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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

MIDDLETON, (Nictaux), Wednesday,
April 22, 1857.

THE Grand Division assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M.,* in the Hall of Wilberforce Division, and opened in due form, the Grand Worthy Patriarch in the Chair. Roll of officers called :

Present—Rev. Alexander McArthur, Grand Worthy Patriarch; Patrick Monaghan, Grand Scribe; Robert M. Barratt, Grand Conductor.

Absent—James Mosher, Grand Worthy Associate; John A. Bell, Grand Treasurer; Rev. S. N. Bentley, Grand Chaplain; William Murray, Grand Sentinel; Rev. John M. Cramp, D. D., P. G. W. P.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch filled vacancies by appointing brothers A. Vanbuskirk, G. W. A.; Beniah Morse, G. T.; James Landers, G. C.; Walter Welton, G. S.; William Fowler, A. P. G. W. P., *pro tem*.

The Grand Division was declared open, and ready for business.

* The Grand officers being delayed in reaching Nictaux in time to open the session at 10 o'clock, A. M., the G. D. could not commence their proceedings before 3 P. M.—G. S.

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

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the Credentials of the undernamed representatives, and find them correct :

CHEBUCTO, No. 7.—W. P. George Thompson.

MAYFLOWER, 9.—W. P. George Somerville.

AVON, 12.—William Curran.

AVONDALE, 13.—W. P. Jno. W. Harvie.

ORIENTAL, 16.—W. P. Robert Beattie.

COLUMBIA, 24.—W. P. William Payson, William Lent.

WILBERFORCE, 28.—W.P. Sampson Beals. P.W. P. Jutsun Ward.

TRURO, 41.—W. P. Alex. L. Archibald, Geo. Reading, Jas. Blanchard, Jonathan B. McCully, Jas. K. Blair, Samuel G. W. Archibald, Chas. Blanchard, Isaac N. Archibald, Richard Craig, Jas. Kemp, Chas. H. Blair, Andrew Moore, Jno. McLure, R. S. McCurdy, Jno. M. C. Archibald, Chas. B. Archibald, Wm. McCully, Chas. D. Upham, Alex. Miller, David W. C. Dimock, Standford Wells, Simon K. Eaton.

OLIVE BRANCH, 44.—W. P. Enoch Dodge. P. W. P. George Armstrong, Edwin Walker, Wm. Chipman, Benjamin Fellows, John Forsyth, John A. Morse, Saml. T. Neely, Thomas Spurr, David B. Starrat, Enoch Dodge, senr., John R. Currill, Timothy Rice, Thomas W. Chesley, James E. Fellows, Silas L. Morse, E. Dodge, junr.

CANARD, 50.—W. P. Ingram P. Freeman. P. W. P. G. S. Lockwood.

LUNENBURG, 60.—W. P. William Morash.

LAKE, 71.—W. P. Jas. Bligh. P.W.P. Jas. E. Rockwell.

MARGARETVILLE, 80.—W. P. Allan Downie. P. W. P. Jno. McLean, Chas. Baker.

FATHER MATHEW, 85.—W. P. David Lawson.

EVENING STAR, 97.—W. P. Edward Morash.

INVINCIBLE, 100.—W. P. Elisha D. Harris, P. W. P. Abraham Vanbuskirk, Joseph Morton Taylor.

KINGSTON, 102.—Ezekiel C. Wheelock, G. H. Parker, W. A. Baker, Ansel T. Baker, Jno. W. Burry, Jos. L. McKenny, G. R. Chute.

GARLAND, 105.—Henry Hall, Chas. Hall, Wm. Bridge, Chas. Brown, Joseph Swindle.

VICTORIA MINES, 108.—W. P. Israel H. Parker. P. W. P. W. G. Parker.

WOLFVILLE, 112.—W. P. Chas. Long.

SOUTHAMPTON, 117.—W. P. Jas. McGunney. P. W. P. Henry Harrison, Tillott Harrison, Henry C. Mills, D. J. Taylor, Jos. Atkinson, 2d, Jos. Atkinson, 1st, Wm. B. Lodge, Jas. McAloney, Wm. Adams, Geo. A. Deckinan.

LOWER HORTON, 122.—W. P. Jno. King.

HERO OF KARS, 127.—W. P. James B. Freeman.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

R. M. BARRATT,
JOHN LANIGAN,
W. A. S. BLEWITT.

Grand Division Room, Nietaux,
April 22, 1857.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undernamed representatives, who were duly initiated, and took their seats:—Rev. James Robertson, O. Taylor, J. Ward, Manning McGregor, A. M. Wheelock, J. Dodge, No. 28; D. Starrit, No. 44; J. Reagh, J. Roy, J. McLean, Thomas A. Downe, 80; Charles Hogg, No. 105; A. Banks, Thomas Holland, Rev. Willard G. Parker, J. H. Parker,

J. H. Bartheaux, S. B. Willitt, J. D. H. Balcomb, H. C. Beals, J. H. Parker, Samuel McKeown, B. H. Parker, T. Banks, No. 108; B. Magee, J. S. Egan, No. 126.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed the following Committees :

On State of the Order—Rev. J. Robertson, A. Vanbuskirk, Rev. W. G. Parker.

On Communications—J. Woodbury, M. D. B. Morse, George Best.

On Appeals—Robert M. Barratt, W. A. Fowler, E. Wheelock.

A communication from James Bowes & Sons, in reference to their claim against the Grand Division, for printing the *Athenæum* newspaper, was read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Communications.

A communication from Victoria Mines Division, requesting answers to certain questions, was read, and, on motion, referred to Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws—the answer to be published in the *Abstainer*

A communication from Kingston Division, requesting permission to change the name to Tremont, was read, and on motion, referred to Committee on Communications.

A communication from Miemac Division, respecting the re-election of P. W. P.'s as representatives to the Grand Division, was read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Communications.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report, as follows :

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

Officers and Brethren,—

Assembled once more in quarterly session, permit me to greet you in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

I regret to have to open my Quarterly Report with the usual complaint, that in consequence of the remissness of my Deputies in forwarding their Quarterly Returns, I am unable to present you with a satisfactory view of the condition of our Order in

this Province; but must refer you to the Report of the Grand Scribe for details, as the Recording Scribes are generally more faithful to their obligations than the D. G. W. P.'s.

In order, if possible, to excite the deputies to a proper discharge of their duties, I take the liberty of publishing in separate lists the names of those who have favoured me with returns, and those who have proved delinquent.

The deputies heard from, are, Cramp, Creed, Dimock, Eldridge, Randall, Seaman, Harrison, Freeman, Shean, Nichol, B. Morse, Marsters, Delap, Reading, Allison and King.

Deputies not heard from, are as follows: Bill, Bown, Turnbull, Burgess, Ditmars, McCurdy, Gammel, Tory, Terhune, Pinkey, Harvie, Hunt, McLellan, VanBuskirk, Geddes, Deinstadt, S. L. Morse, Corbitt, Porter, McDonald, Cameron, Bradly, and Hubly.

If things be as prosperous in those districts not heard from, as in those in which the deputies have complied with their constitutional obligations, an advance has been made in the state of the Order since the holding of our last quarterly session.

Some of these reports are very cheering. I cannot forbear calling the attention of the Grand Division to an extract from deputy Creed's report—Hants County—inasmuch as it shows the importance of holding public meetings in connection with our quarterly sessions, and thus bringing the influence of the Grand Division to bear upon the public mind. Brother Creed states as follows:

“Rechab Division is in quite a flourishing condition. Your visit was the means of reviving and building up the Cause wonderfully. Most of the temperance men who stood aloof from the Order have since united with us. Moderate and hard drinkers, too, are among our new recruits, and there are still prospects of further increase in our members. Public opinion is now with us. There has been quite an increase too, in the Total Abstinence Society, and that from unexpected quarters. Altogether we shall have the January session of the Grand Division to look back to as the means of effecting a healthy revival of temperance principles, over all this part of Hants.”

During the quarterly term which now expires, I have visited various parts of the Province, lecturing on temperance and prohibition. I have met with Avon, Iron Age, Wallace and Mainmast Divisions; also those Divisions in my own district.

I have reason to believe that some good has resulted from these visits. My own mind has been refreshed and cheered by intercourse with true-hearted friends of the Cause in these different places.

As the Grand Division at several sessions have almost unanimously, and with great spirit, espoused the Cause of prohibition, and as the adoption of this measure leads us to regard with deep interest the position of political parties in relation thereto, I cannot in making this report overlook the fact that since our last session a change has taken place in the administration of this Province. What influence this change may have upon the Cause of prohibition, time alone will show.

I cannot, however, request you to place much dependence on Legislators, whoever is in power, until the people at large are impressed with the importance of temperance Legislation; and especially until the Sons of Temperance themselves make the passage of an Anti-Liquor Law a matter of supreme importance, *and determine to hold every other political issue in abeyance, until the election of a House of Assembly thoroughly committed to this important measure.*

This is the course we have resolved and re-resolved to pursue, and from which we cannot consistently depart. In prosecuting our purpose we have resolved to know no political party as such; but by every proper means in our power to imbue all parties with our principles. We will form no political party, but whenever an opportunity presents itself to afford expression of our course of action, I trust the brethren of the Order will give the world the proof of their sincerity, in withholding their approbation from every political aspirant, belong to what party he may, who is not satisfactorily pledged to throw the weight of his legislative influence into the scale of Prohibition.

In no other way, in my opinion, can we ever secure the passage of an Anti-Liquor Law bill for the Province of Nova Scotia. The people are the source of power, and to the people we must make our appeal, inviting them to take the course of action we recommend. Give the people the light, and they will act in view of their obligations.

But to what quarter are they to look, if not to the G. D. for the information they need. Do we not, in the providence of God, sustain such a relation to the public as lays us under the deepest obligation to meet their wants. Shall we not educate the people on this, the greatest political question of the

We have affirmed again and again that to have a temperance Lecturer, an agent of the Grand Division, is an imperative duty, an absolute necessity. This matter has been referred to a committee; they have made no report, but we have raised hopes among the people that have not been realized. I commend this matter once more to your serious consideration, and urge you to instruct your committee to take the action you have before recommended, without further delay.

As a further means of indoctrinating the people on the subject of temperance legislation, I earnestly recommend that efforts be made to extend the circulation of your excellent organ,—the *Abstainer*. This periodical has gained the confidence of the friends of temperance, and has done valiant service for the Cause in those circles where it is read. But its subscription list is too small, compared with the value of the paper, the demand of the Cause, and the magnitude of the ends to be secured. It ought to circulate over this Province by thousands, instead of hundreds. I trust the Grand Division will be fully alive to the necessity of employing, to the full extent of their ability, those powerful agencies, the pen and gift of speech, in the work of converting this Province to our views.

The United Kingdom Alliance presents us with an animating example of success in prosecuting the Cause of Prohibition.

Through their efforts the public mind in Great Britain is being roused to a consciousness of the evils inflicted upon society by the trade in drink. Candidates for political favours have been thoroughly catechised—some of them pledged to prohibition. Samuel Pope, Esq. Secretary of the Alliance, has been put in nomination for parliament, on the question of Prohibition alone, and stands a good chance of being returned. Unless we bestir ourselves in Nova Scotia, the mother country will be before us in the suppression of the Liquor Traffic; through the potency of statute law.

The celebrated Prize Essay of Dr. Lees has had a powerful effect in moulding public sentiment in Great Britain. I hope the Grand Division will endeavour to promote its circulation in this Province. As a Temperance text book it ought to be in the hands of every member of our Order. The temperance Tracts about to be issued by the Grand Division are light infantry, and, though necessary in their place, are not capable of doing such execution as the heavy artillery of Dr. Lees. It stands unrivalled—the book for the times.

The National Division hold their annual session at Providence, R. I., United States, in June next. As the place of meeting is so near, and as important matters are to come under their consideration, it was deemed advisable to appoint three delegates from this Grand Division to the National Division. It has been customary for Subordinate Divisions to contribute towards defraying the expenses of delegations to the National Division. It is hoped that Subordinate Divisions will come forward with their usual promptitude in contributing toward this object. Some Divisions made their appropriations on the first appeal; but most have been tardy in responding to the call of the Grand Division. The delegates will go, and the Grand Division must meet the responsibility by the aid of the Subordinate Divisions.

Since penning the above a circular addressed to the Grand and Subordinate Divisions, and officers and members of the Order, by the Most Worthy Patriarch, has come to hand, and will be read to you by the Grand Scribe. It will be observed that the Most Worthy Patriarch urges that no sound, practical, judicious member of the National Division should stay at home, inasmuch as at the coming session, the whole frame work of the Order will pass under review, and such changes and measures be recommended as may on the maturest deliberation be deemed needful to inspire it with new life. The largest possible delegation, therefore, is imperatively demanded. Will the Subordinate Divisions meet the emergency? I beg to call special attention to the address of the Most Worthy Patriarch. It contains an earnest, full-hearted appeal, which must serve to rouse the slumbering energies of every Son of Temperance. It comes opportunely, and renders further remark of mine, as to the best means of reviving the Order, unnecessary. I advise that it be committed to the Committee on the State of the Order, and considered in connection with this report and that of the Grand Scribe.

I cannot bring this report to a close without noticing with the liveliest feelings of satisfaction the enthusiastic reception given by the brethren of the Order in the city of Halifax, to that world-renowned Temperance Reformer, and author of the Maine Law—the Hon. Neal Dow, while temporally among them on his way to England. My only regret is that I was not in the city at that time to have taken part in the proceedings; but it gratifies me to know that the duties of the chair were ably performed by my worthy deputy, brother John Shean.

I am happy to inform the Grand Division that the Divisions in the capital still continue in a healthy state, and that much good has been achieved there through the successful efforts of Total Abstinence Societies, in connection with religious bodies, and also that Temperance efforts among the military of the Garrison have been productive of much benefit. The success that has attended the labours of the friends of the Cause in the city, is worthy of special notice. When the heart beats healthily, we may hope for growth and vigor throughout the entire body. So may it be, is the earnest wish, of

Yours in L. P. and F.

ALEXANDER McARTHUR,
Grand Worthy Patriarch

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read his report, as follows :

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

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers, and Brethren,—

Being again permitted to meet in quarterly session of Grand Division, I would congratulate you on the brightening prospects of the Order and the Cause in this Province. Temperance has made a great advance in Nova Scotia since our last meeting.—Old Temperance Societies have been revived and new ones organized; some of the working Divisions have had large accessions to their number; others that were in a sickly condition have recovered; new life has been infused into a number that were inactive, and one more added to the muster roll.

The counties of Halifax and Yarmouth have had the greatest increase, as respects additions to our ranks—some hundreds being pledged in the latter, while *upwards of four thousand names* have been enrolled on the books of the various Temperance associations of the former. The Cause is also looking up in Hants, King's and Cape Breton counties; the brethren of the latter have been very active during the past winter, and deserve our thanks for the energy and perseverance they have displayed in extending our principles in the Island. Portions of the counties of Annapolis, Colchester, Pictou, and Shelburne are preparing "to follow suit." This is encouraging, and should incite us to further, and more energetic efforts in disseminating the blessings of Total Abstinence, among such of the people as are still the slaves of Bacchus. Other counties, although

apparently not making much advance, cannot be said to retrograde; there are many good, staunch and tried veterans of our army in each, who should exert themselves in agitating our principles; they should be "up and doing," and not wait for assistance to come from abroad; all that is needed is a little agitation, combined with energy and determined perseverance.

For more precise information respecting the state of the Order, I would refer you to the following synopsis of the Returns received from the Subordinate Divisions, for the quarter ending March 31st :

Number of working Divisions	-	-	-	70
" Divisions not working	-	-	-	5
" Supposed not working	-	-	-	2—77
" of Returns received	-	-	-	46
Initiated, 36 Divisions	-	-	-	298
Admitted by Dispensation	-	-	-	29
Admitted by Card	-	-	-	3—330
Rejected	-	-	-	6
Withdrawn by Card	-	-	-	12
Withdrawn from the Order	-	-	-	8—20
Violated the Pledge	-	-	-	76
Reinstated	-	-	-	53
Signed over	-	-	-	49
Violated Pledge second time	-	-	-	10
Suspended	-	-	-	58
Expelled for violation of Pledge	-	-	-	73
Expelled for non-payment of Dues	-	-	-	68—141
Deaths	-	-	-	2
Contributing members, 46 Div'ns	-	-	-	2180
Representatives to G. D. 41 Div'ns	-	-	-	510
Temperance Meetings held, 25 Div'ns	-	-	-	92
Tracts distributed by 3 Div'ns	-	-	-	418
Receipts for quarter, 45 Div'ns	-	-	£375	5 4½
Expenses, exclusive of benefits, 36 Div'ns	-	-	297	6 8
Paid for benefits by 15 Div'ns	-	-	42	2 6
Cash on hand, 40 Div'ns.	-	-	1377	4 5
Per capita tax to Grand Division, 46 Div'ns	-	-	27	5 0

The following returns have been received since last quarterly session :—

Quarter ending June 30th, 1856—Concord, 5. Quarter ending 30th September; Concord, 5; Lake 71. Quarter ending 31st

December; Concord 5; Roseway, 25; Archangel, 40; Truro, 41; Olive Branch, 44; Canard, 50; Lake, 71; Agricola, 72; Southampton, 117; Alma, 121.

Returns for last quarter are still due from Acadia, 1; Concord 5; Union 6; Victoria, 10; Hebron, 19; Walton, 23; Wilberforce, 28; Pugwash, 36; Rising Sun, 52; Queen's Own, 54; Morning Star, 59; Star in the East, 61; Hantsport, 62; Rock, 63; Harmony, 67; Aurora, 70; Iron Age, 82; Wilmot, 88; Bethlehem, 89; Chedabucto, 93; Invincible, 100; Parrsborough, 110; Exeter, 113; Pheonix, 115; Southampton, 117; Flowing Fountain 118; Diligent River, 120; Vesper, 124; June Rose, 125; Emblem, 126.

I have much pleasure in announcing that D. G. W. P. Charles Pinkey, assisted by brethren of Acadia, Central, Milton, and Hebron Divisions, opened a new Division at Beaver River, Yarmouth County, on the 31st of March; there were about thirty signatures to the application for the charter—sixteen of whom were initiated at the first meeting. Brother Pinkney informs me that the Division will be a useful auxiliary in the promotion of the Cause in its chartered locality.

Iron Age and Flowing Fountain Divisions—both of which were reported at last session as supposed not to be in working order, have resumed operations, and are doing well.

The members of Roseway Division, came to the determination about two months ago, of surrendering their charter; I am happy, however, to inform the Grand Division that a correspondence with the Deputy has resulted in its being resuscitated; it is now in good sailing trim, and has shipped three new hands. Concord Division is preparing "to get under way."

Cumberland and Maine Law Divisions, reported at last session as not working, are dead; the charter, B. B. and Cards of the former, have been placed in my possession. No cause has been assigned for these Divisions ceasing to work.

Copies of the resolutions, passed at the last meeting of the Grand Division—respecting charter of a Colonial National Division—the restoration of the old Ritual—and the annual meeting of the N. D. in 1858, have been forwarded to the M. W. S. and the receipt thereof has been acknowledged by that officer.

The Returns of the Grand Division to the National Division for the year 1856, have been sent to the M. W. Scribe's office, and the receipt thereof acknowledged. The following is a copy of the Returns forwarded:—

Number of Divisions in operation	-	-	-	72
Number admitted	-	-	-	1081
Suspended	-	-	-	243
Expelled	-	-	-	736
Violated Pledge	-	-	-	279
Reinstated	-	-	-	126
Violated Pledge second time	-	-	-	47
Contributing members	-	-	-	2452
Representatives to G. D.	-	-	-	571
Representatives to N. D.	-	-	-	11
Temperance Meetings held	-	-	-	257
Tracts distributed	-	-	-	395
Cash received	-	-	-	£1454 17 7½
Paid for benefits	-	-	-	455 2 10½
Cash on hand	-	-	-	1800 0 2
Expenses, exclusive of benefits	-	-	-	948 17 6½
Per capita tax to G. D.	-	-	-	133 0 3
Per centage to N. D.	-	-	-	6 13 0

About thirty-six returns were wanting to complete the above, which should have been in the hands of the M. W. S. before I had them prepared.

The receipts and disbursements of this office to 15th inst. were as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Per capita tax from Divisions, Sept. quar., '56	£	1	5	6
“ “ Dec. quar., '56		6	16	0
“ “ Mar. quar., '57		14	19	9
Amount of appropriations towards expenses of Representatives to N. D.		2	6	3
Received from other sources, as per detailed account		6	14	6
Balance in hand, 24th January		0	4	6
		£32	6	6

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid Grand Treasurer, per receipts	-	£20	12	9
“ Postages, &c.	-	1	8	1
Grand Scribe quarter's salary to 1st April	-	10	0	0
Balance in hand	-	0	5	8
		£32	6	6

In addition to the amount reported at last session, as having been voted towards the expenses of Representatives to the next meeting of National Division, the following appropriations have been made :

New Glasgow, 18 (paid)	-	-	-	-	£0	14	6
Athenæum, 96	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
Albion Mines, 79	-	-	-	-	1	5	0
Chester, 32 (paid)	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
Columbia, 24 (paid)	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
Father Mathew, 85 (paid)	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
Truro, 41	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
Lower Horton, 122 (paid)	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
June Rose, 125	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
Hero of Kars, 127 (paid)	-	-	-	-	0	6	3
Making in all the sum of £21 18s. 3d. appropriated towards this object.							

I have to acknowledge the receipt of fifty copies of a circular letter from the M. W. P. addressed to "The Grand and Subordinate Div's, &c." I mailed a copy to each D. G. W. P. with a request that it be read in each Subordinate Division.—It is an able document, well worthy the attention of this Grand Division, and the Subordinates under its jurisdiction. Every son of Temperance should be in possession of a copy. I only regret that the state of the Treasury will not allow the G. D. to republish it, but hope it will appear in the *Abstainer*. If the hints and advice of the M. W. P. were taken up and attended to, as they should be, our Order and the Temperance Cause soon flourish, as it did but a few years ago. ✓

Hoping that the present session will be a pleasant and profitable one to ourselves:—and result in benefit to the Order under this jurisdiction,

I submit this report in L. P. and F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

An appeal from P. T. Clarke, against action of Star in the East Division. No. 61, was read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Scribe submitted a copy of a circular letter from the Most Worthy Patriarch, addressed "To

the Grand and Subordinate Divisions, and Officers and Members of the Order," which, after being read, was, on motion, referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The following report was read and adopted :

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws, to whom has been referred a communication from Star in the East Division, No. 61, relative to the privileges of persons under 18 years of age who may join the Order, beg to report as follows :—

Under article 5, section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions it is enacted, " That persons may be admitted as members of the Order at 14 years of age, but such persons shall not, till they arrive at 18 years of age, have the right to vote on any proposition, or hold office, or receive the degrees."

The meaning of the words " on any proposition," in the above paragraph, is understood to be, that persons under 18 years of age shall not have the right to vote on any proposition for membership, but are not thereby precluded from voting upon any other question which may come before their Division.

WILLIAM L. BELL,
PAT. MONAGHAN.
JOHN HEENAN.

Halifax, March 10, 1857.

The following report, from the same Committee, was also read, and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws, have had before them copies of the Bye-Laws of several Divisions, and beg to report as follows :

In section 2, article 2, of the Bye-Laws of Columbia Division, No. 24, the following passage occurs : " On the last regular meeting of each quarter, each brother shall pay an equal proportion of the expenses, with 3d. Capita Tax."

The 1st section of article 6 of the Constitution, seems to give full power to Divisions to regulate their Initiation fees and dues—but the Committee think some definite sum should be fixed as a weekly or monthly payment.

The committee have had before them a copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, as printed for the use of the Howard Division, No. 26. On examination they find the Constitution, Revised Rules, and Resolutions of the National Division so arranged as to make it impossible to distinguish the one from the other. They recommend that they be separated, so that in referring to them, members may be able to tell which are Constitutional Rules, which Revised Rules, and which Resolutions of the N. D.

The committee find from copies of Bye-Laws that have been forwarded to them, that several of the Divisions have adopted, and are working upon the non-benefit system. The committee recommend that no action be at present taken by the Grand Division, upon this subject, as there is a probability, in consequence of a resolution passed at the annual session of the Grand Division, of some general measure being agreed upon by the National Division at its approaching session.

The Committee have had before them copies of Bye-Laws from several Divisions which have been working under the Constitution as it stood previous to 1853; but as some important alterations were made at the sessions of the National Division held in that and subsequent years—the Committee have requested the Editor of the *Abstainer* as the readiest way of giving the desired information, to publish in that Journal, the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, as it now stands.

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

WILLIAM L. BELL,
PAT. MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN.

The following report from the Publication Committee, was read, adopted, and ordered to be published in the *Abstainer*.

The Committee of Publication respectfully submit the following report.

Your committee have pleasure in stating, that the pecuniary responsibility of the Grand Division, with reference to the property sold by your committee to Mr. Barnes, has ceased—the last payment having been made this day. That the subscribers to the *Abstainer*, should have so far paid their amounts as to enable the publisher, from those receipts, to liquidate the claim of the Grand Division, is at once gratifying and encouraging. The monthly issue has increased to 1842 numbers.

Your committee, having in view the promotion of Temperance, and believing the friends in this Province are able and willing to sustain a periodical for its advocacy, recommend that the Abstainer be published twice a month after October next, each paper to contain half the quantity of matter now given in the monthly numbers. The publisher being willing to have the price remain as it now is, it may be expected that the list will be greatly extended, as the intelligence given will be fresher, and consequently more interesting. Your committee trust, that should the Grand Division approve of this suggestion, they will provide means to pay for the additional labour that must necessarily devolve on the Editor.

Your committee venture to anticipate, the commencement of a weekly journal, after another year, with a fair prospect of success. It must be obvious to all, that the triumph of our principles will be much hastened by the aid of a weekly organ of moderate size, and adapted for family reading.

W. M. BROWN.
CHARLES ROBSON.
A. J. RITCHIE.
JOHN A. BELL.
PAT. MONAGHAN.

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

The following report from the Standing Committee on Finance, was read and adopted, and the accounts named therein ordered to be paid:—

The Standing Committee of Finance begl leave to report that they have examined the accounts and Books of the Grand Scribe, and the Grand Treasurer's account, and find them correct.

Your Committee have also examined the following accounts, which they find correct, and recommend to be paid:

James Bowes & Sons--printing Journals	-	£8	0	0
English & Blackadar—Advertising	-	0	16	3
A. J. Ritchie—printing Circular	-	1	1	0

£9 17 3

GEORGE CREED,
A. J. RITCHIE.

A report from the Temperance Committee of the County of Cape Breton, was read, and G. S. directed to return it to the Chairman, with instructions to expunge the paragraph referring to the D. G. W. P's., and also request that the signatures of the other members of the Committee be attached to the report.

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

THURSDAY, April 23rd, 1857.

The Grand Division assembled at 8 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called :

Present—G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Con.

Absent—G. W. A., G. T., G. Chap., G. Sent., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by the brethren appointed yesterday, except the Chaplain's office, which was filled by Rev. J. Robertson.

Grand Division declared open.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undernamed representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats :

Charles E. Armstrong, T. C. Wheelock, Joseph Roland, No. 28, T. H. Parker, No. 68.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, and approved.

The following report from the Committee on State of the Order was read, and adopted :

The committee appointed to consider the state of the Order. have much satisfaction in reporting, in accordance with the purport of several documents submitted to their inspection, a decided improvement in the general condition of the Subordinate Divisions, and in the more earnest spirit that animates their members. A great movement like that of the important and beneficent Cause in which our best wishes and desires are now engaged, cannot

make much progress without experiencing some of those oscillations backwards and forwards, which appear to have characterized all former projects for the moral and intellectual improvement of mankind. A state of retrogression is therefore endurable and consistent with ultimate advantage; inasmuch as a succeeding impulse may occasion a revival of a more earnest spirit, and result in a permanent progression. For this reason your committee would indulge the hope, that amidst many shortcomings and signs of inactivity on the part of its friends, and much of opposition from its enemies, the Cause of Temperance is still gaining strength and energy in the Province at large. New Divisions have been formed; old ones have been revived; a large accession of members has been announced; and from such returns as have, up to the present date, been submitted, the most cheering and encouraging prospects may be anticipated.

The address of the M. W. Patriarch to the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of North America, is characterized by earnestness and clearness of argument, and conveys an irresistible appeal to the heart of every one who may desire to see the destroyer of millions laid prostrate in the dust. Your committee believe that the greatest possible benefit would result from a wide and extensive circulation of this able, nervous and energetic document, and accordingly beg leave to suggest, that at the convenience and discretion of the editor, it might profitably be inserted in the columns of the "*Abstainer*."

The fair encouragement which this valuable Periodical has already obtained among the advocates of Temperance, is a promising feature in the present aspect of the Order in this Province. Your committee are of opinion that every effort compatible with our success and ability should be exerted with a view to its further usefulness and extension. The advocacy of the Press we hold to be absolutely essential to the promotion and prosperity of the great and important Cause we have in hand. It appears to be a necessary element towards the future triumph of the principles we advocate, that the Liquor traffic should be stigmatized, as a great moral evil by the sanction of legal enactments. And it appears further that in order to attain this desirable consummation a work of much labor and effort forces itself on the attention of the friends and advocates of the Temperance movement. This work, by the admission of all who have attentively studied the subject, consists in the important task of preparing and educating the public mind for the kindly reception of Prohibitory Laws, and for their permanent and effective opera-

tion amongst us. Without such preliminary preparation,—without the voice and conscientious support of a decided majority of our Provincial population,—without their cordial assent and co-operation, your committee believe that a prohibitory law would not only be nugatory and ineffective, but even ruinous and pernicious to the morals of the country. To this extent it is clear that *moral* suasion ought to be exerted; because no argument that does not rest on moral force can reach the conscience of a legislator.

The task before the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of this Province is clear and well defined. They must agitate—agitate—agitate,—they must lecture, argue, exhort, admonish,—they must endeavor to influence their friends, to encourage the wavering, to confirm the reclaimed, to reform the lost, to seek the straying, and to use every allowable means within their reach to promote the Cause and the interests of our noble Order.

Your committee would remark in conclusion that the friends and advocates of the Cause must not be dismayed at the extent and difficulty of the work before them. It required three hundred and twenty five years to prepare the way for the legal protection of Christianity: yet this great blessing was at length attained. Sixty years of continued effort and agitation were consumed in preparing the British mind for the abolition of slavery in our Empire; yet the honored men who first gave an impetus to the movement lived to see and enjoy its accomplishment. So in like manner may we look forward at no distant period to the consummation of all our hopes and wishes, through much care and trial, in the final triumph of our Cause, fortified and protected by every sanction which the laws of the land can give it.

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

JAMES ROBERTSON,
ABRAHAM VANBUSKIRK,
WILLARD G. PARKER.

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

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal from brother P. T. Clarke, of Star in the East Division—report:

That in the opinion of this committee, the brothers who had been admitted as non-benefit members, have no equitable claim on the Division, for benefits, until they have paid the full amount

of initiation fee, and the proper amount of dues as paid by the other members, and provided by the Bye-Laws of the Division.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of brother Clarke be sustained, and the action of Star in the East Division reversed.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

R. M. BARRATT,
E. C. WHEELOCK,
W. A. FOWLER.

On motion, business was suspended

The Grand Conductor introduced representative S. Beals, No. 28, who was duly initiated, and took his seat.

Regular business resumed.

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

The Committee on Communications beg to report as follows :

1st. In reference to petition from Kingston Division. Your committee would recommend that their request be granted, and that said Division shall henceforth be called *Tremont*, provided said change of name be the unanimous vote of said Division.

2nd. Your committee beg to decline taking any action on a communication submitted to them, with reference to the election of P. W. Patriarchs as representatives to the Grand Division—being of opinion that the Grand Division has no authority to make any change in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions; but would beg to urge most strenuously on Past Worthy Patriarchs the importance of attending the meetings of their Divisions, and observing the most strict compliance with the established rules and usages of the Order.

Your committee would recommend that the order now in the hands of the Grand Scribe, in favor of Messrs. Bowes & Sons, for printing Athenæum, be paid so soon as the Grand Division shall be in sufficient funds.

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

JONATHAN WOODBURY,
BENJAH MORSE.

Grand Division Room, April 15, 1857.

The Grand Conductor moved the following resolution, which was seconded by brother J. Currill, and adopted by a vote of 23 for, 5 against :—

Resolved—That this meeting recommend that at the present and future sessions of the Grand Division, a subscription be taken towards meeting the liabilities of this Grand Division, to the National Division.

On motion business was suspended.

The Grand Conductor introduced representative E. X. Dodge, Junr., who was duly initiated and took his seat.

Regular business resumed.

Brother Rev. J. Robertson moved the following resolution, which was seconded by B. Morse, and adopted:—

Resolved—That those who have acted as Agents for the late *Athenaeum* newspaper, be requested to ascertain and collect all sums or arrearages due on said paper in their respective agencies, and to forward the same to the Grand Scribe at their earliest convenience.

On motion, 400 copies of the journal of proceedings of this session were ordered to be printed, and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion of the Grand Conductor, seconded by the Grand Scribe, it was

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Division be given to the members of Wilberforce Division, for the use of their Hall during the present session: and also to the residents of Middleton for the kind hospitality extended by them to the representatives in attendance.

* The regular business of the session having been brought to a close, a lengthy conversation took place on several questions put to the Chair, in reference to the meaning of certain sections of the Constitution, Rules of Order, Usage, &c.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The Grand Division was then closed in due form, to meet at Chester, Lunenburg County, on Wednesday the 15th day of July next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

Grand Division of Nova Scotia in account with the Grand Scribe.

1857	DR.	£ s. d.
Jan'y 24.	To balance due Grand Division - - - - -	0 4 6
April 15.	Tax Lake Div. Sept. quarter, 12s. 3d.; Agricola, 7s. 6d.; Wilmot, 5s. 9d. - - - - -	1 5 6
	Tax Dec. quarter, Clements Arch, 7s. 6d.; Kellogg, 5s.; Vesper, 6s. 9d.; Avondale, 12s.; Olive Branch, 6s. 3d.; Southampton, 6s. 9d.; Oriental, 7s. 6d.; Albion Mines, 11s. 3d.; Acadia, 5s. 3d.; Central, 8s.; Milton, 5s.; Hebron, 5s.; Port Royal, balance, 2s.; Mainmast, 4s.; Lake, 10s. 9d.; Canard, 18s.; Agricola, 6s.; Roseway, 4s. 6d.; Alma, 4s. 6d.	6 16 0
	Tax March quarter, Chebucto, 46s.; Micmac, 33s. 3d.; May- flower, 51; New Caledonia, 14s. 9d.; Roseway, 5s. 6d.; Howard 18s.; Star, 5s. 9d.; Chester, 13s. 9d.; Clements Arch, 5s. 3d.; Wolfville, 7s. 6d.; Royal, 12s. 9d.; Lower Horton, 12s. 6d.; Athenæum, 16s.; Port Royal, 2s. 6.; Morning Star, 3s. 7s. 6d.; Hero of Kars, 13s. 9d.; Kellogg, 5s. 6d.; Lake, 7s. 9d.; Rechab, 6s. 9d. Alma, 4s. -	14 9 9
	Iron Age Division Tax for 1856 - - - - -	2 0 0
	J. J. Blackburn, Tax for March quarter on account - - -	0 10 0
	Amount received for Journals of G. D. - - - - -	2 3 9
	“ “ Ritual for Female Visitors - - - - -	0 8 9
	“ “ Blank quarterly Returns - - - - -	0 7 6
	“ “ T & W W. Cards - - - - -	0 3 0
	“ “ Dispensation Fees - - - - -	1 5 0
	“ “ Officers Cards - - - - -	0 4 0
	“ “ From Rising Sun Division - - - - -	0 2 6
	“ “ Towards expenses of Representatives to N.D. Chester Division, 20s.; Columbia, 10s.; Father Mathew, 10s.; Hero of Kars, 6s. 3d. - - - - -	2 8 3
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		£32 6 6

1857	CR.	£ s. d.
March 5.	By paid Grand Treasurer - - - - -	6 10 3
April 1.	“ do. - - - - -	4 15 0
15.	“ do. - - - - -	7 1 3
	“ do. on account expenses of Representatives to National Division - - - - -	2 6 3
	“ do. Postages during quarter - - - - -	1 8 1
	“ Grand Scribe's quarter's salary to 1st April - - -	10 0 0
	“ Balance due G. D. - - - - -	0 5 8
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		£32 6 6

PAT. MONAGHAN, G. S.

Halifax, April, 15th 1857.

The Grand Division, in account with J. A. BELL, Grand Treasurer.

1857.		DR.	£ s. d.
Feb. 5.	To Cash paid Bowes & Son	- - - -	6 12 6
	Do. paid Grand Scribe's Expenses to Rawdon	- - - -	1 16 3
	Do. paid G. W. P's. do	- - - -	4 4 0
Mar. 21.	Do. paid Dr. Cramp	- - - -	6 5 0
April 1.	Do. paid Wm. Lippencott for Oct., 1856	- - - -	4 10 0
4.	Do. paid A. J. Ritchie	- - - -	1 6 3
	Balance	- - - -	11 7 8
			£36 1 8

1857		CR.	£15 8 11
Jany. 1.	By Balance in hand	- - - -	6 10 3
Mar. 5.	Cash from G. S.	- - - -	4 15 0
April 1.	Do. from Do.	- - - -	2 6 3
April 15.	Do. towards payment of Representatives to National Division	- - - -	7 1 3
	Do. towards general fund	- - - -	£36 1 8
			£36 1 8

1857		CR.	£11 7 8
April 15.	By Balance	- - - -	£11 7 8
			£11 7 8

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT THIS SESSION.

P. Monaghan, G. S., No. 7.	
R. M. Barrat, G. Con., No. 8.	
Rev. A. McArthur, G. W. P., 16.	
B. Morse, D. G. W. P.	
J. Wheelock,	}
D. C. Landers,	
Walter Welton,	
W. A. Fowler,	
Jno. Woodbury, M. D.	
Rev. J. Robertson,	
O. Taylor,	
J. Ward,	
A. M. Wheelock,	
M. McGregor,	
J. Dodge,	}
C. E. Armstrong,	
J. Roland,	
S. Beals,	
J. C. Wheelock,	
J. R. Currill	
E. Dodge, junr	
D. Starrit,	
T. H. Parker, No. 68.	
Wm. Roy,	
J. Reagh,	
J. Roy,	
J. McLean,	
T. A. Downe,	
A. Vanbuskirk, D. G. W. P.	
George Best,	
E. C. Wheelock, No. 102.	
Charles Hall, No. 105.	
A. Banks,	}
T. Holland,	
Rev. W. G. Parker,	
J. H. Parker,	
J. H. Barteaux,	
S. B. Willet,	
J. D. H. Balcomb,	
H. C. Beals,	
J. H. Parker,	
S. McKeoun,	
B. H. Parker,	}
T. Banks,	
B. Magee,	
J. S. Egan.	

No. 28.

No. 44.

No. 80.

No 100

No 108

No 126