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 OF THE
 PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 GRAND DIVISION
 OF THE
 SONS OF TEMPERANCE
 OF THE
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Quarterly Report of Grand Scribe to Grand Division for Quarter beginning
1st October, and ending 31st December, 1850.

Name of DIVISIONS.	No. of Division.	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Violated Pledge.	Reinstated	Violated Pledge 2d time.	Contributing Members.	Cash received.	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per centage to G. Division.
Acadia	1	Yarmouth								78	£8 11 3	£9 5 0	£111 8 3	£0 8 6
Central	2	Yarmouth								54	6 3 0	5 10 0	8 17 2	0 6 0
Milton	4	Yarmouth								36	5 15 4	5 10 0	54 5 7	0 5 9
Concord	5	Barrington								47	4 0 6	0 0 0	96 6 6	0 4 0
Union	6	Dieby								101	17 4 8	2 5 0	81 3 3	0 17 5
Chicouto	7	Halifax								2	37 13 6	20 10 0	87 17 10	1 17 8
Micmac	8	Halifax								93	10 9 2	3 15 0	32 8 10	0 10 5
Myflower	9	Halifax								66	9 3 8	10 17 6	94 8 11	0 13 1
Victoria	10	Liverpool								101	13 2 9	10 10 0	92 8 10	0 13 1
Albert	11	Milton, Queen's County								63	3 3 1	8 0 0	26 14 0	0 3 1
Avon	12	New Windsor								136	11 16 10	8 10 0	104 14 2	0 11 10
New Caledonia	13	Newport								112	22 16 10	7 10 0	62 6 0	1 2 10
Westport	14	Granville								32	6 2 3	4 5 0	38 0 11	0 6 1
Oriental	15	Pictou								93	21 13 7	4 0 0	130 2 11	1 1 1
Chicoutic	16	Pictou								50	4 1 10	0 5 0	21 13 3	0 4 1
New Glasgow	17	Chicoutic								75	10 17 7	6 0 0	66 10 8	0 3 1
Hebron	18	New Glasgow								42	3 12 2	1 10 0	18 13 5	0 3 3
Coldstream	20	Windsor								88	9 5 9	0 10 0	89 3 3	0 9 3
Marland*	21	Marland												
Rising Sun*	22	Newport								41	2 7 6	0 15 0	26 0 0	0 2 4
Walton	23	Newport												
Columbia*	24	Weymouth								52	3 4 0	2 0 0	2 9 8	0 3 3
Roseway	25	Shelburne								86	17 10 9	3 15 0	30 18 1	0 17 6
Howard	26	Halifax								36	7 5 0	0 10 0	15 17 1	0 7 3
Cape Breton	27	N. Sydney								42	3 19 1	0 0 0	36 13 0	0 3 10
Wilberforce	29	Nictau, Wilmot												
Prince William*	30	Sandy Cove								18	1 13 4	0 0 0	12 7 7	0 1 8
Medway*	31	Mill Village												
Chester	32	Medway												
Albion*	33	Chester												
Mechanics	34	Port Labour								74	8 4 11	2 7 6	15 9 0	0 8 3
Chamberland	35	Dartmouth								125	12 12 0	10 17 6	70 0 0	0 12 7
Pugwash	36	Amherst								84	23 3 5	7 10 0	102 0 9	1 3 6
Royal	37	Hillsburgh								25	19 11 5	3 15 0	79 18 8	0 19 2
Morning Star	38	Cheveree								39	4 3 3	0 4 0	11 4 6	0 4 4
Union	39	Newport								45	6 15 1	5 10 0	11 19 9	0 6 9
Archanget	40	Sydney Mines								45	2 2 3	0 2 6	21 4 2	0 2 7
Turo	41	Turo								101	9 12 6	8 10 0	98 5 11	0 9 2
Minas	42	Wolfville								35	17 16 10	0 0 0	27 0 0	0 17 10
Oak	43	Kenville								34	9 0 9	8 10 0	27 0 0	0 4 9
Olive Branch	44	Bridgetown								85	4 13 4	4 4 0	8 2 2	0 4 5
Paradise	45	Wilnot								61	11 4 6	0 0 0	39 2 4	0 11 1
Grand Pre	46	Annapolis								55	12 19 1	5 5 0	50 0 0	0 12 11
Douglasville	47	Lower Horton								66	6 16 0	0 0 0	26 0 0	0 6 9
Sar	48	Douglasville								13	3 11 3	0 0 0	30 7 8	0 3 7
Conard	49	Ragged Islands								51	1 10 0	0 0 0	7 10 0	0 1 5
Stirling	50	Cornwallis								90	14 8 4	0 0 0	51 16 0	0 14 5
Rising Sun	51	Tatamagouche								39	17 7 0	0 0 0	65 0 0	0 17 2
Written Rock	52	Musquodoboit								30	7 6 1	0 19 3	35 15 2	0 7 6
Queen's Own	53	Dunham Village								68	4 6 14	1 10 0	8 15 8	0 4 4
Bridgewater	54	Laverpool								61	7 2 1	2 0 0	28 8 7	0 7 4
Marnerst	55	Bridgewater								23	15 13 10	6 17 1	17 2 0	0 15 8
Marmot	56	Yarmouth												
North Star	57	River John, Pictou								19	3 15 0	0 10 0	22 12 6	0 3 9
Morning Star	58	Halifax								62	11 9 8	0 0 0	33 19 4	0 11 6
Lunenburg	59	St. Margaret's Bay								14	8 7 6	0 0 0	8 19 8	0 3 4
Star in the East	60	Lunenburg								40	7 8 9	3 0 0	17 13 0	0 8 10
Hantsport	61	Sydney, C. B.								50	8 9 7	0 0 0	46 13 1	0 8 3
Rock	62	Hantsport								71	14 16 7	0 15 0	32 9 0	0 14 10
Pioneer*	64	Matland												
Caledonia	65	Barrington								52	10 17 6	0 0 0	17 5 11	0 14 0
Malone Bay	66	Pictou								23	3 3 0	0 0 0	8 10 6	0 10 10
Harmony	67	Malone Bay								53	3 9 0	2 0 0	14 6 9	0 3 0
Autora	68	Harmony								40	9 9 2	0 0 0	27 8 6	0 0 3
Mariners	69	Cornwallis								8	2 2 6	0 2 1	23 11 10	0 2 6
Autora	70	St. Margaret's Bay								23	2 9 9	0 2 2	17 18 9	0 2 6
Edysvan	77	Minville								15	2 14 9	0 0 0	12 14 2	0 2 9
Greenwood*	78	Falmouth												
Albion Mines	79	Albion Mines												
Acadia	81	Musquodoboit								85	15 16 5	2 5 0	57 8 4	0 15 10
Iron Age	82	Londonderry								17	1 17 11	0 0 0	6 10 10	0 1 10
Lala Rooke	83	Upper Stewacke								37	5 19 9	0 5 10	15 14 0	0 5 10
Father Matthew*	84	Lower Stewacke								22	8 11 10	0 0 0	12 14 9	0 0 7
Herald	85	Kempt								21	5 9 3	0 5 5	3 10 0	0 5 5
Clement's Arch	86	Clements								41	3 13 7	0 3 3	9 11 10	0 0 3
Bethlehem	87	Sydney Bar								26	4 8 6	0 4 0	6 17 6	0 4 5
Wilmot	88	Upper Stewacke								21	5 0 0	2 15 10	2 9 11	0 2 9
Port George	89	Wilmot								24	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 7 10	0 4 0
Herald	90	Sydney									6 16 3	0 0 0	4 7 10	0 6 10

* No Return.

† Charter surrendered.

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

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QUARTERLY SESSION OF GRAND DIVISION.

BRIDGETOWN, Jan'y 15th, 1851.

Grand Division met according to adjournment.

G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of officers called.

Present—Hon. J. W. Johnston, *G. W. P.*
Rev. A. Hichborn, *G. S.*
Gilbert Willett, Esq., *G. Sen.*

Absent— John Campbell, Esq., *G. W. A.*
J. D. B. Fraser, Esq., *G. T.*
E. G. W. Greenwood, Esq., *G. C.*
Rev. J. Bayne, *G. Chaplain.*

The *G. W. P.* was pleased to appoint the following brethren as officers, *pro tem* :

Bro. J. W. Allison, *G. W. A.*
Bro. Richard Starr, *G. T.*
Bro. W. Ackhurst, *G. C.*
Rev. N. Vidito, *G. Chaplain.*
Bro. W. H. Chipman, *P. G. W. P.*

Bros. E. M. Cowling and W. Chipman were appointed a Committee of Credentials, and subsequently reported as follows :—

The Committee on Credentials having examined the Credentials of the following persons, find the same correct, viz.,

John Currell, W. P., *Olive Branch Division*.

Silas Morse, Thomas Spurr, Isaac McAnn, John O. Morse, Benj. Fellows, William Chipman, Enoch Dodge, P. W. P.'s, *Olive Branch Division*.

W. Wheelock, James H. Hall, E. M. Cowling, John Whitman, Jacob Smith, A. W. Corbett, John Mooney, Thomas Benton, P. W. P.'s and William Hawke, W. P., *Port Royal Division*.

Asaph Marshall, J. W. Hart, Arard Langley, P. W. P.'s and Handley E. Fitch, W. P., *Paradise Division*.

William Webb, Robert Delap, P. W. P.'s, *New Caledonia Division*.

Martin Morse, John Emslie, P. W. P.'s, *Paradise Division*.

Charles Allison, P. W. P., *Walton Division*.

George W. Freeman, W. P., *Albert Division*.

Ezekial C. Wheelock, Charles Aitkin, P. W. P.'s, and James Staratt, W. P., *Bridgewater Division*.

Holmes Masters, P. W. P., and John M. Parker, W●P., *Aurora Division*.

Robert Mills, Samuel Pickup, William H. Gilliat, P. W. P.'s and George Nevill, W. P., *New Caledonia Division*.

James W. Parker, P. W. P., *Harmony Division*.

Donald McIntosh, W. P., *Port George Division*.

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

WINCKWORTH CHIPMAN.

E. M. COWLING.

G. C. introduced the following named brethren, who were duly initiated :—Charles T. Aitkin, Isaac McAnn, James Staratt, William Chipman, Thomas Burton, Jacob Smith, D. C. Landers, R. Delap, James Parker, Asaph Mundell, J. W. Parker, H. C. Marsters, J. R. Currell, A. W. Corbitt, William Hawke, J. Woodbury, 2d, Alfred G. Dodge, William Marshall, 2d, G. W. Freeman, E. C. Wheelock, H. E. Fitch, E. Dodge, J. W. Hart, A. Langley, C. J. Allison, Rev. I. E. Bill, Thomas Spurr, J. Emslie, Martin Morse.

Bros. J. E. DeWolfe, B. Morse and S. Murray, were appointed an *Auditing Committee*.

Bros. Silas L. Morse, I. E. Bill and Hanley Fitch, a *Committee on Bye-Laws and Appeals*.

Bros. I. E. Van Búskirk. — Manning, and Joel Shaw, a *Committee on Communications*.

Committee on Publication reported as follows :—

The Committee of Publication, appointed by this Grand Division for issuing a Weekly Paper, devoted especially to the interests of Temperance, and as the official organ of this body, respectfully report,

That they have commenced "The Athenæum and Journal of Temperance," three numbers of which have made their appearance, they venture to believe, much to the gratification of the many zealous members of the Order, and warmest friends of Total Abstinence principles throughout the Province, many of whom have already expressed their decided approval of the undertaking, and regard it as likely to prove an auxiliary in the great work of Temperance reform. The members of this Grand Division need not be reminded of the necessity of having a judiciously managed Paper, conveying to all parts of the Province, Temperance intelligence, recommending the principles and enforcing the arguments on which our cause is established, in order to the vigorous and successful prosecution of this great and good work in which the friends of humanity are engaged. It is the settled conviction of many that the extension and continued permanency of our cause, depends much upon our being able to wield the influence, silent yet potent, which a well conducted periodical can alone enable us fully to exercise over individuals, Legislative bodies, and the public mind generally. The value of this agency, in numerous ways, is so apparent as to render further remark scarcely necessary. It enables us to employ an instrument that our opponents have ever dreaded—to pour a flood of light over the darkness of the polluted and murderous traffic in alcoholic liquors, from which manufacturers, venders and consumers have instinctively shrunk—to produce our reasons, strong and convincing, for the total suppression of the God-dishonouring, man-destroying traffic, to lift up a trumpet voice of warning and alarm, extending to circles where the living voice of the eloquent advocate will not be permitted to reach, and to knock at the door of every conscience, appeal to the judgment, heart and better feelings of every man, woman and child, within the range of its circulation; exhibiting the evils and perils, as well of moderate drinking as of absolute drunkenness; placing in bright and inviting contrast therewith the blessings and security of Total Abstinence. The history of our cause in other lands is a continuous proof of the value of the Temperance Press. Indeed comparatively little would have been done, had not the public mind been constantly assailed by the powerful agency of the Weekly Paper and Monthly Magazine, as directed by the staunch, uncompromising champions of tee-totalism.

The Committee of Publication beg leave to assure the Grand Division, that unlimited confidence may be reposed in the fixed resolution expressed in one of the standing regulations of "The Athe-

naum," that this their "official organ" will be conducted free from party politics, and denominational bias, and in a manner at once conciliating and energetic, with sufficient boldness, and yet with due regard to the claims of courtesy. It will not spare the vice of drunkenness, the evils of moderate drinking, nor their promoters; but admonition and even rebuke will be administered with as much severity as fidelity to truth will allow.

It will be seen by comparing our present issues with the specimen number issued in September last, that the size and general appearance of the paper has been very greatly improved. So that now "The Athenæum" may be regarded as one of the cheapest weekly papers in the British Provinces. In order therefore to obviate the possibility of failure in this effort, and to secure its efficient working and prosperity, an enlarged list of paying subscribers is absolutely essential. The first scheme embraced the proposition of at least one thousand subscribers. The present undertaking commenced with less than four hundred, which as an ultimate point could not support it. Indeed some of our trust worthy friends, in the city of Halifax, have strongly advised an increase of price—fearing that the present rate would peril its permanency—but it was the view of your Committee that the present price would encourage a larger circulation than would otherwise be obtained, and as the object is to spread the "organ" far and wide over the land, it was determined to retain the original amount of subscription, with the confident expectation that all who felt interested in "our Order," and in the general cause of Temperance, would take a lively interest in the Paper, and would use their best endeavours to increase its circulation.

These remarks are made with a view of expressing to the members of this Grand Division the necessity at present existing of giving to "The Athenæum," in their several localities, their influence, patronage and support. As the number of subscribers increases, so increases the prospect of its usefulness and efficiency.

It will also be seen that the enterprise can only be conducted with safety, by strictly adhering to the system of cash pre-payments, as the least loss, with a limited number of subscribers would be much felt. It is hoped that an earnest recommendation, from the Grand Division now assembled, will meet with a cordial reception on the part of Subordinate Divisions, and especially in those counties in the Western section of the Province, where little has as yet been done in this matter; and greatly influence them in a right and desirable direction.

Another matter the Committee of Publication beg leave respectfully to bring before the attention of the Grand Division;—much of the interest of this our "official organ" will depend upon its being able to command a regular correspondence from all parts of the Province, on the various, great and interesting topics, necessarily connected with the reform; and they record their thanks to the G. W. P. for his ready co-operation in furnishing the able article which appeared in the second number of the paper, as well as the Rev. Mr. Cochran for his letter of last week. Much yet remains to

be done in removing the prejudices, and in securing the favourable attention of numbers of our fellow-provincialists to our organization, and to kindred subjects; and especially in preparing the public mind, and the minds of our Legislative representatives, for a radical change in the present licensing system, and for the entire prohibition of alcoholic liquors as an article of importation into the Province. A wide field is here opened for legitimate and temperate discussion, for manly eloquence, convincing arguments, and strong and powerful appeals. A free use of the press, now at our disposal, for the agitation of these vitally important subjects, bearing as they do, on the best interests of our country, cannot but be attended with beneficial results.

For these and other reasons, the Committee of Publication are anxious that "The Athenæum" may be used as an agency for good, and by the talent it may elicit, it may at once take its proper position—a position of commanding influence—among the periodicals of the day. All which is respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

J. McMURRAY,
ALEX. HICHBORN,
CHARLES ROBSON.

January 13th, 1850.

On motion, voted, to appoint a Committee of five on the above report.

Bros. S. L. Morse, W. H. Chipman, Currell, Hart, and James Parker were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned. G. D. closed in due form.

Afternoon Session.

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

Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials having examined the Credentials of the following persons, find them correct, viz,

William Gates, W. P., William A. Fowler, P. W. P., *Wilberforce Division.*

Stephen Parker, James Van Blaracum, Joseph Shaw, P. W. P.'s, *New Caledonia Division.*

David Delany, W. P., *Herald Division.*

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

E. M. COWLING,
WINCKWORTH CHIPMAN.

G. C. introduced Bros. George Whitman, W. A. Fowler, Stephen Parker, William Gates, James Van Blaracum, George Nevill, W. R. Webb, G. B. Reed, W. H. Gilliet and E. Grimes, who were duly initiated.

The Committee appointed at the last session to prepare a petition to the Legislature, reported as follows :

To the Honourable the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, in General Session convened. The Petition of the undersigned, inhabitants of Nova Scotia,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That in the estimation of the undersigned, the manufacture, importation, traffic, and use of Intoxicating Liquors, are injurious to the welfare of the people of this Province ; being productive of poverty, ignorance, and crime ; that they paralyze the industry, and waste the energies of the people, and in every way prove detrimental to the interests of their individual and social condition, while at the same time they endanger the integrity of their political freedom ; a nation of drunkards, being inevitably, a nation of slaves.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully ask, that your Honourable Body would interfere, so far as may be possible, and compatible with its ideas of legitimacy, to stop the manufacture, traffic, and use of Intoxicating Liquors, by the enactment of such law, or laws, as shall in the judgment of your Honourable Body be most likely to secure the end in view.

The undersigned would further respectfully suggest, that the legal sanction now given in the License Laws, to the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be withdrawn. The principal reasons that have induced the undersigned to ask for this change are as follows :—They believe that it is an unsound principle in Legislation for the State to compromise with a moral wrong, and to receive money as an equivalent for tolerating or protecting that which experience proves to be sinful. That the State by granting licences to sell Intoxicating Liquors, thereby becomes a sharer in the wages of iniquity, and consents to all the suffering and vice which necessarily ensue. That the sanction of the State to the traffic, invests it with a dignity and respectability that attaches to any other trade, and consequently make it far more dangerous, than it could be if left to the task of maintaining itself upon its own merits. That respectable men would abandon the traffic, and it would come into the hands of the dissolute and the depraved, thereby removing from the path of the young the most powerful of temptations, and confining the habit of inebriation to those who already have become vicious and abandoned.

In place of the present law, the undersigned ask for an enactment, to the effect that hereafter, any person or persons, who shall voluntarily engage in such traffic, shall be held both civilly and criminally responsible for the consequences that shall ensue.

And further, that the property of confirmed drunkards shall be dealt with by law in the same manner as that of persons whose imbecility is the result of divine dispensation, and be protected for the benefit of creditors and relatives.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Voted, to appoint a Committee to prepare a form of petition, for this Grand Division to the Legislature.

Bros. J. E. DeWolfe, Marsters, S. L. Morse, and Van Blaracum, were appointed said Committee, and subsequently reported the same form as adopted above.

Report adopted.

Voted, that the petitions of the several Divisions, be returned, if possible, by the 10th of February, free of expense to the G. S.

THURSDAY, Jan'y 16th, 1851.

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

Committee on report of Committee of Publication, reported as follows :—

DIVISION ROOM, BRIDGETOWN,

16th January, 1851.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of reporting the best method of carrying into effect the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of the Grand Division, upon issuing a weekly paper devoted to the interests of Temperance, report as followeth:

That they express their heartfelt assurance in the truth and importance to the Order of the Sons of Temperance, in those recommendations. They also feel that the Order has arrived to that state of importance, as not only to require, but to be able to support a weekly journal, which shall be their acknowledged and avowed organ, of a character worthy of the cause it advocates.

That for the purpose of the support of such a journal, the most important requisite is a fund from which to defray the expenses of the Editing and Publication, the raising of which must depend upon the contributions of the members of the Order, and the profits arising from the circulation of the paper.

That Fifty Pounds having been named as a sum which would be received as a remuneration for the services of an Editor, in conducting a weekly journal of this description recommended, your Committee would suggest the following mode of raising this sum.

There are now 90 Divisions of the Sons of Temperance within the jurisdiction of the Grand Division. The sum of £50, the salary of the Editor, if apportioned rateably among the members according to those contributing of each Division, would amount to a sum so trifling, that your Committee are certain that no one Division in working order, would fail to raise its rateable proportion thereof by a voluntary subscription among those of each Division, who might be willing to subscribe these contributions, to cease whenever the profits of the paper should pay its expenses, including those of the Editorial department.

That for this purpose, the Grand Scribe be directed by this Grand Division, to apportion rateably among the several Divisions within its jurisdiction, according to the number of contributing members upon the returns, the portion of the sum of £50, to be raised by quarterly subscriptions, the subscription lists with the names of the subscribers and the sums contributed by each, to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe with the quarterly return of each Division, to be paid by him to the Grand Treasurer, to be appropriated by the Grand Division to the payment of the Salary of the Editor of the "Athenæum and Journal of Temperance" newspaper, the official organ of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, such subscription list to be published in the quarterly Journal of the Grand Division.

Your Committee in suggesting the system of voluntary subscriptions for raising the salary of the Editor of the newspaper, do so, disdaining the wish to dictate the mode of realizing such fund, leaving it optional rather with each Division, which has the sole control over its own funds, to appropriate a portion thereof or otherwise raise and send the same with each quarterly return, stating it as so much for the salary of the Editor of the paper, which shall also be published in the quarterly Journal of this Grand Division.

To those members of Subordinate Divisions who raise the sums by subscription, apportioned to their respective Divisions, extra numbers of the paper might be sent at a reduced price, which they might circulate and thereby reimburse their subscriptions while extending the influence of the paper, but this suggestion is to be adopted or not as the publishers of the paper may feel inclined to decide.

Upon the point of the exertions of the members of the Order, to extend the circulation of the paper, as well as that of contributing towards the expenses of its publication, your Committee indulge the hope that now that the attempt has been made to establish a journal avowedly the organ of the Sons of Temperance, no member of that Order will be so recreant in his duty to advance the interests of the cause in which he is engaged, as to be indifferent thereto. Let it be remembered that the eyes of the foes of Temperance as well as those of her friends are upon us. If the organ of the Order is suffered to go down, how will the former exult over and reproach the 4000 members of the Order, for their want of zeal in the cause, and how will the latter mourn over and deplore their apathy therein. Your Committee also suggest the combination of a Temperance Lecturer with an agency for the promotion of the circulation of the paper, the details as to salary, &c., to be settled by the Grand Division.

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

WM. H. CHIPMAN,
S. L. MORSE,
JAMES PARKER.
JOHN R. CURREL,
JARVIS HART.

On motion, voted, to adopt the above report.

Committee on Communications reported as follows :

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The only communication is from several brothers of Port Royal Division, Annapolis, on the subject of the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, which communication has not come through the proper channel, and your Committee could not legally take it into consideration, but the subject being of vital importance to the well being of the Order, your Committee would remind the Subordinate Divisions that they have within themselves the control of the whole matter, as regards suspension and expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, but cannot recommend the taking notes of hand for dues, (as suggested in the before mentioned communication) as such notes would not be any better security than the Financial Scribe's Books. Your Committee would further refer those brothers to the report of the Committee on the G. W. P.'s report, submitted at the annual session in October last, held at Halifax.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. VAN BUSKIRK, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH H. SHAW.

BENJ. W. C. MANNING.

On motion, voted, to adopt the above report.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following named brethren, who were duly initiated :—John Whitman, Donald McIntosh, and Benjamin Fellows.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows :—

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the bills of E. G. Fuller, for stationary and tracts, Five Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence ; and also the bill of J. Bowes & Son, for printing, Five Pounds and Five Shillings, and report the same to be correct, and recommend the same to be paid.

JAMES E. DEWOLFE,

BENNIAH MORSE,

SILAS H. MURRAY,

On motion, voted, to adopt the same.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to provide an Editor for "The Athenæum," have power also, and are hereby directed, to lay before the several Subordinate Divisions, the subject of employing a lecturer in this Province; and to learn how much may be realised for one year; and that the question on the above be embodied in the Circular of the Grand Scribe.

A resolution in amendment, to the effect that the above resolution be over for three months, was lost.

On motion, voted, that a Circular be prepared by the G. S. and forwarded to the Subordinate Divisions, urging upon them the recommendation of the Committee on report of Committee on Publication, and also the resolution above.

On motion, voted, that Fifty Pounds be the sum raised for the salary of an Editor.

Voted, that a Committee be appointed, consisting of the G. W. P. J. W. Johnston, G. W. A. John Campbell, P. G. W. P. J. McMurray, P. G. W. A. L. E. Van Buskirk, Charles Robson and Wm. M. Brown.

Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

The Committee on the Appeal of Brother William Slocomb of Bridgewater Division, No. 55, against the action of that Division in the matter of his claim for benefits, beg to Report :—

That the paper marked No. 1 submitted to your Committee, purporting to be signed by Brother Slocomb, states that he feels aggrieved by the action of this Division in his case, as also the action of the Treasurer of this said Division in refusing the payment of his order for 19 weeks' benefits, admitting that the Treasurer alleged for excuse for such non-payment a want of funds, when in fact the Report of the Financial Committee of the Division for the last of October shewed that the Treasurer was in funds. That a party in the Division supported the Treasurer and his conduct, and moved and carried the rescinding of the Resolution granting him benefits. The party in support of the decision of the Division are not influenced or controverted by the applicant.

The paper marked No. 2 submitted to your Committee, purports to be a statement of the case approved by the Division, and signed by the W. P. It states many facts which taken with the By-Laws also submitted, must have influenced the Division in the decision to which they finally came. Among other things it states the commencement of the sickness of the applicant to have been on the 14th October, 1849, when absent on a voyage to the West Indies. That there was no certificate of the brother's sickness, the fact of his being so, depending on his own statement, which he did not make as promptly to the Division as he might have done on his return, at which time he was attending to his business.

The paper marked A. contains extracts from the records of the Division on the case, and that marked B. extracts from the By-Laws connected therewith.

Your Committee would here state that the facts of the case and the points for consideration are involved in much confusion, so as to

render their report as respects themselves, difficult, and as to those more immediately interested, very likely less satisfactory than if consecutively stated.

The first point for the consideration of Bridgewater Division, and which seems to have given them great difficulty, was, whether Brother Slocomb had by evidence brought himself within the By-Laws entitling him to benefits. The Division had so much difficulty in deciding upon this evidence, that there was first a resolution granting benefits, and then another resolution rescinding the same, and the statements of the evidence before your Committee are such that they cannot say the Division were wrong, or their decision upon it.

Your Committee also state that the charge against the Treasurer for refusing to pay the order for Brother Slocomb's benefits, was investigated by the Bridgewater Division, from which he was acquitted, and the fact that the Report of the Financial Committee shewed funds in the Treasurer's hands, is explained thus: The order was drawn on the 16th October, and the dues of the Division were paid in at the end of the month, before which time there might not have been funds. Therefore upon the propriety or impropriety of the Treasurer's conduct, your Committee cannot decide, as that also has been decided by the Division.

The only question now remaining is, whether the rescinding the Resolution for granting benefits to Brother Slocomb, was in order. To settle this question we must refer to the extract of the minutes, by which it appears that the Resolution granting Brother Slocomb benefits, passed on the 16th October. On the 30th of the same month there is the following entry:—"Moved by Brother Wheelock, seconded by Brother Belunney,—Whereas on the evening of the 16th October a Resolution passed this Division granting 19 weeks' benefits to Brother Slocomb, said Resolution not being in accordance with our Laws,—Resolved, therefore, that it be rescinded; laid on the table for one week." November 6th—"Motion for rescinding Resolution relative to Brother Slocomb's 19 weeks' benefits, passed."

A Session having intervened the Session of passing their original Resolution, and the Session of moving the Resolution to rescind, a motion was no longer available for this Session. Therefore the motion to rescind was the proper course, and having laid one week on the table, was regular in all its stages. There seems to have been a mis-apprehension as to Resolutions officially passing out of the Division, the one in question being supposed to be thus situated.

Your Committee are under the impression that a Resolution to be thus submitted means its passing from a subordinate to the Grand Division.

Your Committee therefore see no reason for interfering with the decision of the Bridgewater Division, relative to Brother Slocomb's benefits, all which is submitted in L. P & F.

S. L. MORSE,
H. E. FITCH,
GEO. WHITMAN.

Passed.

On motion, voted, to instruct the Committee appointed at the annual session, to prepare a petition to the Legislature, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

The Committee on Bye-Laws reported as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, BRIDGETOWN,
16th January, 1851.

Your Committee on Bye-Laws beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had under their consideration the By-Laws of Port Royal Division, No. 46, amending Article 3, Section 1, relating to benefits, as follows:—"That any brother who shall be in arrears to this Division four months, shall not be entitled to benefits until one month expires after payment of such arrears; and any brother who shall be in arrears six months shall be under a like disability for two months, and reducing funeral benefits to £5 instead of £7 10s. and the funeral benefit of the wife of a member to £2 10s., and find the same in accordance with the Constitution.

S. L. MORSE,
H. E. FITCH,
GEO. WHITMAN.

COMMITTEE ROOM, BRIDGETOWN,
16th January, 1851.

Your Committee on By-Laws beg to report, that they have had under consideration the By-Laws of Caledonia Division, No. 14, and the amendments thereto, and find them in accordance with the Constitution.

S. L. MORSE,
H. E. FITCH,
G. WHITMAN.

COMMITTEE ROOM, BRIDGETOWN,
16th January, 1851.

Your Committee on By-Laws beg to report, that they have had under consideration the By-Laws of Bridgewater Division, No. 55, and the amendments thereto, and find the same in accordance with the Constitution.

S. L. MORSE,
H. E. FITCH,
G. WHITMAN.

On motion, voted, to adopt the same.

On motion, voted, that the thanks of the G. D. be extended to the brethren in Bridgetown, for their hospitality and kindness during this session of the G. D.

On motion, voted, to adjourn.

G. D. closed in due form.

ALEX. HICHBORN,
Grand Scribe.