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Quarterly Session of Grand Division.

LIVERPOOL, N. S., July 16th, 1851.

In the absence of the G. W. P., the Grand Division was called to order by the G. W. A.

Roll of Officers called.

*Present*—G. W. A., John Campbell.

P. G. W. P., Rev. John McMurray.

*Absent*—G. W. P., Hon. J. W. Johnston.

G. S., Rev. Alex. Hichborn.

G. T., J. D. B. Fraser.

G. Con., E. G. W. Greenwood.

G. Chap., Rev. Jas. Bayne.

G. Sen., Gilbert Willett.

The following Brothers were appointed as Officers pro tem. :

G. W. A., Joseph Burnaby, Senr.

G. T., Robert Noble.

G. Chap., Rev. N. Viditoc.

G. S., W. A. S. Blewett.

G. C., J. W. Dauphiney.

G. Sen., James Starr.

Grand Division opened in due form—Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

On Motion voted,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Division deeply regret that owing to the needful books not being forwarded, we are unable to proceed

with the Initiation Ceremony in due form, but consider that under the peculiar circumstances, numerous brethren having travelled considerable distances to be initiated into this branch of our Order, and to attend to the business of the Quarterly Session, it is obligatory upon us to proceed with the said ceremony, as nearly the regular form as may be.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee on Credentials—Brothers R. Noble, Rev. Jas. Parker, and John Blair.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report:—

The Committee appointed to examine the Credentials of Brothers authorised to attend this Grand Division, having examined the Credentials of the undermentioned Brethren, we find them correct:—

Paradise Division, No. 45,	Daniel Nichols, W. P.
Mechanics “ 34,	Edward Foster, P. W. P.
Roseway “ 25,	John S. Snow, W. P., Thomas Johnson, P. W. P., A. S. Harris, P. W. P., Benjamin Gardner, P. W. P.
Herald “ 85,	Manly White, P. W. P., Charles Murray, P. W. P.
Lünenburg “ 60,	Robert Lindsay, P. W. P.
Howard “ 26,	Simon F. Barss, P. W. P.
Star “ 49,	John Ellis, P. W. P., S. B. Locke, P. W. P.
Harmony “ 67,	Rich'd. Tilfer, P. W. P., Alexr. Jas. McLeod, W. P., John Douglas, P. W. P., Amasa Fisk, P. W. P.
Medway “ 31,	Jas. E. Balcombe, P. W. P., Spencer Cohoon, P. W. P., W. A. Cogswell, P. W. P.
Chebucto “ 7,	John S. Thompson, W. P.
Victoria “ 10,	James R. B. Bull, W. P., William Bayden, P. W. P.
Queen's Own 54,	Rich'd. Stewart, W. P., Jas. Park, P. W. P., John W. Cobb, P. W. P., Alexander McPherson, P. W. P.
Prince of Wales 30,	John McKenna, W. P.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

ROBERT NOBLE,  
JAMES PARKER,  
JOHN BLAIR.

The G. C. introduced the following Brethren, who were duly initiated into this branch of the Order:—

Daniel Nichols, Edw'd. Foster, John S. Snow, Manly White, Robt. Lindsay, Simon F. Barss, Rich'd. Tilfer, Arthur Jas. McLeod, John Ellis, John Douglas, Sam'l. B. Locke, J. S. Thompson, Alex-

McPherson, James Park, Rich'd. Stewart, John McKenna, Jas. E. Balcombe, Thomas Johnson, Amasa Fisk, A. S. Harris, Charles Bill, Wm. Adams, James Barss, Benj. Coburn, William Gold, George Wm. Bochner.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:—

*Committee on Bye-Laws*;—Brothers Rev. Jas. Parker, Robert McIntosh, John S. Snow.

*Committee on Communications*:—Brothers Simon F. Barss, Charles Bill, J. S. Thompson.

*Committee on Appeals*:—Avarad Longley, S. B. Locke, A. S. Harris.

*Auditing Committee*:—Brothers Robert Noble, G. W. Bochner, Jas. E. Balcombe.

Brother Edward Foster was appointed as an Assistant to the Acting Grand Scribe.

Communications and Appeals presented, and referred to appropriate Committees.

The following Resolution was moved by Bro. Blair, seconded by Bro. James Starr:—

*Resolved*, That as the G. W. P. and some other Officers of the G. D. of S. of T. being absent at the time of the meeting of said G. D., and the G. W. P. not having forwarded the Books, et cetera, belonging to his Office, and the G. D.; and that as the absence of said Books and Officers have a tendency to injure the cause for which we are organized, and the preventing of the progress of the G. D.—they, the said Officers, excepting the Grand Scribe, be and are hereby censured for such neglect and results.

After considerable discussion, Brother Blair's Resolution was withdrawn by leave of the Grand Division.

As an Amendment to Bro. Blair's Resolution, Bro. McMurray moved, and Bro. Jas. Parker seconded the following:—

*Resolved*, That the prosperity of the Order, and of the cause of Temperance generally, greatly depend upon the careful and efficient attention of the Officers of the G. D. to their several duties, that this meeting deeply regret to learn that complaints widely exist of remissness in attending to duty, of which very painful confirmation is given in the absence of nearly all the Grand Officers, and in the needful books not being forwarded, much to the disappointment and chagrin of numerous representatives present, from various parts of the country; but this Grand Division at the same time are satisfied with reasons given for the absence of the G. W. P. and G. S., and strongly hope that care will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the neglect now complained of.

In Amendment to which it was moved by Bro. R. Noble, seconded by Bro. Edw'd. Foster:—

That the further consideration of the above Resolution be deferred until our next Quarterly Session.

On Motion,

Voted, To adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Grand Division closed in due form.

W. A. S. BLEWETT,  
Acting Grand Scribe.

THURSDAY MORNING, July 17th, 1851.

Grand Division opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Prayer by G. Chaplain. Roll of Officers called.

Minutes of Afternoon Session read, and approval deferred.

Grand Conductor introduced Brothers Jno. Cobb, Spencer Cohoon, Wm. M. Starr, Wm. Bryden, and W. A. Cogswell, who were duly initiated.

Communication read from D. G. W. P. T. O. Geddes of Barrington, and referred to Committee on Communications.

The Committee on Appeals reported as follows:—

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the Appeal of Bro. Benjamin V. Harley against the action of Acadia Division, No. 1, on the case of Bro. Michael Ivers, Junr., beg leave to report that a Bye-Law was made in Acadia Division on the 19th February, 1851, as follows:—"That any Brother of this Division who shall neglect or refuse to pay his quarter's dues regularly, shall in case of sickness or disability, be deprived of *one week's benefits* for each and every month he is in arrears at the time of his being so taken sick or disabled."

Bro. Ivers would have been a beneficial member on the 5th May, 1851, if not in arrears. About the 10th April he became disabled by a broken leg, and on the 23rd of that month applied for benefits, to which he would have been entitled in about one week from that date, *provided he had been clear of the books at the time of the disability occurring*, but from the Report of the Committee who sat on his case, as appears by the extract from the Records of the Division transmitted by the R. S., it appears that at the time of his being disabled *he was in fact in arrears for two quarters*, which period, together with the week that should elapse from the time of his being reported sick, would make *seven weeks thereafter*, or about the 20th June, that he would have become entitled to receive benefits. Your Committee would now respectfully direct attention to the circumstances detailed in the appeal of Bro. Harley. First—It is stated that Bro. Ivers was clear on the F. S. Books on the 31st March,

1851, as per F. S. certificate enclosed. This statement is contradictory to the Report of the Committee before adverted to, and although the certificate referred to by Bro. Harley shows that the Brother's dues were paid up to the 31st March, still it does not shew at what time these dues were actually paid. And your Committee are bound to believe from the Report of the Committee that they could not have been paid at the time the disability occurred, nor previous thereto, so that the Brother could not have in fact been entitled to Benefits until at least the 23rd June. Appellant next states, that on the 21st of May he moved that Bro. Ivers receive the weekly benefits *due him*, which motion passed the Division, and that a Committee was then appointed to ascertain when he would become beneficial, against which appointment appellant protested as being unnecessary, the Brother as he affirms having become entitled to benefits on the 1st May.

Your Committee being clear that Brother Ivers was not a beneficial member on the 1st May, are of opinion that the appointment of the Committee was not only constitutional, but justified by the circumstances of the case. They are of opinion that the action of Acadia Division should be sustained, and the Appeal dismissed, and in accordance therewith beg leave to submit the following Resolution.

Submitted in L., P and F.,  
 AVARD LONGLEY, *Chairman*,  
 SAMUEL B. LOCKE,  
 A. S. HARRIS.

*Resolved*, That the Appeal of Bro. Harley against the action of Acadia Division in the case of Brother Michael Ivers, Junr, be dismissed, and the action of Acadia Division therein sustained.

*Adopted*.

The Committee on Constitutions reported as follows:—

The Committee on Constitution and Bye Laws beg leave to report that they have examined the Bye Laws of Herald Division, No. 85, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

JAMES PARKER,  
 ROBERT McINTOSH.

*Adopted*.

The Committee on Audits reported thus:—

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that the sum of £7 14s. 2d. has been received and paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer pro tem., but in the absence of any accounts from the Grand Treasurer, or of any Report from the Grand Scribe, they have it not in their power to offer any report thereon.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

Victoria Hall, Liverpool, }  
 July 17th, 1851. }

ROBERT NOBLE,  
 GEORGE W. BOEHNER.

*Adopted*.



The Committee on Communications reported as follows:—

The Committee on Communications had two communications under consideration, on which they submit the following Report—

One communication was from Brother T. O. Geddes of Barrington, on the state of the Order in that locality.

The other communication was from the Rising Star Division at Bridgewater, making certain complaints concerning the D. G. W. P. of that district.

Your Committee submit the following drafts of letters in answer to these communications:—

*To the Rising Star Division, Bridgewater.*

Brother,—Your communication relative to certain complaints against Bro. Andrews, and desire for the appointment of another D. G. W. P. has been taken into consideration.

The charges made against Bro. Andrews affect his standing as a Son of Temperance, much more as a brother representing the chief authority of the Order.

In the absence of communication from Bro. Andrews, the G. D. does not feel free to give any direct expression on the subject.

The G. W. P. has not attended this Session of the G. D., and as the appointment of the Deputies form part of his prerogative, the G. D. would not interfere, except in cases of undoubted character, and pressing emergency.

The expression of your determination, Brother, not to submit to the Deputy for the time being, seems scarcely in accordance with the subordination so requisite for the effective working of the Order.

Under circumstances, the G. D. affectionately and respectfully advise, that forbearance be practised for the short period that intervenes between this time, and that when opportunity will occur for new appointments, ever bearing in mind the principles of Christian Charity and Wisdom, which form such prominent objects of our beloved Institution.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

G. W. P. *pro tem.*

G. S. *Acting.*

*To Brother T. O. Geddes, D. G. W. P., Barrington.*

Worthy Brother,—The Members of the G. D. in Session now convened, express their regret at the termination of two Divisions in your district, while they rejoice at the intelligence that Temperance principles are carried out by the entire population to which you allude, and join you in the hope that new Divisions will spring up, where none hitherto have existed.

The Grand Division, Brother, takes this opportunity of stating, that they consider the mode of communication on the important subject of termination of Divisions rather informal.

The Divisions seem to have been allowed to terminate from want of due attention, and no special statement is made concerning loss, or surrender of charter.

The G. D., Brother, recommend careful attention to the important duties of your Office, and express earnest wish for future prosperity in the great cause to which we are pledged, and which demands the exercise of our best abilities.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

G. W. P. *pro tem.*  
G. S. *Acting.*

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

SIMON F. BARSS, *Chairman,*  
CHARLES BILL,  
J. S. THOMPSON.

*Report and Letters adopted.*

Brother A. S. Harris then offered the following:—

*Resolved,* That the G. D. of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, esteem it their grateful duty to record their appreciation of the noble and patriotic stand taken by the G. W. P. of the Order in his place in the House of Assembly in behalf of the cause of Temperance, as also of those Members of the Legislature who co-operated with our Honourable Brother.

In amendment to which it was moved and seconded:—

That this Resolution lay on the table, until the next Session of this Grand Division.

The Amendment when put from the Chair was lost.

The original Resolution was then put, and carried.

Brother Bryden offered the following:—

*Resolved,* That to avoid unkind feelings, it be and is hereby recommended to the P. W. P.'s of each Subordinate Division in this Province to meet by themselves, and nominate by *Bullot*, and recommend one of their P. W. P.'s to the G. W. P. and the G. D. at each Annual Session, as a Deputy G. W. P. to serve the Division, over which he may be appointed for the ensuing year.

In amendment to which it was moved by Bro. Rev. N. Vidito, seconded by Bro. Jno. Blair:—

That in the opinion of this G. D. it would be advisable for each Subordinate Division to recommend a Brother to the Annual Meeting of the Grand Division, whom they would choose to have appointed as D. G. W. P. to preside over them.

*Amendment adopted.*

On Motion voted.

To continue in permanent Session, until the business of this Grand Division is transacted.

Afternoon Session of yesterday as amended adopted.

Brother Noble's amendment presented yesterday afternoon was taken up, viz:—

That the further consideration of the Resolution relative to the absence of the Grand Officers be deferred until our next Quarterly Session.

*Amendment lost.*

Brother McMurray's Resolution laid over at the yesterday's Session was then taken up, viz:—

*Resolved*, That the prosperity of the Order, and of the cause of Temperance generally, greatly depend upon the careful and efficient attention of the Officers of the Grand Division to their several duties:—that this Meeting deeply regret to learn that complaints widely exist of remissness in attending to duty, of which very painful confirmation is given, in the absence of nearly all the Grand Officers, and in the needful Books not being forwarded, much to the disappointment and chagrin of numerous representatives present from various parts of the country, but this Grand Division at the same time are satisfied with reasons given for the absence of the G. W. P. and G. S., and strongly hope that care will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the neglect now complained of.

*Resolution Adopted.*

On Motion, Voted,

That the travelling expenses of P. G. W. P. Rev. John McMurray, and also the expenses of brother Edward Foster, who came expressly by the request of the Grand Scribe, to act in his place, be paid.

*Voted*, That the arduous duties of the Acting Grand Scribe, for the present Session, be taken into our favourable consideration, and that the sum of £2 10s. be voted him as remuneration for his valuable services,—this sum to be deducted from the salary of the Grand Scribe.

*Voted*, That the Grand Division prepare a Draft of Petition to the Legislature, having for its object the prohibition of the traffic in Ardent Spirits in the Province, and that signatures to such form of Petition be recommended to the Subordinate Divisions of the Province.

The following Brothers were appointed as a Committee to carry into effect the foregoing Resolution, and report at the next quarterly Session:

Brothers Rev. J. McMurray, J. S. Thompson, Chas. Robson.

*Voted*, That the usual number of Journals of Grand Division be printed for distribution.

*Voted*, That Brother J. N. Millard receive the sum of Ten Shillings for his services, attending on this Session.

*Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Division be given to the Members of Victoria and Queen's Own Divisions, for the use of their Hall on this occasion, and that our Acting Grand Scribe notify the Divisions of the same.

Grand Division closed, to meet in Halifax in October.

W. A. S. BLEWETT,  
*Acting Grand Scribe.*