were elected Representatives to the N.D. for the ensuing year.

G.W.P. Rev. Dr. Cramp,
 P.G.W.A. Charles B. Naylor,
 G.W.A. Richard McLearn,
 P.G.W.P. Rev. George Christie,
 P.G.W.A. Lawrence Van Buskirk,
 P.G.W.P. J. W. Johnston,
 P.G.W.P. Rev. J. McMurray,
 P.G.W.P. W. M. Brown,
 P.G.W.P. Wm. Burrill,
 P.G.W.P. F. W. Redding,
 P.G.W.A. John Campbell,

On motion, Brothers Naylor, A. J. Ritchie, and P. Monaghan. were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing required by the G. S.

On motion, Resolved, that 250 copies of the Journal of the present Session of this G.D. including the special Session of the 18th inst. be printed.

On motion, Resolved, That Ten pounds be paid the G. Scribe for extra services.

On motion, Resolved, That the Grand Scribe's Salary be Thirty pounds for the ensuing year.

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

On motion, Resolved, That P.G.W.A's Geddes and Gidney be elected as Representatives to the National Division provided that their Credentials be sent in previous to the next Quarterly Session.

On motion, Resolved, That Twenty shillings be given to Brother Joyce for his services.

The Minutes of the Session read and approved.

The G. D. was then closed to meet at Upper Stewiacke on 25th Wednesday, January, 1854.

The Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

To M. G. BLACK, JR. G. T. DR.

1853.						
Aug. 6th.	Paid J. Bowes & Son,	-	-	-	-	5 15 0
25th.	" G. Chaplain's Expenses to Pictou	-	-	-	-	3 3 9
	" G. Scribe's Do.	Do.				3 10 0
	" G.W. Associate's Do.	Do.				3 10 0
	" G. Conductor's Do.	Do.				2 5 0
						<u>£18 3 9</u>

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July 25th.	By Balance from last Quarter	-	-	-	5 6 0½	
Oct. 25th.	" Cash from G. Scribe	-	-	-	15 0 0	
27th.	" " "	-	-	-	3 0 0	£23 6 0½
						<u>£5 2 3½</u>

M. G. BLACK, Jr. G. Treasurer.

Halifax, 27th October, 1853.

Amount of Funds in hand on Account of Agency Fund.

	Per Account rendered July, 1853.	-	-	-	20 0 0
Oct. 25th.	Cash from Iron Age Division	-	-	-	1 0 0
	" Avon "	-	-	-	5 0 0
					<u>£26 0 0</u>
	Less paid Order from N. H. Martin.	-	-	-	10 0 0
					<u>£16 0 0</u>

The Grand Scribe in Account with Grand Division.

		Dr.
1853.		
July 25th.	To Balance per account - - - - -	1 7 3½
28th.	Per Centage for quarter ending 30th June, from Truro Division	
	Chedabucto March quarter	0 13 9
	June quarter	0 17 7
	Wilmot Division 103, March quarter	0 10 2
	June quarter	0 4 4
	Agricola, June quarter	0 3 6
	Wilmot 88, June quarter	0 1 2½
	Concord Div. June quarter	0 3 4
	Avondale	0 6 0
	Union 39	0 4 7
Oct'r. 1st.	Father Matthew	0 0 6
	Grand Pre	0 3 2
	Wellington	0 0 3
	Herald	0 5 9½
		0 3 2
Aug't 1st.	Wilmot Division, 83, on acct. representative to N. D.	3 17 4
Oct. 22d.	Iron Age Division on acct. Agency fund	0 10 0
25th.	Avon	1 0 0
	Blank returns 8s. 7½d. Card 6d.	5 0 0
Aug. 12th	Dispensation Fee, Mayflower Division	6 0 0
Sept 17th	Athenæum Division, amount of account	0 9 1½
Oct. 27th	W. A. S. Blewett, for 1 dozen Cards	0 1 3
Oct. 26th	Amount of Per Centages received for quarter 30 Sept.	0 6 3
27th	Cash received per mail from Brother Page	0 6 0
		19 11 9½
		1 0 0
		£33 9 0½

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Sept. 30th.	Postages paid during the quarter, on } Returns, &c. }	0 18 6	
Oct. 25th.	Paid G. Treasurer per receipt	15 0 0	
	Do. on acct Agency fund	6 0 0	
27th.	G. Treasurer	3 0 0	
	By Grand Scribe's Salary one quarter	7 10 0	32 8 6
	Balance	£1 0 6½	

WILLIAM SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*