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Quarterly Returns to Grand Division for term commencing 1st April and ending 30th June, 1856

No. of Division.	Names of Divisions	Location.	Number admitted.	Rejected.	Withdrawn.	Violated the Pledge.	Reinstated.	Signed over.	Violated Pledge 2d time.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Representatives to G. D.	Contributing Members.	Cash received.	Exit for Benefits.	Expenses exclusive of Benefits.	Cash on hand, includ. money invested.	Per Capita Tax to G. D.	Per Capita Tax received.
1	Acadia	Yarmouth								£0 10 0			21	2 10 0	2 10 0	0 15 0	£32 0 0	0 5 3	0 5 3
2	Central	Yarmouth	3							31			31	2 10 8½			4 2 6	0 5 9	0 7 9
4	Milton	Yarmouth								35			35	3 11 10				0 5 9	0 8 9
5	Concord	Barrington																	
6	Union	Digby									127								
7	Chebeco	Halifax	3							30 15 7			163			33 16 11	303 0 0	2 0 9	2 0 9
8	Micmac	Halifax	17							25 14 3			149			15 14 8	122 11 6	1 17 3	1 17 3
9	Mayflower	Halifax	40							29 3 11			146			12 3 1	46 8 11½	1 16 6	1 16 6
10	Victoria	Liverpool	3							5 11 0			62			10 10 2½	10 10 2½	0 16 9	0 16 9
12	Avon	Windsor	11							10 13 9			53			10 13 0	46 17 4	0 13 3	0 13 3
13	Avondale	Newport								5 5 0			71				97 2 0	0 17 9	
*14	New Caledonia	Granville	1							10 6½			45			8 4 0	35 12 7½	0 11 3	0 11 3
16	Oriental	Pictou	6							4 4			74			7 6 3	45 8 5	0 18 6	0 18 6
18	New Glasgow	New Glasgow	13							2 17 10½			30			3 6 5	4 1 7	0 7 6	0 7 6
19	Hebron	Yarmouth																	
21	Colombia	Weymouth								1 5 0			19				3 18 10	0 4 9	0 4 9
23	Roseway	Shelburne	3							29 15 ½			81			20 4 6	78 0 0	1 0 3	1 0 3
26	Howard	Halifax	3							15 0 5			59			8 8 9	26 17 9	0 14 9	0 14 9
*27	Cape Breton	N. Sydney	16							1 3 5			35			0 8 9	82 0 4	0 8 9	0 8 9
*28	Wallerline	Nictaux	11							6 14 0			63			0 11 2		0 15 9	0 15 9
32	Chester	Chester																	
31	Mechanics	Dartmouth																	
35	Cumberland	Amherst								1 1 10½			46			0 11 6	189 15 7½	0 11 6	
*36	Pugwash	Pugwash								6 7 4			66			5 16 3	5 14 8	0 6 6	0 6 6
*37	Royal	Hillsborough								2 13 7			45			1 10 3	42 0 0	1 8 6	1 8 6
38	Morning Star	Chiversee								2 12 6			46			0 10 0	10 12 0	0 10 0	0 10 0
*40	Archangel	Sydney Mines	10							5 13 9			37			4 1 1	75 0 0	0 9 3	0 9 3
41	Turo	Turo																	
44	Olive Branch	Bridgetown																	
46	Port Royal	Annapolis	2							1 1 10½			46			0 11 6	189 15 7½	0 11 6	
49	Star	Regged Islands								6 7 4			66			5 16 3	42 0 0	1 8 6	1 8 6
*50	Canard	Cornwallis	2							15			114			1 10 3	10 12 0	0 10 0	0 10 0
*52	Rising Sun	Musquodohit	3							2 12 6			46			4 1 1	75 0 0	0 9 3	0 9 3
54	Queen's Own	Liverpool																	
57	Mainmast	Riv. John, Pictou																	
59	Morning Star	St. Margaret's B.	1																
60	Lunenburg	Lunenburg	29							17 19 7½			90			11 6 0	45 4 1½	1 2 6	1 2 6
61	Star in the East	Sydney, C. B.	3							4 7 6			47				37 5 9	0 11 9	0 11 9
62	Hantsport	Hantsport																	
63	Rock	Mainland																	
67	Harmony	Harmony																	
68	Aurora	Cornwallis																	
70	Aurora	Antigonish																	
*71	Lake	Cornwallis	3							2 15 9			55			0 14 9	47 3 5	0 14 9	0 14 9
72	Agricola	Stewiacke																	
*75	Wallace	Wallace	1							6 0 9½			36			1 4 9	4 16 0½	0 9 0	0 9 0
79	Allion Mines	Allion Mines	19							12 15 7½			66			5 1 6	57 7 0	0 16 6	0 16 6
*80	Margaretville	Wilmot	19							1 9 4½			22				1 10 0	0 7 0	0 7 0
82	Iron Age	Lundonderry																	
85	Father Matthew	L. Stewiacke																	
86	Clements Arch	Clements Port																	
88	Wilmot	Stewiacke																	
*89	Berthelien	North Sydney																	
92	Kellogg	Douglas																	
*93	Chedabucto	Guysborough	9							7 13 8½			60			0 15 0	90 0 0	0 15 0	0 15 0
96	Athenaum	Halifax																	
97	Evening Star	Lunenburg																	
100	Invincible	Aylesford																	
105	Garland	Cornwallis																	
*105	Victoria Mines	Nictaux	2							0 10 0			30			1 0 0	8 0 0	0 7 6	0 7 6
109	Wellington	Sherbrook								0 16 11			20			0 5 6	3 8 10½	0 5 0	0 5 0
110	Parrashoro'	Parrashoro'																	
111	Railway	Shubenacadie																	
112	Wolfville	Wolfville																	
113	Exeter	Shubenacadie																	
114	Maine Law	Upper Rawdon																	
116	Phoenix	LaHave																	
116	Salem	U. Musquodohit																	
*117	Southampton	Maccan Village	1																
118	Flowing Fountain	Durham Village																	
119	Rechar	South Rawdon																	
120	Diligent River	Parrashoro'																	
*121	Alma	Kennercook, Do.	3							2 18 9			46			0 11 9	13 11 11½	0 11 6	0 11 6
*122	Lower Horton	Lower Horton																	
123	Inkermann	St. Margaret's B.																	
124	Vesper	Gore, Douglas																	
125	June Rose	Hammonds Plains																	
126	Emblem	Wilmot																	
127	Hero of Kars	Milton	4																
			253							£302 4 8½			2266			182 19 11½	1716 4 6	25 5 8	25 6 11

N. B. -- Returns having been received from Divisions marked with a (*), since the meeting of G. D., will account for the discrepancy between the Totals above and those that appear in the Grand Scribe's report.

HALIFAX, August 4th, 1856.

P. MONAGHAN, G. S.

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OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

YARMOUTH, N. S., July 23, 1856.

THE Grand Division met pursuant to appointment at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Masons' Hall, Yarmouth, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. John M. Cramp, D. D., in the Chair. Roll of Officers called:—

Present—G. W. P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; Grand Scribe, Patrick Monaghan.

Absent—G. W. A., W. A. S. Blewett; G. T., William Lippencott; G. Chaplain, Rev. A. McArthur; G. Cond., George B. Sanford; G. Sen., Richard Baker; P. G. W. P. John S. Thompson.

The vacancies were filled by the appointment of brothers James Starr, G. W. A.; Joseph Rogers, G. T.; Rev. T. Brady, G. Chap.; Charles Pinkney, G. Con.; Peter Fraser, G. Sen.; Rev. George Christie, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain, *pro tem*.

The G. W. P. declared the Grand Division open and ready for business.

Brothers Monaghan and Gardner were appointed a Special Committee on Credentials.

The following report of the Standing Committee on Credentials was read:—

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have had under inspection the following Credentials, and beg leave to report as correct:—

P. W. P. Charles E. Church ; W. P. Eneas F. Morgan—
CHESTER DIVISION, No. 32.

W. P. Aneas Crossby—MORNING STAR, No. 38.

W. P. Joshua Huestis, Richard B. Huestis, H. Fulton,
William Fulton, Henry Smith, Stephen Fulton, James Drisdale,
Elijah K. Betts, Benjamin S. Seaman, Daniel Cameron, Thomas
E. Huestis—WALLACE DIVISION, No. 75.

W. P. Richard K. Angus—WOLFVILLE, No. 112.

W. P. John D. Cameron—FLOWING FOUNTAIN, No. 118.

W. P. Samuel Ford—HERO OF KARS, No. 127.

The Committee further report that they have received Credentials from the Central Division, No. 2, without seal or date. Miemac Division, No. 8, without seal. One signed J. P. Smith, R. S., without Name, Number, Date, Seal, or Location.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that this Report be specially referred to the Committee on the state of the Order.

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

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

Halifax, July 18th, 1856.

The Special Committee on Credentials reported those of the undermentioned Representatives as correct:—

P.W.P., James Hopkirk, Isaac Choot, Robert Smith, and Richard Treat—MILTON DIVISION, No. 4.

P.W.P., William Patten, John O'Brien, Jacob Cann and Ansel Perry—HEBRON DIVISION, No. 19.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undermentioned representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats: Nathan Moses, Job H. Smith, Asa Killam, Enos Cook, Richard Treat, William H. Patten, Ansel G. Perry, R. J. Sanders, and Henry Sanders.

The G. W. P. appointed brothers Rev. G. Christie, Robert Brown, and J. Rogers as the Committee on *State of the Order*.

The G. W. P. read his report as follows :—

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

Officers and Brethren,—

The Deputies generally have been so inattentive to the duty enjoined on them in their Commissions, of transmitting to me Quarterly Reports, that I am totally unable to give you accurate information respecting the condition of our Order in this province. Forty-nine Deputies have received Commissions, but only six have furnished reports for the last Quarter. Under these circumstances I can only say, that in the city of Halifax the Order is in a more healthy and flourishing state than in any other part of Nova Scotia; that in Hants, Kings, and Queen's Counties the Divisions maintain their ground with resolute perseverance; that in Annapolis County the prospects are somewhat less encouraging; and that the members of Hillsburg Division, County of Digby, have succeeded in an action against a rum-dealer, whose licence has been taken from him for a breach of the law. I hope that at the close of the present Quarter, the Deputies will send me such statements as shall enable me to give you a clear and full view of the state of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.

In obedience to the directions of the Grand Division at its last Quarterly Session, the committee then appointed took into consideration the subject of a Temperance Periodical. The following is an extract from a circular issued by them, addressed "To the Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, and to the members of Temperance Societies generally, in the Province of Nova Scotia;—

"We have considered the subject thus presented to our attention, and have ascertained that a monthly paper—about the size of the late *Athenæum*, but folded in sixteen pages, instead of eight—may be published at *half a dollar per annum*, if 2,000 subscribers can be procured: a smaller number would not be sufficiently remunerative.

"Mr. Selden, of this city, proprietor of the *Christian Messenger*, is willing to undertake the publication provided the above mentioned number of subscribers be obtained. The Rev. Dr. Cramp has been requested to act as Editor, and has consented.

"The proposed paper will be wholly devoted to Temperance. The arguments will be presented in the form of Essays, Tales,

Letters, &c., as need may require. The history of Temperance movements will be a prominent feature of the work, and intelligence will be procured from all parts of the world illustrating the progress of the great reform. Special attention will, of course, be given to Nova Scotia, and measures will be adopted to furnish accurate accounts of all Temperance Organizations in the Province. *Prohibition will be the watch-word.* The prohibition spirit will characterise every department of the paper.

"It is suggested that the paper may be appropriately denominated "THE ABSTAINER."

I regret to inform you that the replies received were not of a sufficiently satisfactory character to warrant the commencement of the "Abstainer" on the 15th of the present month, as was proposed. Orders have been given for about 900 copies; but it was expressly stated that the paper would not be issued unless at least 2000 subscribers were obtained, as the sale of a smaller number would not be remunerative. As soon as 2000 copies are subscribed for, or an adequate guarantee given to the publisher, the work will be commenced. Can it be imagined that the friends of Temperance are so few or so lukewarm in the cause that this important measure will fail to be accomplished?

The Agency Committee have been unsuccessful in their endeavours to carry into effect the resolution of the last Quarterly Session, directing them to procure the services of two Lecturers or Agents. They will continue to prosecute their inquiries. These appointments are as desirable, and even necessary, as the establishment of a Periodical.

I beg to submit the propriety of taking into early consideration the policy to be adopted with reference to any future application to the Legislature on behalf of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

The state of affairs in the adjoining Province of New Brunswick cannot but excite your sympathy with our brethren there, whose efforts are likely to be thwarted by the recent action of the Lieutenant Governor. Although the House of Assembly had sustained the ministry then in office by decisive votes, refusing to repeal the Prohibitory Liquor Law, the Lieutenant Governor yielded to the representations of hostile parties and dissolved the House, avowedly for the purpose of testing the feelings of the country with regard to that enactment by a new election. Other considerations, however, were involved, to which I may not allude in this place, giving rise to

combinations and intrigues and the exertion of powerful influences, the result of which has been the defeat of many of the friends of Temperance and the return of a majority favourable to the desired repeal. The conflict will now have to be resumed, and our brethren in New Brunswick as well as ourselves are called on to devise measures for energetic warfare. These postponements and delays, vexatious as they appear, may be productive of good effects. Our principles will be more extensively disseminated, and the people will be better prepared, when the final triumph shall be achieved, to secure its efficiency and permanence.

At the late Annual Session of the National Division, held at Lexington, Kentucky, certain alterations were made in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, which I will proceed to lay before you.

Members may hereafter be admitted at fourteen years of age, subject, however, to the same limitations of rights and privileges as now exist with regard to minors. Female visitors of the same age may also be admitted.

Section 5 of Article 4 has been altered so as to read thus:—
 "He (that is the F. S.) shall, previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is three (instead of "two") months in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding ten (instead of "twelve and a half") cents to each notice."

It was resolved, "That when Subordinate Divisions fail to elect Representatives to the Grand Divisions at the proper time, the Grand Divisions may, at their option, admit Representatives elected subsequently; provided their credentials are in other respects regular."

It was enacted, "That the amount of initiatory fees and weekly dues shall be regulated by each Division," and the said enactment now forms Sect. I. of Article VI.

The right of voting has been conceded to female visitors, as far as regards the admission of other females; and it was also resolved, "That Subordinate Divisions have the right to permit their female visitors to be present during the working of the Degrees, upon being properly obligated."

A proposal to give power to admit females to full membership was carried by a majority, the numbers being, Yeas, 21, Nays 19; but as constitutional changes require a two-third vote, the alteration does not take effect.

Several Grand Divisions having requested the restoration of

the old Ritual, or the amendment of the new one, the following resolution was passed;—"That the Report of the Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia, together with the various propositions from the several Grand Divisions now before the National Division, and received during the year, to re-instate the old Ritual, or to amend the new one, be referred to a Special Committee from this body, who shall in the interregnum between the present and the next Session of the National Division, give the same due consideration, and report the result of their deliberations to the National Division at its next Session to be held at Providence, Rhode Island, and if practicable, recommend such a course as would permanently settle the Ritual question before the Order at large."

On the question of forming a National Division of British North America, the Committee on the state of the Order presented a Report in which they expressed their "deep regret at the prospect of such an event," adverted to the fact that the Province of New Brunswick had refused to unite in the application, and therefore, while they recommended the granting of the request, suggested the propriety of holding the matter "under advisement" till the next Annual Session. The Report of the Committee was adopted. Nothing more can now be done till next year. Meanwhile it may be proper to correspond with the Grand Division of New Brunswick, in order to obtain a statement of the reasons which influenced that body in declining to unite in the application. Harmonious action should be secured, if possible.

The present state of the Order occasioned much discussion at the recent Annual Session of the National Division. There has been a gradual diminution of numbers for some time past. It is not supposed that this diminution is owing to any abatement of zeal in the cause of Temperance, but to other circumstances, particularly to the establishment of new Orders, which, for various reasons, have proved more attractive. The whole subject demands anxious consideration. I beg to call special attention to the facts and suggestions contained in the Report of the Most Worthy Scribe and the Address of the Most Worthy Patriarch, which will be found in the Journal of the National Division.

The annual returns of this Grand Division did not reach the Most Worthy Scribe in time for his Report to the National Division. This was owing to the dilatoriness of some of our

Subordinate Divisions, whose returns for the December quarter were not transmitted at the proper time. When I last saw our late excellent Grand Scribe, he was waiting for those returns, and was much annoyed at being prevented from discharging his duties. Knowing his promptness and punctuality, I had supposed that the difficulty was removed, and did not inquire further into the matter, when my attention was called to it by the present Grand Scribe. The annual returns were immediately forwarded, but it was then too late for publication. The Grand Division, I trust, will accept this statement, and excuse the apparent neglect.

Contemplating the existing aspects of our enterprise, while I see no reason for despondency, I am penetrated with the conviction that prompt measures require to be taken for the revival of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this Province. A great work is before us. We are pledged to carry it through. We must be faithful to the pledge—and we must use our best endeavours both to increase the number of fellow-labourers, and to keep the machinery of our system in continual and vigorous action. Nothing but the force of law can affect the dealers in ruin and death. But on all others we must bring to bear the utmost power of instruction, persuasion, and remonstrance.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

J. M. CRAMP,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Yarmouth, July 23, 1856.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read his report as follows:—

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH, OFFICERS, AND BRETHREN:—

It is with much pleasure I meet you in Quarterly Session of Grand Division in the Town of Yarmouth, the cradle of our organization in this Province.

Here the first Division of our "Noble Order" in Nova Scotia—ACADIA, No. 1—was instituted on the 17th of November, 1847; here, also, was organized that branch of the Order to which we have been elevated by the suffrages of our brethren.

I am pleased to recognise among the brothers assembled here to-day, some of those who stood by the nursing in its earliest

infancy; who vowed to cherish and protect it "through evil report and good report," and who are still "good men and true" in the cause of total abstinence.

As regards the advancement of our principles in the Province, I am unable to present the Grand Division with a true statement, in consequence of the absence of returns from many of the Divisions, and the remissness of Deputies in attending to their duties. I have much pleasure, however, in announcing that our Order is progressing favorably in the city of Halifax, and the county of Cape Breton, a large number of new members having been initiated into the Divisions located in those places during the past quarter, as will be shewn by the returns.

I have to reiterate the complaint so frequently made by the late lamented Grand Scribe—the absence of returns from Divisions. It is my opinion that the Deputies are alone to blame for the apparent lethargic state of the Order in this Province. They should be more energetic and persevering, and do something to merit the honors conferred on them by the Grand Division, through the G. W. P. While considering themselves the masters of the Divisions in their several districts, they should also recollect that they are the servants of this Grand Division, and are responsible for the good working of its subordinates. They should visit and work the Divisions placed under their charge oftener than, I fear, many of them do—some I believe only visiting the Divisions on the first night of the official terms, for the mere purpose of installing officers. If they will not perform the duties imposed upon them by their commissions, they should resign and make way for those that will. It would be only an act of justice, on my part, to admit that there are some honorable exceptions.

I have also to complain of the negligent manner in which many of the returns have been forwarded to this office, some without the seal, and others without the name or number of the Division. For instance: the returns of Roseway Division have been sent to this office without name, number, or date; the name of the Division I discovered from the seal. Hantsport Division returns one withdrawal, but does not state whether it is by Card or from the Order; also, one expulsion, without stating the cause. Returns of Morning Star Division, No. 38, is dated for quarter commencing 1st of July and ending 30th of September, 1856, instead of 1st of April and 30th of June. Returns of New Glasgow Division have been forwarded without the

signature of W. P.; and those of Hebron Division in a very slovenly manner. The foregoing is sufficient for the present to justify the complaint of your Grand Scribe. The Deputies should be careful to examine and see that the returns are correct in *every particular* before forwarding them to this office.

“Hitherto a large number of Subordinate Divisions have been occupying the place of a reserve guard; the present crisis demands that the said Divisions should take close order, or come to the front; at the same time it is desirable that they should undergo some military drill, and to this end I would suggest that every member of this Grand Division act as drill sergeant in the Subordinate Division to which he belongs, so that when the Grand Scribe next inspects them, he may be able to report former delinquents armed and at their posts.”

There are now about 72 Divisions under the jurisdiction of this Grand Division supposed to be in working order. Returns have only been received from 27. All the returns could easily be forwarded in time to be received at this office by the 15th of the first month of each quarterly term, if brethren only remembered their obligations, and were attentive to their duties.

The following is a synopsis of the returns received for the quarter ending 30th June, 1856, viz:—

Initiated into 18 Divisions	- - - -	192
“ by Dispensation	- - - -	14—206
Withdrawn by Card	- - - -	23
“ from the Order	- - - -	4—27
Rejected	- - - -	3
Violated the pledge	- - - -	67
Reinstated	- - - -	24
Signed over	- - - -	17
Violated pledge second time	- - - -	7
Suspended	- - - -	5
Expelled for violation of Article 2 of the Constitution	- - - -	48
Expelled for non-payment of dues	- - - -	52—100
Deaths	- - - -	5
Temperance meetings held	- - - -	30
Tracts distributed	- - - -	200
Contributing members in 27 Divisions		1,506
Cash received by 26 Divisions	- - - -	£235 0 5
Paid for benefits by 14 “	- - - -	104 17 0
Expenses, exclusive of benefits, 21 Divisions	- - - -	159 5 4

Cash on hand, including investments			
24 Divisions - - -	£1,088	11	2
Per Capita Tax 27 Divisions received		18	16 6

Returns for quarter ending 30th June, have not yet been received from Concord, Union, Avondale, New Caledonia, Columbia, Cape Breton, Wilberforce, Mechanics, Cumberland, Pugwash, Royal, Archangel, Truro, Olive Branch, Port Royal, Canard, Rising Sun, Queen's Own, Morning Star 59, Lunenburg, Rock, Harmony, Aurora 68, Aurora 70, Lake, Agricola, Wallace, Margaretville, Iron Age, Father Matthew, Wilmot, Bethlehem, Kellogg, Chedabucto, Evening Star, Garland, Victoria Mines, Wellington, Parrsborough, Railway, Exeter, Maine Law, Phoenix, Salem, Southampton, Flowing Fountain, Diligent River, Alma, Lower Horton, Inkerman, Vesper, and June Rose Divisions.

Since the last session, returns with per capita tax for the quarter ending 31st March, 1856, have been received from Oriental, New Glasgow, Truro, Aurora 68, and Flowing Fountain Divisions.

Returns and per capita tax for the quarter ending 31st March, 1856, are still due by Concord, Union, Mechanics, Queen's Own, Rock, Iron Age, Exeter, Maine Law, Phoenix, Salem, Diligent River, and Inkerman Divisions.

Returns have been received from Pugwash Division for quarter ending 30th September, 1855, and from Wallace Division for quarter ending 31st December, 1855.

The receipts and expenditures of this office during the quarter to 19th instant were as follows:—

Per capita tax from 11 Divisions, for quarter ending 31st March, 1856, as per detailed account, - - -	£4	12	9
Per capita tax from 27 Divisions, for quarter ending 30th June, 1856, as per detailed account, - - -		18	16 6
Received for T. and W. Cards, - - -		0	15 0
“ Blank quarterly returns, - - -		0	2 6
“ Journal, May Session, G. D. - - -		1	5 0
“ Dispensation Fees, &c., &c. - - -		0	6 7

£25 18 4

Paid postages during the quarter, - - -	£0	14	3
“ Stationery, &c., &c., - - -	0	6	4½
“ Grand Treasurer, per receipts, -	18	4	6
“ Grand Scribe, half of quarter’s salary, - - - - -	5	0	0
Balance due Grand Division, - - -	1	13	2½
			4
	£25	18	4

I herewith submit a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past term, and trust that the Grand Division will find them correct.

I also herewith submit a note, received from Messrs. James Bowes & Sons, accompanied with their account* for printing the Athenæum newspaper to 30th December, 1854, which shows a balance still due them of £25 6s. 10½d. which I would suggest be referred to a special committee, to report thereon.

The various resolutions passed at the last quarterly session, have been attended to. The Publication Committee met soon after the session, and prepared and issued a circular in reference to the establishment of a monthly periodical, addressed to the Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction, and to the friends of Temperance generally throughout the Province. It was proposed to issue the first number of the new paper on the 15th of July, provided 2,000 copies were subscribed for in due time, but in consequence of answers being received from only a few Divisions, and persons willing to become agents therefor, the Committee could not proceed with the undertaking, and are unable to make a report at this session. Up to this date, the number of copies subscribed for are as follows:—

17 Divisions, - - - - -	418	copies.
2 Clubs of Temperance Watchmen, -	22	“
19 Agents, - - - - -	420	“
Individual subscribers, - - - - -	19	“
	879	

In addition to the above, intimation has been given in letters received, that the list of subscribers, in some localities, would likely be doubled.

* See Appendix.

By direction of the G. W. P., copies of the resolutions passed at the last annual and January sessions, in reference to the formation of a National Division for the British American Colonies; as also the resolution passed at the last January session, relating to amending the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, so as to allow them to arrange their Initiatory Fees and Dues as they may think proper, have been forwarded to the M. W. S., and the receipt thereof has been duly acknowledged by that officer.

In entering upon the duties of this office, at the close of last session, I immediately "went to work to set my house in order," and I have to state that the property of this Grand Division, held by the late Grand Scribe, is now in my possession, and on taking an inventory, I find it to consist of the following:—

Wardrobe, 1; Letter Press, 1; Letter Book, 1; Officers' Regalia, 8; Old Regalia, 8; Marshal's Scarf, 1; Marshal's Baton, 1; Record Books, 4; Account Books, 2; Journal of G. D., complete, 1 volume; Journal of N. D., complete, 1 volume; the Charter of the Grand Division; Blue Books of new Ritual, 5; Officers' Cards, new Ritual, 11; Blue Books, old Ritual, 11; Officers' Cards, old Ritual, full sets 38; Officers' Cards, old ritual, 13; Initiatory Ceremony, female visitors, 13 copies; Blank Charters, Subordinate Divisions, 39; Clear-ance Cards, 180; Travelling and Withdrawal Cards, 479; Blank Returns, 270; Blank Commissions, D. G. W. P., 56; Constitution and Bye-laws of G. D., 670; Copies of new Ritual, abridged, 300; together with the Blue Books, &c., of old Ritual returned by Subordinate Divisions, and 21 Charters of Divisions that have been surrendered, as also broken sets of Journals of G. D.

No official communication has yet been received from the M. W. S., in reference to the annual session of the N. D., held at Lexington on the 4th of June last.

In conclusion, I trust our business may be harmoniously conducted, and prove beneficial to the Order; and that He who rules all may direct and assist us in devising the best means for staying the ravages of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

Farmouth, N. S., July 23rd, 1856.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

On motion, the report of the Standing Committee on Credentials, as also the Credentials alluded to in the report, were referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

On motion, the Account of Messrs. James Bowes & Sons for printing Athenæum Newspaper (alluded to in report of G. S.) was referred to a special committee, consisting of brothers Thomas Dane, W. K. Dudman and H. Gardner.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment during the Session, were fixed as follows:—

Meet at 10 o'clock, A.M. Adjourn at 12 o'clock, M.
Meet at 2 o'clock, P.M. Adjourn at 6 o'clock, P.M.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled, and was opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G.W.P.; G. Scribe.

Absent—G.W.A.; G.T.; G. Chap.; G. Con.; G. Sen.; P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled as in Morning Session.

The Grand Division was declared open for business.

The Grand Conductor introduced representative J. M. Treat who was duly initiated and took his seat.

The Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Scribe read the following report from the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws.

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws would report, that the questions submitted by the W. P. of New Caledonia Division, No. 14, to the Grand Division at its last Session, and referred to your Committee, have been answered as follows:—

1st. Question. Has a Subordinate Division a right to act upon additions or amendments to their Bye-laws, before submitting them to the Grand Division for the sanction of that body ?

Answer. No. All Bye-laws, as also additions or amendments thereto, must be submitted to the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws (through the G. S.) for their approval, before being acted upon by Subordinate Divisions.

2d. Question. Has the W. P. a right to make a decision in respect to the meaning of the Constitution and Bye-laws, before he takes a vote of the Division ?

Answer. He has. The decision of a W. P., on the Constitution, Bye-laws, or Rules of Order, should be final, subject to an appeal to the Division. His decisions should not be debatable, unless, when entertaining doubts on any subject, he invite discussion.

3d. Question. If he has a right to decide before taking a vote, has a brother, feeling himself aggrieved by such decision, a right to appeal to the Grand Division, before he appeals to his own Division ?

Answer. No. "An appeal from the decision of the Chair must be referred *immediately to the Division*, otherwise it cannot be carried to the G. D." See Journal N. D., 7th session, page 620. Members of Subordinate Divisions have the right of appeal to the Grand Division, through the Division of which they are members, and through the Grand Division to the National Division.

Your Committee have also had submitted to them the Bye-laws of Hero of Kars Division, No. 127, and on examination they find that the alterations made in the Constitution of Subordinates by the National Division, have not been attended to by this Division, in consequence of which neglect the following Articles of the Constitution require to be amended, viz :—

Article 5, Sections 1 and 2.

“ 6, Sections 2 and 4.

The whole of Articles 9 and 10.

In the Bye-laws, the following alterations are recommended :

Article 3. "This Division shall be a non-benefit one," is unconstitutional. Your Committee would recommend the Division to adopt a Bye-law giving the lowest amount of benefits allowed by the Constitution (see Article 6,) and then avail itself of the privilege to suspend benefits under Section 2, of Article 6 of the Constitution, which says, "nevertheless this Division may suspend benefits by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after two weeks' notice of such action."

Your Committee would also recommend the Division not to suspend benefits for a longer period than twelve months, at the end of which time, if it is thought necessary, the suspension may be continued, in accordance with the sixth Article of the Constitution.

The words "Constitution and" in Section 4 of Article 5, to be erased, as Divisions have no authority to remit penalties imposed by the Constitution.

The words in "accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, and Article 2 of the Revised Rules," to be added to Section 3 of Article 7.

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

WILLIAM L. BELL,
PATRICK MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN.

On motion the report was laid on the table.

The G. W. P. appointed brothers Nathan Moses and John C. Moulton as an Auditing Committee.

The Grand Scribe read his accounts.

Referred to Auditing Committee.

The accounts of the G. Treasurer were read.

Referred to Auditing Committee.

The following accounts were submitted and ordered to be paid :—

	£	s.	d.
James Bowes & Sons printing Journals	6	16	3
of May Session, and Seals			
A. J. Ritchie printing Circulars	1	5	0

On motion, it was *resolved* that 500 copies of the Journal of proceedings of this Session be printed.

On motion, it was *resolved* that the expenses of the Officers in attendance at this Session be paid.

P. G. W. P. Rev. George Christie having called attention to that part of the report of the G. W. P. which refers to the establishment of a Temperance Newspaper, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by brother Smith.

Resolved, That a Periodical specially devoted to the interests of temperance is absolutely necessary—and that the proposed publication seems to be such a one as would suit the present circumstances of the Order in this Province.

Order of business was suspended.

Representative Charles White, W. P. of Central Div. No. 2, was announced in waiting, and members of that Division having vouched that he had been duly elected as a representative to this Grand Division, he was, on motion, introduced and duly initiated.

Order of business resumed.

P. G. W. P. Christie's resolution was taken up, discussed, and adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

Your committee appointed to Audit the accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correct.

NATHAN MOSES.

JOHN C. MOULTON.

Masons' Hall, Yarmouth, July 23, 1856.

Adopted.

On motion, brothers Pinkney, Brown and Treat were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a Public Temperance meeting on to-morrow evening.

The Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

THURSDAY, July 24, 1856.

The Grand Division assembled at 10 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.

Absent—G. W. A.; G. T.; G. Chap.; G. Con.; G. Sen.: P. G. W. P.

G. W. P. filled vacancies by appointing brothers J. Starr, G. W. A.; R. Brown, G. T.; Rev. G. Christie, G. Chap.; C. Pinkney, G. Con.; P. Fraser, G. Sent.; Wm. Burrill, P. G. W. P. *pro tem*.

The Grand Division was declared open for business.

The Special Committee on Credentials reported those of Thomas O. Geddes, P. W. P. Concord Division No. 5, as correct.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representatives Saml. Brown and James G. Allen, who were duly initiated and took their seats as members of the Grand Division.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's Session were read and approved.

P. G. W. P. Rev. G. Christie, as Chairman, presented the following report from the Committee on State of the Order:—

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

The Committee on the State of the Order have felt more than ordinary difficulties in the discharge of the duties assigned to them on the present occasion. A reference to the "reports" of the G. W. P. and G. S. will at once leave the impression that our beloved Order is, in some respects at least, in a declining state. But it is doubtful whether the causes are equally manifest. Were we fully satisfied as to the causes, it would probably be more easy to indicate the remedy. At the same time, your Committee are of the opinion, that *local* circumstances have so much to do with this matter, that an organization such as that

of the Sons of Temperance, which demands as its first condition unity of action, could not be so modified as to meet all existing difficulties.

The Order, having for its object to enfold in the arms of one common brotherhood the whole human family,—(an object which commends it the more to every true christian and genuine philanthropist) must necessarily embrace communities and individuals very different in their tastes and feelings—and, at the same time, subject to a great variety of local influences. Consequently, the most perfect system which could be adopted ought only to be expected to recommend itself by an adaptation to all classes in respect to the leading principles of the institution. Did the members of the Order keep this in view, it is believed that we should hear less respecting dissatisfaction with those non-essential matters which turbulent or inconstant minds have foolishly magnified into causes of dissatisfaction—and which they have allowed to influence them so strongly, as at first, to produce coldness, and afterwards, to induce them to withdraw from the Order—either to join the ranks of the enemy, or to take part in some other organization which, although professing to aim at the furtherance of the Cause of Temperance, has in reality weakened the hands of its most earnest supporters.

Your Committee are not afraid to assert that defection from the ranks of our temperance army, has generally arisen from most insufficient causes; and, not unfrequently, from motives so unworthy, that the individuals would not even dare to acknowledge them to themselves; much less to those whose good opinion they would desire to retain. Such being the case, the proposal so to modify the Constitution and Bye-laws of our respective Divisions as to remove all pretended grounds of dissatisfaction, and bring back unfaithful and lukewarm brothers, need not be entertained.

Nor, although the sister Divisions in many parts of the *U. States* speak so confidently of the advantage of copying from those new and untried organizations which have of late sprung up too plentifully in their midst, dare we express our belief that, in so doing, they would strengthen the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

It appears to us rather—that while giving as much freedom to Subordinate Divisions as would be consistent with harmony of movement in the Order, our constant object should be to

press with all the talent which we can command the principles of total abstinence as the duty of all—and especially the claims of the Order as being the best system for realizing this great object—and, as connected therewith, the duty of all to use every suitable means for bringing to an end the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

To accomplish this your Committee believe it absolutely necessary to employ under the direction of this Grand Division one or more able and devoted temperance lecturers.

And while calling to our aid the living voice of the lecturer, your Committee would also express their belief that the Grand Division must still sustain a temperance periodical for the purpose of advocating our principles, and holding intercourse with the Order throughout the Province.

The friends of temperance throughout Nova Scotia have for a number of years been pleading with the Legislature for a Prohibitory Law. But, hitherto, the cry of a great multitude of fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters has been in vain. On others, not on us, devolves the terrible responsibility of refusing that righteous prayer. But we must still press our petitions. And this Committee would recommend that no time be lost in preparing for the circulation of Petitions to be presented to the Legislature at its next session.

Among other duties imposed upon your Committee, was that of reporting upon the returns which have been forwarded by a number of Subordinate Divisions to the Grand Scribe, which were considered to be informal. Of these there are no fewer than *nine*—all of which your Committee find to be irregular. Time does not permit us to specify the defects in each. Nor, indeed, can your Committee believe that this is necessary, as the blanks furnished to Subordinate Divisions are so plain that your Committee feel themselves under the painful necessity of declaring their belief that such irregularity in filling them up can only be attributed—first, to the carelessness of those officers intrusted with their preparation, and then, to the Division whose duty it is to have the returns read before they are transmitted to the Grand Scribe.

Your Committee would recommend that when such Returns are offered to the D.G.W.P. they should be refused—even though it might cause delay in forwarding them to the G. S. His receiving them is, after all, a mistaken kindness to the Divisions by which they are presented,—although, no doubt,

their lenity is occasioned by a fear of seeming to deal harshly with the Divisions under their charge.

Both in the report of the G. W. P. and of the G. S. reference is made to duties which properly devolve upon the D.G.W.P.'s and which have not hitherto been fulfilled, in all cases, as seems to be desirable. This is to be regretted. At the same time, your Committee feel that these brothers could, in many cases, offer strong reasons in justification of what at first sight might be viewed as neglect. Probably they have, in many cases, too little of the sympathy of Subordinate Divisions. They are often expected to perform much duty, at the expense of both time and money—while the Divisions for whose benefit they are labouring do not give them the encouragement to which they are entitled, and will allow them to incur expenses which they will not offer to liquidate, or, if they do, very probably, it is after that officer has been obliged to ask them for what he so well deserves, that it should have been tendered without any such demand being made.

There are other matters referred to in the report of the G. W. P. well deserving of notice, but they are of such a nature that your Committee cannot deal with them as they deserve without extending their report beyond what seems proper. They therefore close—expressing their earnest hope that the members of the Order in general may be deeply penetrated by a sense of the claims of our noble Cause and be led to acquit themselves like men sensible of the importance of the objects for which they are called to labour.

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

GEORGE CHRISTIE.
ROBERT BROWN.

Adopted.

The report of the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws was taken up and on motion adopted.

Brother Thomas Dane, as chairman, presented the following report from the Special Committee to whom was referred the account of James Bowes & Sons, for printing the Athenæum Newspaper:—

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

The Committee appointed to report on the balance of account claimed against the Grand Division by James Bowes & Sons of

Halifax, as due them on account of publication of Athenæum newspaper, beg leave to report :

That on referring to the transactions of the Grand Division and particularly to the records of a session held in the year 1851 at Bridgetown, they find said paper was published under the patronage and recognized as the official organ of said Grand Division, thereby establishing their liability for expenses incurred by said Journal.

Your committee would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of liquidating said claim forthwith, out of the funds of this Grand Division.

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

THOMAS DANE.
HEMAN GARDNER.
W. K. DUDMAN.

YARMOUTH, July 24, 1856.

Adopted, and an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

On motion of the Grand Scribe it was *resolved*, that the thanks of the Grand Division be given to Messrs. Whitten and White, for the use of Mason's Hall during the present session.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Grand Division was closed in due form, to meet in Annual Session, at Halifax, on Wednesday, 22nd of October, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

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

DR.

		£	s.	d.
1856.	To per capita tax for quarter ending 31st March :—			
May 15.	Oriental, 10s. 6d.; Truro, 16s. 9d.; Rising Sun, 9s. 9d.; Vesper, 6s. 6d.; Maine Law, 4s. 6d.; Kellogg, 5s. 6d.; Alina, two qrs. 8s.; New Glasgow, omission in Return, 3s.; Aurora, (68), 7s. 6d.; Pugwash, Sept. qtr. 1855, 10s. 9d.; Wallace, Dec. qtr. 1855, 10s.		4	12 9
July 19.	Received for quarter ending June 30.			
	Acadia, 5s. 3d.; Central, 7s. 9d.; Milton, 8s. 9d.; Chebucto, 40s. 9d.; Micmac, 37s. 3d.; Mayflower, 36s. 6d.; Victoria, 16s. 9d.; Avon, 13s. 3d.; Oriental, 11s. 3d.; New Glasgow, 18s. 6d.; Hebron, 7s. 6d.; Roseway, 4s. 9d.; Howard, 20s. 3d.; Chester, 15s. 9d.; Morning Star, (38), 11s. 1d.; Star, 6s. 6d.; Mainmast, 4s.; Star in the East, 22s. 6d.; Hantsport, 11s. 9d.; Albion Mines, 16s. 6d.; Clements Arch. 8s.; Athensæum, 10s. 6d.; Invincible, 7s. 6d.; Wolfville, 9s. 3d.; Rechab, 5s.; Emblem, 7s. 3d.; Hero of Kars, 12s. 3d.;	18	16	6
	Received for Journals of Grand Division,		1	5 0
	“ Dispensation Fee,		0	2 6
	“ for T. and W. Cards,		0	15 0
	“ for blank Returns,		0	2 6
	“ from H. Gardner, balance due on last quarter,		0	4 1
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			£25	18 4

CR.

		£	s.	d.
1856.	By Cash paid Grand Treasurer,		3	4 6
May 15	“ “ for Truckage,		0	1 3
	“ “ for Stationery,		0	5 1½
July 19.	“ “ Postages, during the quarter,		0	14 3
	“ “ Grand Treasurer,		15	0 0
	“ “ Grand Scribe, half of qrs. salary,		5	0 0
	Balance due Grand Division,		1	13 2½
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			£25	18 4

E. and O. E.

P. MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

HALIFAX, July 19, 1856.

Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, in account with Grand Treasurer:

DR.

		£	s.	d.
1856.				
May 16.	To G. Treasurer's expenses to Grand Division,	3	5	4
	G. Chaplain's do. do.	2	15	0
	Acting G. Scribe's Salary, - - -	8	6	8
20.	Amount paid Newspaper Committee, -	26	12	5
	Do. do. Widow late Grand Scribe, -	5	0	0
	Do. do. B. O'Neill's account, -	3	3	9
	Do. do. R. H. Willoughby's account, -	3	7	6
	Balance in hand, - - - -	15	8	7
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		£67	19	3

CR.

		£	s.	d.
1856.				
May 12.	By Balance in hand, - - - -	49	14	9
	Amount from Grand Scribe, - - -	3	4	6
July 18.	Do. do. do. - - - -	15	0	0
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		£67	19	3
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July 18.	By Balance in hand, - - - -	£15	8	7

E. E.

W. LIPPENCOTT,
Per W. M. BROWN.

P. S.—The G. T. has paid on account of Agency Fund, £6 8s. 10½d. beyond amount received.

APPENDIX.

Grand Division of Nova Scotia in account with James Bowes & Sons.

1856.	DR.	£ s. d.
To printing, 17 weeks from 8th July to 28th October, 1854, the "Athenaeum," -	} 89 5 0	
Do. 9 weeks from 4th Nov. to 30th Dec.	} 49 10 0	
		£138 15 0
1854.	CR.	
Novr. 16. By Cash from Grand Scribe,	£25 0 0	
1855.		
Jan'y. 8. Do. do. Subscribers, as per Mem. Book,	} 21 0 0½	
10. Do do. Grand Scribe,	14 0 0	
April 19. Do do. do.	10 0 0	
July 18. Do do. do.	15 0 0	
Aug. 31. Wm. Scott's Note £28 16s. 9d., discount 9s.	} 28 7 9 —	
		113 8 1½
		£25 6 10½

Pay the above amount,

J. M. CRAMP, G. W. P.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

The G. Treasurer, G. D. of Nova Scotia.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT SESSION.

Rev. George Christie, Peter Fraser, Charles Pinkney, Heman Gardner, W. K. Dudman, Robert Brown, John C. Moulton, Nathan Moses, Asa Killam, Enos Cook, Job H. Smith, Thomas Crowell, Edward Huestis, J. M. Treat, Charles W. White, Samuel Brown.	} No. 1.	James Starr, Rev. T. Brady, Thomas Danc, James Danc, William Bancroft, Richard Treat, Joseph Shaw, William Burrill, James G. Allen,	} No. 4.
T. O. Geddes, M. D., Patrick Monaghan, Joseph Rogers, Richard Patten, William H. Patten, Ansel G. Perry, R. J. Sanders, Henry Sanders.	} No. 2.	T. O. Geddes, M. D., Patrick Monaghan, Joseph Rogers, Richard Patten, William H. Patten, Ansel G. Perry, R. J. Sanders, Henry Sanders.	} No. 5. } No. 7. } No. 19

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., No. 112.