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QUARTERLY SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,
Windsor, April 28, 1869. }

The Grand Division met in the Avon Division Room, at 8 o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the chair.

Roll of Officers called:

Present: Hon. Samuel Creelman, G. W. P.; Patrick Monaghan, G. Scribe; Rev. G. O. Huestis, G. Chap.; David Marshall, P. G. W. P.

Absent: William C. Bill, G. W. A.; John Heenan, G. Treas.; C. H. Harrington, G. Con.; Robinson Thompson, G. Sent.

Vacancies were filled by P. G. W. P. McRobert as G. W. A.; Daniel Mosher, G. Treas.; P. G. W. P. Taylor, G. Con.; John McLearn, G. Sent.

P. G. W. P. McRobert moved, seconded by G. J. Creed:

That Lady Visitors and members of Subordinate Divisions, on being duly vouched for and obligated, be admitted to the sittings of this session as spectators.

Agreed to unanimously.

The following Report was read and adopted:

Halifax, N. S., April 27th, 1869.

The standing Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the credentials of the following representatives and find them correct.

ROBT. JAS. WILSON.
JOHN E. BUTLER.

4 MILTON.—W. P., Frederick S. Johnston.
5 CONCORD.—W. P., Murray Gardner.

- 6 UNION.—W. P., John Connor; P. W. P., Thomas B. Fenwick.
 9 MAYFLOWER.—W. P., Henry Brown.
 12 AVON.—W. P., Edward Melvin; P. W. Ps. George L. Mosher, John Buchanan, W. A. Adams.
 16 ORIENTAL.—W. P., Neil Fraser.
 17 NEW GLASGOW.—W. P., John Stewart.
 25 ROSEWAY.—W. P., Freeman Pentz.
 26 HOWARD.—W. P., Gilbert Shaw; P. W. P., Wm. Forbes.
 37 ROYAL.—W. P., Rupert Elliott; P. W. P., G. A. Purdy.
 40 ARCHANGEL.—W. P., John H. Kindress.
 89 BETHLEHEM.—W. P., Foster Weeks; P. W. Ps. A. Grant, John Lewis, John Grant, senr.
 92 KELLOGG.—W. P., Daniel McDonald.
 96 ATHENEUM.—W. P., E. Kirwin; P. W. P., Rev. A. McArthur.
 109 WELLINGTON.—W. P., James W. Archibald; P. W. P., Caleb Fadder.
 119 RECHAB.—W. P., Henry Mason; P. W. Ps., Rowland H. Creed, William Barron.
 124 VESPER.—W. P., John McPhee.
 128 NORTH AMERICAN.—W. P., Rev. A. Cogswell; P. W. Ps., F. W. Kelly, Thomas Williams.
 142 WHITE ROSE.—W. P., James S. Jenks; P. W. Ps., Joseph Atkinson, S. Roscoe, Wm. McAllen, David Atkinson, Jer. Harwood, D. Holmes.
 145 TYRO.—W. P., Henry Glover.
 155 COBEQUID.—W. P., N. R. Blair.
 158 LIFE BOAT.—W. P., John C. McGray.
 171 GIBRALTAR.—W. P., John Cook, junr.
 179 NEW ERA.—W. P., Adolphus Letson; P. W. P., Charles J. Wright.
 180 GREEN TREE.—W. P., W. C. Shankle; P. W. P., Chas. Shankle.
 185 PRINCE ALBERT.—W. P., Sylvanus Munro; P. W. Ps., John S. Ross, Elisha P. Christopher, Robert W. Flaharty.
 186 RAY OF HOPE.—W. P., Geo. M. Fancy.
 196 CANNING.—W. P., George J. Marsh.
 198 SCOT'S BAY.—W. P., Jas. H. Watson.
 199 RESCUE.—P. W. Ps., Jas. Ward, Wm. Blenkhorn, John E. Sutherlandgreen.
 200 ROSIGNOL.—W. P., Francis Janes; P. W. P., James Cushing.
 205 WAVERLY.—W. P., Saml. Chittick.
 212 ST. ANDREW'S.—W. P., George Jocelyn.
 213 ARCADIA.—W. P., Wm. Robins.
 214 PEREAUX.—P. W. Ps., Harris Newcomb, L. H. Newcomb.
 217 DAY-SPRING.—W. P., J. L. Alexander; P. W. P., Wm. T. Forbes.
 220 YOUTH'S REFUGE.—W. P., James P. McKeen; P. W. P., Robert McKeen.
 221 MARINE.—W. P., John B. B. O'Brien; P. W. Ps., Rob. O'Brien, Andrew Crow, Charles Crow.
 224 CHAMPION.—W. P., David Fraser.
 226 NOBLE.—W. P., James A. Publicover.
 232 INGRAHAM.—W. P., David Webber, Senr.
 237 RICHMOND.—W. P., James McNally.
 239 FENWICK.—W. P., George Loomes; P. W. Ps., Wm. H. Dodge, D. J. Taylor, Jas. Craig, T. S. Craig, Henry Thomas, Wm. K. Wood, Nathan Best, Jas. Cox.
 242 PLEASANT VALLEY.—P. W. Ps., James Gahan, John Gahan.
 244 SPRINGSIDE.—W. P., Arch. Gamell.
 246 MORIEN.—W. P., Charles Inman.
 247 CRYSTAL.—W. P., Moses C. Preston.
 249 H. A. TAYLOR.—W. P., Angus McDonald.
 251 HOME OF THE WEST.—W. P., Thomas W. Marshall; P. W. P., John W. Ryder.
 261 ARCHAT.—W. P., Henry S. Donivan.
 262 GRANITE ROCK.—W. P., Stephen J. Gray.

- 266 GOLDEN AGE.—W. P., Thomas Fraser; P. W. Ps., Reuben H. McMillan, John D. Thompson, Abram B. Cox, Simon Giffin, Peter Sinclair, Jas. Henderson, Saml. R. Giffin, James F. Elliott.
- 270 PRESERVATION.—W. P., E. H. Archibald; P. W. Ps., Wm. Gunn, James Cameron.
- 279 RAINBOW.—W. P., James Sangster.
- 281 MONTROSE.—W. P., Wm. Powell.
- 282 BARRATT.—W. P., Joshua T. Perry.
- 287 SOCIAL.—W. P., Solomon Dakin.
- 291 HILLSIDE.—W. P., Wm. Crisp.
- 298 STAR OF PROMISE.—W. P., Leander Cannon; P. W. P., E. D. Fullerton.
- 299 GRANVILLE.—W. P., Daniel M. Donald; P. W. P., Wm. McDonald.
- 300 HIGHLAND.—W. P., James McIntosh.
- 301 LAKE ECHO.—W. P., John Crook; P. W. P., James Walters.
- 304 CRYSTAL ROCK.—W. P., James Sellers.
- 305 FRASER.—W. P., Murdoch McDonald; P. W. P., George Murray.
- 307 WESTERN HOME.—W. P., Stephen Finck; P. W. Ps., Robert Lindsay, Rev. G. O. Huestis.
- 309 STILL-IN-TIME.—W. P., Edward Pentz; P. W. Ps., John A. McGillvray, John McLearn.
- 310 BEACON.—W. P., John Peters; P. W. P., Charles R. Bown.
- 311 DOMINION.—W. P., John McKay; P. W. P., Jas. McLellan.

G. W. A. Bill entered and took his seat.

Bro. W. A. Adams, P. W. P. of Avon Division, No. 12, late a member of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, being announced in waiting, he was admitted, signed the roll, and took his seat as a member of this Grand Division.

Read communications from Chebucto and Ray of Light Divisions, cancelling credentials of representatives.

Ordered on fyle, and names of members ordered to be erased from the roll.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following named representatives, who were duly initiated members of the Grand Division:—R. H. Rogers, Wm. C. Brennan, Edward Melvin, of No. 12; Henry E. Brown, of No. 9; Thos. W. Johns, of No. 96; Wm. E. West, of No. 62; Chas. F. Myers, of No. 112; Wm. Barron, of No. 119; Edward Pentz, of No. 309; John Buchanan, of No. 246; Jeremiah McDonald, Henry Trenholm, of No. 294.

The G. W. P. appointed committees as follows:—

On State of the Order,—P. G. W. P. Huestis, J. Parker Smith, James Bligh, P. G. W. P. Marshall, M. H. Goudge.

On Communications,—P. G. W. P. McRobert, Thos. W. Johns, John B. Flowers.

On Enrollment,—G. J. Creed, Mark Curry.

The following report was read and approved:—

HALIFAX, April 28th, 1869.

Since the last quarterly meeting of Grand Division, the standing Committee on Charters have recommended the granting of Charters as follows:—

1.—On March 27th to Gideon Langille, and *twenty-two others*, residents of Mahone Bay, for FELLOWSHIP DIVISION, No. 312.

2.—On same day, to Wm. R. McClearn, and *sixteen others*, residents of Little Harbour, Shelburne County, for YOUNG BRANCH DIVISION, No. 313.

Respectfully submitted,

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

P. MONAGHAN,
S. SELDEN,
M. A. SHAFFER.

P. G. W. P. Taylor presented the following report from the Agency Committee:—

The Agency Committee have to report the occupancy of our mission field by our worthy Brother A. B. Fletcher. He has been itinerating the counties of Halifax, Colchester, Cumberland, Kings and Hants. Your Committee believe his services have been highly appreciated; much good has been done; dormant Temperance sentiments have been aroused, luke-warm friends awakened, and an interest in our cause excited in some who looked upon our efforts with the greatest indifference.

Our Brother has been in the field since January last, and the amount of MATERIAL AID, in the shape of *dollars and cents*, has not been so liberal as your Committee were warranted in expecting; they however take pleasure in acknowledging a hearty response to their appeal, from many friends of the cause, and from Divisions also, and if *the laborer is worthy of his hire*, it is surely incumbent upon those for whose benefit this work has been undertaken, to contribute toward the sustentation of the fund for defraying the expenses requisite for its prosecution. Many friends and Divisions have promised "material aid;" some have already done so which gives your Committee occasion for gratulation, that their recent appeal has not been altogether in vain; they however trust that those who have not as yet sent in their names, either as individual subscribers, or as contributing Divisions, will do so with as little delay as possible, for were each Sox to give only *a little*, and all could do that, the aggregate would be amply sufficient for the efficient working of our Agency. Your Committee would like to see the Sox, or even the Division that could not if willing, devise the ways and the means to aid and assist in the prosecution of such a good work as that in which we are engaged, that of promulgating a thorough knowledge of our principles over the length and breadth of the land.

Your Committee would here beg to announce that collections will be taken at each meeting held by our Lecturer, and trust that Brothers, Sisters, and other friends will feel it to be their duty, as well as a high privilege to go prepared to *cast in their mite* in aid of our Agency Fund. Collections will also be taken up at all public meetings held in connection with Sessions of the Grand Division.

Your Committee have further to report, they feel so far encouraged as to continue our Agent in the field until the end of June; meanwhile they trust subscriptions and donations will pour into their treasury, so as to be in a good financial position to resume their efforts during the fall and winter months, for the good of *all mankind*.

Submitted in L. P. & F.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Chairman*,
ROBERT NOBLE,
J. McMURRAY,
C. ROBSON,
R. M. KING,
A. LONGLEY.

Halifax, April 28th, 1869.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

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

The following report was read and adopted :

The Standing Auditing and Finance Committee have examined the Grand Scribe's and Grand Treasurer's books and accounts, and find them to be correct, excepting an error in addition, against himself, of one dollar in Grand Scribe's account. They have also examined the following accounts, which they find to be correct, and recommend the same for payment.

Z. S. Hall, Stationery.....	\$1.85
Wm. MacNab, Journals, &c.....	58.00
Abstainer Office, Charters, &c.....	18.50

R. H. WETMORE, } *Auditing and*
ROBT. J. WILSON, } *Finance Committee.*

Halifax, April 27th, 1869.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his Report as follows :—

To the Grand Division, S. of T. of Nova Scotia.

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—As this Grand Division has now been established twenty-one years, and has arrived at the age of manhood, it might seem to be a fitting time to give an outline of its proceedings during that period, to refer to the worthy names of those who have stood by its righteous banner at all times, never faltering in the work, nor shrinking in the strife, and to present a list of those noble standard-bearers who never failed in their labor of love, until relieved from duty here by that summons which we must all obey. We fervently cherish and revere the memory of the departed ones who were faithful workers unto the end, and who we now hope wear the crown which shall never fade.

Although not permitted, at present, to enter upon this subject so well calculated to call up sweet memories and fond recollections of the past, I may be allowed to notice some statistical facts in connection with the traffic in intoxicating liquors in this Province, which strongly indicate the amount of good accomplished by the Temperance Reformation within the bounds of the jurisdiction of this Grand Division.

Temperance Societies were first established in Nova Scotia about the year 1828, and the average consumption of intoxicating liquors in the Province for the five years from 1825 to '29 (inclusive) was 799,000 gallons, or over 5 gallons per head of the population, and even this enormous and almost incredible consumption was further increased until in 1832 it rose to 887,000 gallons.

During the five years of 1850 to '54 (inclusive) the average consumption of intoxicating liquors in Nova Scotia had fallen to 216,000 or to a little over three quarts per head of the population. This indicates the minimum consumption.

Taking the four years from 1861 to '64 we find that the annual average consumption for these years to be 366,000 gallons, or about one gallon per head of the population.

In 1866 the consumption was 579,000 gallons, or about 1½ gallons per head of the population.

Very copious remarks might be made in reference to these facts which cannot be appropriately introduced into this report. They prove beyond all doubt that the good effected in this Province by the Temperance movement is neither small nor insignificant, but that the result has been a great and glorious one in thus stemming the awful torrent of intemperance which to such an alarming extent, was threatening to sweep our land with the besom of destruction.

While we contemplate the ravages of the monster vice which our beloved land is suffering under at the present time, have we not good cause to take up the language of the prophet and say "Oh that mine head were waters, and

mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." But when we seriously consider the question, what would have been the condition which our country most certainly (*not probably*) would have been in *now* in regard to drunkenness, if God in His merciful providence had not provided a deliverer for us? Can we find language sufficiently strong to express either our horror at the impending dangers which beset us, or our thankfulness and gratitude for our deliverance and escape?

Whilst we are thus cheered by the fact that our labors have not been in vain, shall we, forgetful of the claims of our country, and the obligations involved in the prosecution of the truly holy war which we have enlisted in for life, stand still and stop here? or shall we elevate our banner to a greater height, and "push things" more vigorously than ever, with the full assurance of obtaining not only *certain* but *greater* victories?

The Temperance Convention which was held in Halifax on the second and two following days of March last, was equal in every respect to the expectations of this Grand Division, when at its last annual meeting it passed the resolution which happily led to the assembling of so many ardent and zealous friends of our noble Cause.

About three hundred delegates met as the Representatives of the several Temperance Orders and organizations in the Province. A Provincial Temperance Alliance was formed and duly organized; a constitution agreed upon and a platform adopted, which aims at a combined and concentrated and vigorous effort to effect that very desirable object, the enactment of a *Prohibition Law*. That the Alliance is composed of earnest and determined workers in the cause which they have espoused, and that they will ultimately be successful in obtaining the object in view, there is little ground to fear or room for doubt. Already a number of County Alliances have been formed, and in other counties steps are being taken to form similar institutions, so that ere long the combined effort and influence of the Temperance bodies in the Province may be directed to the accomplishment of any plan for the suppression of the gigantic evil.

The duty of this Grand Division is to maintain a part worthy of itself in the movement.

In the meantime let us not forget that while the complete extermination of the liquor traffic by the enactment of a Prohibitory Law is our ultimate end and aim; the grand and principal means to be employed in gaining that object is moral suasion. We must agitate, educate, entreat, convince, and enlighten. We have to win over the deliberate judgement of our intelligent fellow-citizens to the propriety of our views, and secure their approval of them.

In many parts of our Province the people are ready for a Prohibition Law, and the necessity of rigidly enforcing the present License Law should be earnestly urged on Subordinate Divisions. Much good should be accomplished through their instrumentality in their respective localities in this respect, both in the way of forwarding petitions to the Courts of Sessions against the granting of licenses, and by bringing to justice offenders against the License Laws.

I am obliged to refer you to the report of the Grand Scribe for information in reference to the progress of the Cause during the past quarter. The information I have on this point, although scanty, is so far encouraging that I feel assured it will be found that our Divisions have generally turned to good account the winter season just past, and that although apathy has in some instances produced its chilling effects, yet in general a vigorous and successful work has been carried on.

P. G. W. P. Marshall, after making honorable mention of a number of Divisions in Pictou County, remarks: "I think I may say that the greater portion of the Temperance men of the county have enlisted *for the whole time of the war*." Of the County of Kings, G. W. A., W. C. Bill says, "From the information I have been able to gather, I am led to the conclusion that there is nothing particularly cheering in the present circumstances of our Order in this county, nor is there much to discourage. Perhaps our progress has been as great as in our

circumstances we could expect, and I believe the seed sown by *our* organization, as well as by *other* friends of temperance is taking deep root downward, and will yet bear fruit upward."

P. G. W. P. Christie writes encouragingly of some districts in Yarmouth Co., but less favorably of others. "In some of the Divisions there have been considerable additions of young persons to their membership; but an equal number of older persons is needed to keep the machinery in steady motion. In the town of Yarmouth old and tried friends are still working."

Two new Divisions have been chartered during the past quarter.

The Grand Scribe has, with his usual promptness, prepared and forwarded the returns to the National Division from this Grand Division for 1868, which compare favourably with those of 1867.

It is pleasing to notice that so many of our Divisions have arrived at the age of manhood, and have celebrated their twenty-first anniversary under such auspicious circumstances during the past quarter. Twenty-one years gives a fair trial to an institution which has had to wage an incessant warfare with a most wily and powerful foe, and when at the close of that period, to triumphantly display its banner, it proves to the world that in its ranks have stood veterans, vigilant, faithful and true.

Need I ask your attention to the all important instrumentality in the successful promotion of our Cause—THE PRESS. *The Abstainer* needs not my commendation, but it requires *our support*. Its interest is inseparable from the interest of our Cause, and in the deliberations of this Grand Division the extension of its influence should ever be remembered and earnestly aimed at. "Through ignorance and delusion, intemperance has acquired colossal dimensions and fearful power. The press is the great and main instrumentality for removing this cloak, and exposing the monster vice in his hideous and true character."

It is matter for congratulation that the Agency Committee has been able to keep in the field our worthy Brother, P. W. P. A. B. Fletcher, and that he has proved himself "a workman that need not be ashamed." I hope that this department of our operations will not be overlooked by this Grand Division.

Brothers, let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,
SAMUEL CREELMAN, G. W. P.

Eastville, April 23rd, 1869.

The average consumption of molasses in the Province for the five years from 1825 to 1829, was about 396,000 gallons; and for the year 1866, it was 1,255,000 which was a threefold increase, while the consumption of intoxicating liquors in the latter years was 211,000 gallons less than the average of the former period.—S. C.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report:—

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

Worthy Brothers,—

The Grand Scribe, in presenting his Quarterly Report, would congratulate the Representatives in attendance on the "COMING OF AGE" of this Grand Division.

BRIEF HISTORY OF GRAND DIVISION.

Twenty-one years ago, on the twenty-second day of April, 1848, a charter having been previously granted by the National Division of the "United States," this Grand Division was formally organized in the town of YARMOUTH, by the then Most Worthy Patriarch, Hon. Philip S. White.

The following named representatives were in attendance :

FITZ-WILLIAM REDDING,	} Acadia Division, No. 1.
JOHN TOOKER,	
SAMUEL FLINT,	} Central Division, No. 2.
EDWARD W. BINGAY,	
JAMES STARR,	
JOHN CRAWLEY,	} Providence Division, No. 3.
THOMAS HILTON,	
CHARLES W. KELLY,	
WILLIAM BURRILL,	} Milton Division, No. 4.
JAMES B. DANE,	
JAMES COSE,	Concord Division, No. 5.
ANGUS M. GIDNEY,	Chebogue Division, No. 17.

The following named were chosen as the officers :

G. W. P.—FITZ-WILLIAM REDDING, No. 1.
G. W. A.—ANGUS M. GIDNEY, No. 17.
G. Scribe.—JOHN TOOKER, No. 1.
G. Treas.—JAMES B. DANE, No. 4.
G. Chap.—THOMAS HILTON, No. 3.
G. Con.—CHARLES W. KELLY, No. 3.
G. Sent.—WILLIAM BURRILL, No. 4.

Of these brothers, but one has retained his connection with the Order continuously—viz. P. G. W. P., Wm. Burrill. Of the others, so far as I am aware, but three are now in the Order—their connection with it having been severed for a short time, through accidental circumstances, viz.—Brothers A. M. Gidney, Samuel Flint, and John Tooker. Brothers Burrill, Gidney and Flint, are still members of this body.

Including the first meeting, and the January meeting of this year, there have been 84 *regular* and 19 *special* sessions of this Grand Division; and meetings have been held in every county of the Province except two—Inverness and Richmond.

Since the introduction of the Order into this Province 315 Subordinate Divisions have been instituted—some two or three, however, having held but one or two meetings. The number of Divisions instituted in the several counties since November, 1847, and the number now in each are as follows :

Counties.	No. Instituted.	Divs. in April, 1860.
Yarmouth,.....	20.....	13
Digby,.....	20.....	15
Annapolis,.....	18.....	6
Kings,.....	25.....	10
Lunenburg,.....	22.....	10
Queens,.....	15.....	8
Shelburne,.....	21.....	18
Halifax,.....	35.....	22
Colchester,.....	19.....	14
Cumberland,.....	23.....	12
Pictou,.....	14.....	10
Guysborough,.....	10.....	8
Antigonish,.....	6.....	2
Cape Breton,.....	19.....	10
Victoria,.....	3.....	0
Inverness,.....	10.....	5
Richmond,.....	4.....	2
Hants,.....	27.....	13
Bermuda Islands,.....	4.....	2

315

179*

* The difference between this total and the total 183 in another part of this Report, is caused by dropping the four reported dead.

Eighteen of these Divisions were chartered by the National Division—the first chartered by the Grand Division being, I believe, *Hebron, No. 19*, of Hebron, in Yarmouth County.

The Grand Division was incorporated by the Provincial Legislature in the year 1851, and 76 Subordinates have been incorporated in connection with this body under the Act. Of the 76, 13 are dead, and 5 not working.

Of the 98 members who have filled offices in this Grand body since its organization. 57 are still members; 16 are dead, who retained their connection till death.*

Twenty-five members have been initiated into the National Division. Of this number there are 18 retaining their connection as members of this body.†

In reference to the progress of the Order in the Province, since the organization of the Grand Division, the following figures from the Annual Returns to the National Division, will give a statistical exhibit:—

Year.	Members admitted.	Loss by withdrawal death and of members expulsion.	Whole No. of members	Lady visitors admitted.	Whole No. Lady visitors.	No. of Divisions in operation.
1849	2,105	39	3,585	.....	.....	70
1850	1,248	227	4,314	.....	.....	100
‡ 1851						
§ 1851	1,219	662	4,132	.....	.....	102
¶ 1852	1,474	594	4,108	.....	.....	85
1853	915	802	3,157	.....	.....	75
1854	1,775	672	3,159	.....	.....	84
1855	1,273	650	3,063	.....	.....	82
1856	1,081	740	2,442	.....	.....	72
1857	1,698	698	2,452	.....	.....	58
¶ 1858	1,984	654	3,491	.....	854	81
1859	1,930	867	3,966	.....	1,373	84
1860	1,734	846	3,944	.....	1,707	93
1861	1,666	714	4,129	.....	1,841	104
1862	1,478	808	3,969	.....	2,223	100
1863	2,105	891	4,361	866	2,694	100
1864	2,890	1,301	5,542	1,105	3,130	112
1865	3,282	1,186	6,259	1,650	4,367	125
1866	4,579	1,583	8,201	2,492	6,331	157
1867	3,110	2,254	7,456	2,007	6,939	172
1868	2,307	1,636	7,463	1,372	6,972	172

The foregoing statistics show that since the organization of the Grand Division, we had in the

Year 1857, the smallest No. of Divisions.....	58
“ 1867-68, the largest No. of Divisions.....	172
“ 1853, the smallest No. of Members admitted.....	915
“ 1866, the largest No. of Members admitted.....	4,579
“ 1849, the smallest No. of deaths and expulsions.....	39
“ 1867, the largest No. of deaths and expulsions.....	2,254
“ 1856, the smallest No. of Members.....	2,442
“ 1866, the largest No. of Members.....	8,201
“ 1868, the largest No. of Lady visitors.....	6,972

* † Since this Report was presented one of the members, J. D. B. Fraser, has died.—G. S.

‡ No returns from N. S. for twelve months ending March 31, 1851. Up to this date yearly returns were made up to 31st March.

§ These returns are for nine months ending 31st December.

¶ Commencing with 1852, annual returns were made up for year commencing on January 1st, and ending December 31st.

¶ First year in which returns were made of number of Lady visitors.

The largest No. of Subordinate Divisions organized in one annual period, was during the official year ending October 1866, when 40 were instituted—at which time Bro. H. A. Taylor was presiding officer.

It is also shown by the statistics given, that our Order has been steadily progressing for the last seven years. It needs no other fact or figures to prove the value of the Agency department of our organization, as it is within the period named that the Agency system was most vigorously prosecuted.

The foregoing figures also exhibit the fact, that since the institution of this body 38,743 members have been admitted into the Subordinate Divisions within the jurisdiction, and that there was a loss of members by death and expulsion of 17,644. The members admitted and lost during the 12 months ending March 31, 1851, are not included. Making allowance for imperfect returns from Subordinate Divisions, there must have been between 46,000 and 47,000 persons admitted into the Order in Nova Scotia between November 17, 1847, and December 31st, 1868; and the loss by expulsions and deaths must have reached fully 20,000.

I herewith append several papers as appendices to this Report, submitting to your consideration the propriety of having the same printed in the Journal of proceedings. The titles of these documents are:

A.—List of Subordinate Divisions instituted since the introduction of the Order into Nova Scotia.

B.—List of officers of the Grand Division since its institution.

C.—List of places where Sessions of this Grand Division have been held.

D.—List of Subordinate Divisions incorporated in connection with the Grand Division.

E.—List of Members of Grand Division who have been initiated as members of the National Division.

I regret that want of time has prevented me from preparing for your information, a more interesting synopsis of the history of this body, and the Order within its jurisdiction, during the past twenty-one years.

When the Sons of Temperance Organization was introduced into the Province, there was a great rush of candidates for membership: but ere long many began to fall off, even within the first year. This fact afforded an opportunity for the enemies of the Temperance movement to prognosticate the early downfall of our Order. They, however, have proved to be false prophets. Our Institution is still alive and healthy, and although perhaps not as active as a year or two since, we can truly boast of what it has accomplished,—can look back with pleasure to the thousands that have been rescued from the drunkard's death, saved from a drunkard's hell,—restored to their families and to society, notwithstanding the many who may have returned to their cups. Outsiders are compelled to acknowledge that even if we have failed in saving a few thousands who were once within our fold, Society—our Province—has been benefitted by the existence of our excellent benevolent Institution, for it cannot be denied that many drunkards who became members of it, are yet either total abstainers, or temperate men, even if they are not now connected with us.

Brethren, to whom should be ascribed praise for our success in the past twenty-one years? While *we* have been the *workers* in the cause, we must humbly admit that we were but the *weak instruments of an Almighty Power*,—but blessed indeed of Heaven, else our Order could not have accomplished so much good. Let us then thank God, and praise His holy name, for the blessings He has bestowed upon us in the past, and place a trustful reliance on His assistance in the future.

NEW DIVISIONS.

Since the January Quarterly meeting two new Divisions have been chartered and organized, viz:

FELLOWSHIP, No. 312, at Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County, on 9th instant, by County Deputy Skinner.

YOUNG BRANCH, No. 313, at Little Harbour, Shelburne County, on 20th inst., by District Deputy Rev. T. D. Hart.

NO. OF DIVISIONS, &c.

The names of 183 Subordinate Divisions are now on the Grand Division roll. Of this No. 163 are supposed to be in working order, 16 are inactive, 4 may be considered as dead.

The inactive Divisions are : Nos. 13, 38, 63, 106, 141, 150, 169, 173, 177, 181, 193, 194, 218, 229, 254, 297.

The Divisions that may be considered as dead, are : Aurora, No. 68, Sackville, No. 137, Mucedol, No. 272, Rose of Sharon, No. 295.

STATISTICS, &c.

The following summary is compiled from the Returns received from Divisions for the quarterly term ending March 31, 1869 :

Members Admitted.....	667
" Withdrawn,.....	95
" Died,.....	7
" Expelled,.....	390
" on Financial Scribe's Books,.....	5,601
Lady Visitors Admitted,.....	367
" Withdrawn, died, &c.,..	66
" Whole No.	5,539
Violated Pledge 1st time,.....	148
Retained,.....	115
Violated Pledge 2nd time,.....	25
Public Temperance Meetings held,.....	91

Financial.

Receipts of Quarter.....	\$2,047 03
Expenses, exclusive of benefits,...	1,782 78½
Paid for benefits.....	111 50
Cash on hand and invested,.....	307 53
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division,.....	12,982 16½

ANNUAL RETURNS TO NATIONAL DIVISION.

The Annual Returns from this Grand Division to the National Division for the year ending December 31, 1868, were forwarded to the Most Worthy Scribe in due time.

A copy of the Returns are herewith given, together with a copy of those for year 1867 :

	1868.	1867.
No. of Divisions in operation,.....	172.....	172
Members admitted,.....	2,399.....	3,110
" reinstated,.....	412.....	614
" suspended,.....	1,163.....	677
" expelled, violation Pledge,.....	359.....	534
" other causes,.....	1,241.....	1,663
Deaths,.....	36.....	57
No. Violations of Pledge,.....	676.....	995
Whole No. Members,.....	7,463.....	7,456
Lady Visitors admitted,.....	1,372.....	2,007
Whole No. of Lady Visitors,.....	6,972.....	6,939
Whole amount Receipts.....	\$7,903 75½.....	\$10,769 87
Paid for Benefits,.....	\$576 62.....	\$871 24
Cash on hand and invested,.....	\$12,970 84.....	\$11,945 08
Per capita tax to G. D.,.....	\$1,533 60.....	\$1,700 66
Per capita tax to N. D., 3 cts. each member.....	\$223 89.....	\$223 68
No. Members in Grand Division,.....	1,397.....	1,382
No. Representatives in National Division,.....	27.....	23
No. Public Temperance Meetings held,.....	230.....	353
No. Temperance Documents distributed,.....	1,281.....	3,013
No. Boys and Girls in Temperance Organizations,..	2,000.....	2,000

NEW DIVISIONS INSTITUTED IN 1868.

Fifteen new Divisions were instituted in this jurisdiction in the year 1868.

FINANCES.

The receipts at this office to 20th inst., amounted to \$437 00. Of this sum \$51 71½ cents were received on account of the Agency fund.

AGENCY.

For information respecting Agency, I would refer you to Report of Committee having that department in charge.

PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

In accordance with proposal of this Grand Division, a Provincial Temperance Convention was held in the City of Halifax, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th days of March. At that meeting the "NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE" was organized, and PROHIBITION adopted as its platform. As the G. W. P. has, in his Report, referred to this interesting meeting, I need not continue remarks respecting it.

DIVISIONS INCORPORATED.

The Incorporation papers of Morien Division, No. 246, located at Cow Bay, Cape Breton County, were filed in the Provincial Secretary's Office, on the 21st April, instant.

NEW CHARTERS.

In compliance with instructions given at last quarterly meeting, I have had one hundred copies of Charter for Subordinate Divisions printed, at a cost of \$12 50.

CIRCULAR LETTER FROM M. W. P.

Since our last meeting I received from the M. W. Scribe copies of a circular letter addressed by the M. W. Patriarch to the Subordinate Divisions—one copy of which was forwarded to each Division in this jurisdiction. Appended herewith is a copy of the circular.

CONCLUSION.

Having now attained our majority, it is necessary that we as the representatives of the Subordinate Divisions in this jurisdiction, commit ourselves more determinedly to the work in which we are engaged; and as men laboring in promoting one of the greatest reforms of the age, it becomes us to be even more active in the future than in the past, if we desire to accomplish the ends we have in view.

Trusting that our Grand Division has a prosperous career before it, and praying that the Almighty may bless our Association, and crown its efforts in the twenty-one years to come with greater success than during its minority, this Report is

Respectfully submitted,

In L., P. and F.,

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

Windsor, N. S., April 28, 1869.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. A. B. Fletcher, as Agent, presented his Report, which was referred to Committee on State of the Order. (*See Report, Appendix A.*)

On motion, the time for meeting and adjourning to-morrow, was agreed upon as follows:—Meet at 10 a. m., adjourn at 0.45 p. m.; Meet at 2 p. m.

On motion of Bro. Daniel Mosher, it was agreed that a Committee of three be appointed to co-operate with Committee of Avon Division in making arrangements for holding a public Temperance meeting to-morrow evening.

Bros. D. Mosher, P. G. W. P. Taylor, and M. Kinsman were appointed as the Committee.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1869.

FORENOON SITTING.

Grand Division resumed in due form at 10 o'clock a. m., the G. W. P. in the chair.

Roll of Officers called:

Present: G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Chap., P. G. W. P.

Absent: G. Treas., G. Con., G. Sent.

Vacancies were filled by Daniel Mosher, G. T.; P. G. W. P. Taylor, G. Con.; Wm. E. West, G. Sent.

Minutes of last evening's sitting were read and approved.

On motion the Grand Division resolved itself into

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,

on the State of the Order, Bro. Jas. Bligh, of No. 71, in the Chair.

The Committee was addressed by the G. W. P., P. G. W. P. Marshall, and others, and after sitting for about three quarters of an hour, the Committee rose and the

GRAND DIVISION RESUMED BUSINESS.

P. G. W. P. Huestis presented a report from Committee on State of the Order, which, on motion, was considered *seriatim* by clauses.

The first, second and third clauses were adopted.

The fourth clause was passed over till afternoon sitting.

The fifth clause was amended and adopted.

The report was laid on the table till afternoon sitting.

The Committee to arrange for a Public Meeting reported a programme, which was approved.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

AFTERNOON SITTING, APRIL 29.

Grand Division opened in due form at 2 o'clock, p. m., the G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present: G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Chap., P. G. W. P.

Absent: G. Treas., G. Con., G. Sent.

Vacancies were filled by Bros. Daniel Mosher, G. W. A.; P. G. W. P. Taylor, G. Con.; M. Kinsman, G. Sent.

Minutes of forenoon sitting were read and approved.

The Grand Scribe having informed the Grand Division that Bro. James A. Halliday, P. W. P. of late Aurora Division, No. 68, had applied for a Clearance Card, in order that he may be enabled to retain his connection with the Order, a Clearance Card was granted him by vote.

On motion of P. G. W. P. Taylor, seconded by Bro. Wm. Cummings, it was

Ordered, That 500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Session be printed.

The report of Committee on State of the Order was taken from the table, and consideration of same resumed.

The fourth clause was adopted after slight amendment.

The sixth and following clauses were adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

The Committee beg to state that after reviewing the various documents placed in their hands, having reference to the different departments of the Order in this jurisdiction, that on the whole we have abundant cause for gratitude to the God of grace and Providence for the great amount of good already accomplished—the present healthy condition and encouraging prospects of the important and ennobling enterprise.

The references in the reports of the G. W. P. and G. S., to the commencement of the Order in this Province—the noble veterans who have removed to the better land—the many faithful ones still in our ranks—and the members who have deserted our banners, are very affecting and admonitory, well adapted to enkindle our zeal, and prompt to renewed and unwearied exertion in the Cause.

The fact that the Grand Division has existed twenty-one years, is sufficient evidence that the principles and arrangements of the Order are founded on a good basis, and are admirably suited to the wants of our world, in reference to the Temperance movement.

The statistical information bearing on the consumption of ardent spirits is very suggestive and pleasing, showing clearly the certain results of earnest and persevering effort, especially in reference to an efficient agency. The very interesting figures of the Grand Scribe on the strength of the Order at various periods in its history, are well worthy of careful consideration, and we trust when published in our paper, will be seriously pondered.

Your Committee are pleased to observe in the report of the G. W. P. a favorable reference to the Temperance Convention of last March, seeking to awaken attention in the Province in reference to a Prohibition law. We fully concur in the opinion that the attainment of that object is to be sought by moral suasion, and every other legitimate means within the reach of our Order. Your Committee would recommend the approval by the Grand Division, of the action of the Provincial Temperance Convention, recently held in Halifax, and would recommend the members of our Order to give a decided preference for those candidates for Legislative honors, who will pledge themselves to support a measure prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

We fully endorse the remarks of the G. W. P., respecting the importance and necessity of endeavoring to enforce the license law; we would, however, suggest the propriety of asking the Legislature to make a change in that law, namely, that instead of requiring petitions against the granting of licenses, none be granted in any county unless a majority of the rate-payers petition the Sessions for them.

We are gratified to know that our energetic Agent, A. B. Fletcher, has diligently pursued the arduous work during the quarter, and not without encouraging results. We trust that the friends of Temperance everywhere will more liberally encourage this department of the work, for it is evident from the report of the Agency Committee that material sympathy is not sufficiently manifested. We would therefore suggest, as bearing upon this aspect of our work, the propriety of expending, rather than investing any surplus monies that may be found at any time in the Grand Division.

We would also earnestly urge upon the attention of temperance men, the paramount value of the Press to the Temperance Cause, and as our reliable organ has been greatly enlarged in size, we trust it will speedily be correspondingly increased in reference to its weekly circulation. There should be no delay in a vigorous and general canvass in behalf of our valuable periodical, the *Abstainer*.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.

G. O. HURSTIS,
J. P. SMITH,
JAMES BIGH,
DAVID MARSHALL.

Windsor, April 29th, 1869.

On motion the Grand Scribe and P. G. W. Taylor were appointed a Committee in accordance with recommendation of the seventh clause of the Report.

On motion of Bro. A. B. Fletcher, seconded by the G. W. A., a

vote of thanks was passed to Avon Division, No. 12, for the use of their Hall and Organ during the present Session.

On motion a vote of thanks was passed to the Commissioner of Railways for making the usual reduction of passenger fares to representatives travelling over the lines to this Session.

The Minutes of this Sitting were read and approved.

. Grand Division closed in form, at 4.05, p.m.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

HALIFAX, N.S., May 1st, 1869.

Grand Scribe.

THE GRAND SCRIBE *in account with the GRAND DIVISION.*

1869.		Dr.	
Jan. 25.	To Tax from Divisions quarter ending March 31, 1868; Gen. Inglis, \$3.84; Welcome, 2.10; Melrose, 1.93.....		\$7.92
" "	To Tax from Divisions quar. ending June 30, 1868; Columbia, \$2.88; Gen. Inglis, 3.42; Mariner's Guide, 1.56; Home of the West, 1.08; Welcome, 2.04; Melrose, 1.92.....		12.90
" "	To Tax from Divisions quar. ending Sept. 30, 1868; Columbia, \$2.88; Gen. Inglis, 3.48; Gibraltar, bal., 0.36; New Era, 5.94; Prince Albert, 1.74; Ray of Hope, 1.50; Mariner's Guide, 1.56; Fenwick, 2.22; Home of the West, 1.08....		20.76
" "	To Tax from Divisions quar. ending Dec. 31, 1868; Concord, \$2 22; Oriental, 7.02; Hebron, 2.82; Columbia, 1.62; Roseway, 2.80; Royal, 1.08; Rising Sun, 3.54; Lake, 3.00; Wellington, 6.00; Rechab, 2.28; Pittacus, 3.42; Arctic, 3.18; White Rose, 1.32; Gen. Inglis, 2.22; Life-Boat, 1.98; Island Home, 2.76; Gibraltar, 2.40; New Era, 6.00; Prince Albert, 2.04; Ray of Hope, 1.62; Mariner's Guide, 1.56; Reid, 3.38; Port Williams, 1.26; Canning, 2.22; Youth's Refuge, 3.90; Guiding Star, 1.50*; Marathon, 2.10; Fenwick, 1.50; Crystal, 1.14; Home of the West, 1.08; Sailor's Guide, bal., 0.58; Granite, 2.04; Milford Haven, 2.82; Sparkling Water, 1.50; Preservation, 2.40; Rainbow, 2.34; Montrose, 1.86; Longley, 2.04; Miner's Own, 1.20; Social, 0.60; Hillside, 1.08; Star of Promise, 3.06; Granville, 1.92; Highland, 2.88; Conquerall, 1.20.....		106.46
" "	To LaHave Division, on account Tax 1868.....		6.00
Apr. 20.	To Tax from Divisions, quar. ending March 31, 1869; Acadia, \$2.28; Central, 1.98; Milton, 5.16; Union, 2.70; Chebucto, 7.26; Micmac, 1.26; Mayflower, 6.84; Avon, 3.96; Oriental, 6.72; New Glasgow, 5.46; † Roseway, 2.46; Howard, 4.86; Chester, 5.58; Olive Branch, 2.52; Star, 2.46; Mainmast, 2.76; Star in the East, 5.40; Agricola, on acct., 2.40; Wallace, 1.74; Albion Mines, 3.36; Athenæum, 4.50; Rechab, 2.58; Pittacus, 3.18; White Rose, 1.32; Life-Boat, 1.98; Western Star, 2.40; North Sydney, 4.50; Scots Bay, 2.82; Rescue, 3.72; St. Andrews, 6.00; Day-Spring, 2.94; Youth's Refuge, 2.04; Marine, 3.72; Noble, 2.46; Marathon, 2.04; Richmond, 1.86; Springside, 2.58; Crystal, 1.44; H. A. Taylor, 1.68; Sailor's Guide, 2.64; Sterling Blue, 1.32; Arichat, 1.20; Granite Rock, 3.12; Glenelg, 1.38; Preservation, 2.04; Carleton, 1.02; Barratt, 1.08; Great Eastern, 1.98; Fowler, 2.16; Crandall, 1.68; Brule, 1.62; Star of Promise, 3.06; Gladstone, 2.88; Fraser, 2.10; Western Home, 2.22; Beacon, 2.04; Bethesda, 3.12..		171.70
" "	To amount received for Agency Fund,.....		51.71½
" "	" " Charter fee and Ritual new Divisions,		21.00
" "	" " Band of Hope Certificates,.....		9.22½
" "	" " Bye-Laws,.....		7.76
" "	" " T. & W. Cards,		5.20
" "	" " Ode Cards,		4.50
" "	" " Blank Quarterly Returns,.....		3.75
" "	" " Visitors' Ritual,		3.26
" "	" " Ceremony Books,.....		1.35
Amount carried forward,.....			\$433.44

* Credited 42 cents too much.

THE GRAND SCRIBE *in account with the GRAND DIVISION.*

1869		DR.	
		Amount carried for ward,	\$433.44
Apl 20.	To	amount received for Officers' Cards,	1.20
	"	" Band of Hope Melodies,	0.76
	"	" " Rituals,	0.60
	"	" B. B.,	1.00
			\$437.00*

1869.		CR.	
Feb. 28.	By Paid Grand Treasurer, on	General Account,	\$50.00
" "	do.	Agency account,	30.00
Mar. 31.	do.	General account,	120.00
Apl. 20.	do.	do.	100.00
" 24.	do.	Agency account,	36.71½
" "	do.	General account,	100.28½
			\$437.00

Halifax, April 24, 1869.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, *Grand Scribe.*

Examined and found to be correct, with exception of error in addition, of one dollar against himself by the G. S., and 42 cents too much credited Guiding Star Division, December quarter, 1868.

R. H. WETMORE, } *Auditing*
R. J. WILSON, } *Committee.*

April 26, 1869.

Error in addition of \$1.

GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. *in account with JOHN HEENAN, G. Treasurer.*

		Dr.	
1869.			
Febry. 8.	To Z. S. Hall, Bill.....	A 21	\$5.75
" "	Abstainer Office, Journals &c.....	A 22	89.30
" 15	G. S's. expenses to January Session G. D.....	A 23	4.37½
" 22	Remittance to M. W. S. on account	}	A 24 100.00
" "	Tax 1868, \$100 N. S. cy. \$128.20 U. S. cy. }		
April 17	G. S. Salary to April 1st, 1869.....	A 26	75.00
" "	Editor Abstainer salary 1st qr. 1869.....	A 27	60.00
" 24	G. S. Postage and Office expenses.....	A 28	44.67½
" "	Cash in Savings Bank (see book).....		100.00
" "	Cash on hand.....		339.41
			<u>818.51</u>
1869.		Cr.	
Jany. 25.	By Cash in Savings Bank (see book).....		\$100.00
" "	Do. on hand.....		348.22½
Febry. 28	Do. from Grand Scribe.....		50.00
Mar. 31	Do. " " "		120.00
April 20	Do. " " "		100.00
" 24	Do. " " "		100.28½
			<u>818.51</u>

AGENCY FUND, G. D. *in account with JOHN HEENAN Grand Treasurer.*

		Dr.	
1869.			
April 24.	Paid Agency Committee	A 25	\$ 14.00
" "	Cash balance on hand.....		140.81
			<u>154.81</u>
1869.		Cr.	
Jany. 25.	Cash balance on hand		\$88.09½
Febry. 28	Do. from Grand Scribe.....		30.00
April 21	Do. " " "		36.71½
			<u>154.81</u>

Submitted in L. P. & F.
By JOHN HEENAN,
Grand Treasurer.

Halifax, April 24th 1869.

Examined and found to be correct,

April 26, 1869. R. H. WETMORE, } Auditing
R. J. WILSON, } Committee.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT SESSION.

No. 7.	M. Kinsman,
H. A. Taylor, P. G. W. P.	Wm. Chase,
P. Monaghan, G. S.	
Edward Jost.	No. 82.
	W. E. McRobert, M.D., P. G. W. P.
No. 9.	No. 96.
Henry Brown,	Wm. J. Wallace,
	Thos. W. Johns,
No. 12.	
Daniel Mosher, Co. D. G. W. P.	No. 112.
J. P. Smith, D. G. W. P.	G. V. Rand, D.G.W.P.
T. S. Harding,	C. F. Myers,
J. B. Flowers,	
M. H. Goudge,	No. 119.
George L. Mosher,	G. J. Creed,
R. H. Rogers,	Wm. Barron,
Edward Melvin,	
Wm. Brennan,	No. 155.
W. A. Adams,	A. B. Fletcher, Prov. D. G. W. P.
Mark Curry,	
	No. 244.
No. 17.	Hon. S. Creelman, G.W.P.
D. Marshall, P. G. W. P.	
	No. 246.
No. 26.	John Buchanan,
Rev. J. McMurray, P.G.W.P.	
H. H. Bligh,	No. 294.
	Henry Trenholm,
No. 41.	Jer. McDonald
Wm. Cummings,	
	No. 307.
No. 62.	Rev. G. O. Huestis, G. Chap.
N. T. Harris, D.G.W.P.	
Wm. West,	No. 309.
	John McLearn, D.G.W.P.
No. 71.	Edward Pentz.
Wm. C. Bill, G.W.A.	
James Bligh,	

LADY VISITORS.

No. 12.	No. 96.
Mrs. J. Connolly,	Miss Catherine Jost,
Mrs. Davison,	Miss Sarah G. Gossip,
Mrs. Francis,	Miss Eleanor Bower,
No. 71.	No. 294.
Mrs. W. C. Bill,	Mrs. H. Trenholm.

APPENDIX.

A.

BRO. A. B. FLETCHER'S REPORT.

TO THE AGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The lapse of three months reminds me that you will expect a brief report of my labours, as your Agent, for that period.

Since the last Quarterly meeting of the Grand Division, I have been labouring in the counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Halifax, Hants, and Kings. In Cumberland, I addressed fifteen meetings; in Colchester, six; in Halifax, six; in Hants, nine, and in Kings, twelve. Besides these meetings, I have visited the most of the Divisions on my route, all of which I have addressed. I have also visited quite a number of the schools, and, except in one or two instances, spoke to the children on the various duties of their stations, not forgetting the principles of Total Abstinence.

The *visible* results of my labours are not so great as could be desired; but in passing judgment upon these, circumstances should be taken into consideration. I have been employed on ground which has long been occupied by the Sons of Temperance, and where our Divisions are either flourishing, blessing the districts in which they are located, or where, by injudicious management they have permitted themselves to be supplanted by other organizations. In all my tour I did not see but one place where I thought it would be advisable to attempt the formation of a new Division, and here I arrived just at the hour of meeting, and was obliged to leave very early in the morning. The work of resuscitating dormant Divisions requires great prudence, and a thorough knowledge of all the attending circumstances, which it could not be expected that the Agent could acquire in the time usually allotted for one visit. To force resuscitation under circumstances which do not promise success, is only to court a failure which would be most disastrous to our cause in the locality.

I have reorganized one Division, instituted one Band of Hope, and resuscitated one. The season of the year was very unfavourable for Bands of Hope.

I have travelled seven hundred and eighty-eight miles, about one hundred and fifty of these by rail. I have collected for the Agency Fund at public meetings, \$46.11½, and received in donations \$18.20.

In my lectures I have aimed at imparting instruction, and rousing to more earnest action, the latent energies of temperance men.

I have endeavoured to impress the peculiar claims of our Order, on all its members, and have strongly advised them not to unite with sister organizations, believing that dividing our energies and affections tends to weakness, and often to positive injury to the general cause.

The duty devolving upon Subordinate Divisions to look after the interests of the rising generation in their respective districts, I have not forgotten, and have urged the formation of Bands of Hope wherever they are not already in existence.

The claims of our organ, *The Abstainer*, and the claims also of the Agency Fund, have not been overlooked.

Except in some few localities, our Order is strong in the affections of the lovers of good society, throughout the whole field through which I have travelled, and its power as a great renovating moral agent, is fast becoming better understood, and more highly esteemed.

I would here acknowledge the very many acts of kindness which I have met with, from friends in every place which I have visited, but I cannot forbear specially recording the obligations I am under to W. C. Bill, Esq., and lady, under whose hospitable roof I had a *home* during the greater part of my stay in Cornwallis.

Submitted in L. P. & F.

Windsor, April 28th, 1869.

A. B. FLETCHER.

Statement of labour by Agent from January 28th to April 28th.

Date.	Places visited.	Miles.	Col.	Remarks.
Jany. 28	Five Islands	14	\$ 87½	
" 29	Maccan Mountain	16	1.06	
Feby. 1	Parrsboro'	22	1.17	
" 2	Diligent River	8	80	
" 3	Port Greville	5		.... No collection, no notice.
" 4	Advocate Harbor	12		.... do. do.
" 5	Apple River	14		.... do. do.
" 8	Parrsboro'	40		.... Resuscitated P'rsboro' Div.
" 9	West Brook	15	13	
" 10	Little Forks	12	1.11½	
" 11	Nappan	7	15½	
" 13	Amherst	6	2.17½	
" 15	Head of Amherst	5		.... No collection.
" 17	Pugwash	22	75½	
" 19	Wallace	10	1.10	
" 22	Tatamagouche	12	1.68	
" 24	New Annan	8	15	
" 25	New Annan	3	1.51	
Mar. 1	Renfrew	51	2.56	
" 10	Waverly	24	93	.... Very small meeting, rain.
" 11	N. W. Arm.			.... No meeting, postponed.
" 12	Bedford	11	97½	
" 13	Sackville	5	35½	.... Small meeting.
" 15	Mt. Uniacke Station	12	1.95	
" 16	do. Gold Diggings	4	4.40	.... A large meeting.
" 17	South Rawdon	13	1.25	
" 18	Gays River	35		.... No collection.
" 19	Truro	30	1.05	.... Very small meeting.
" 22	Lower Stewiacke	16	48	
" 23	Gore	26	1.14½	
" 25	Brooklyn	25		.... No meeting, no notice.
" 27	Avondale	7	1.52½	
" 29	Martock	16	1.67½	
" 30	Windsor	4		.... Rain, no meeting.
" 31	Sambro	65	80	.... Rain, and a good meeting.
April 1	Hammonds Plains	29		.... Small meeting, dark night
" 2	N. W. Arm.	14	2.22	
" 5	Falmouth	50	51½	
" 6	Hantsport	8	1.62	
" 7	Wolfville	10		.... No meet'g deficient notice
" 10	Port Williams	3	22	
" 12	Pereaux	8	45	
" 13	Canning	3	1.54½	
" 14	Scotts Bay	12	2.23	
" 15	Lakeville	15	1.39	
" 16	Centreville	3	0.70	
" 19	Hall's Harbor	5		.... Rain—no meeting.
" 20	Kentville	9	1.13	
" 21	Brooklyn St.	9	50	
" 22	Lakeville	3		.... 20th anniversary.
" 23	Black Rock	12	38	
" 24	Berwick	39	34½	
" 26	Halls Harbor	11	1.05	
		788	46.11½	

Donations received for Agency Fund from January 28th to April 28th, 1869.

Iceland Home Division.....	\$1.00
Rescue Division.....	3.00
Sterling Blue.....	1.00
Victoria Band of Hope.....	0 50
Gibraltar Division.....	4.00
Vesper Division.....	2.00
Granite Rock Division.....	1.20
Fenwick Division.....	1.50
Rockport Division.....	2.00
Berwick, Morse and others, Berwick.....	2.00
	\$18.20

A. B. FLETCHER.

GRAND SCRIBE'S OFFICIAL NOTICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 8, 1869.

A *Quarterly Meeting* of the GRAND DIVISION of Nova Scotia will be held in *Amherst*, on TUESDAY, 27th JULY, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Quarterly Returns to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe, *direct*, by 18th of July.

The Grand Scribe's Financial Statement will close on 20th July.

Divisional Deputies are requested to report on State of the Order in their respective localities, to the County Deputies, before the 8th day of July. County Deputies will please forward their Reports to the Grand Scribe by the 15th of July.

As there will be a fraternal interchange of visits between the Grand Divisions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, during the session, it is hoped there will be a large attendance of the members of the last mentioned body.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

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GRAND DIVISION AGENCY FUND.

Amounts received by Grand Scribe between January 25th and April 24th, 1869.

Morien Division.....	\$1.00
New Glasgow Division.....	4.00
Athenaeum Division, weekly collections.....	3.33
Concord Division.....	3.00
Star Division.....	3.00
New Era Division, 1½ cts. on Members, Sept. & Decr. qrs. '68.....	2.98½
Ray of Hope Division.....	2.30
Fraser Division.....	2.10
Granite Rock Division.....	2.00
Great Eastern Division.....	2.00
McMurray Division.....	2.00
Gladstone Division.....	2.00
Crandall Division.....	2.00
Randall Division.....	2.00
Wallace Division.....	2.00
Roseway Division.....	2.00
Brule Division.....	2.00
Avon Division.....	2.00
Pittacus Division.....	2.00
H. A. Taylor Division.....	2.00
Youth's Refuge, quarterly.....	1.00
Star of Promise Division.....	1.00
Week of Prayer offering.....	1.00
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	51.71½
Add three Charter fees.....	15.00
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	\$66.71½

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Amount paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$66.71½
<i>April 24th, 1869.</i>	

PATR. MONAGHAN, G. S.

(See G. S. Account).

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282 Barratt	2	1	1	1	19	1	12	1	10 52	0 80	0 40	2 16	2 16	60 67	
283 Longley	4	1	1	1	32	3	43	2	8 32 1/2	3 87		1 32	1 32	4 46 1/2	
284 Miners' Own	16	2	4	2	35	7	25	2	25 50	30 00		2 10	2 10	0 30	
285 Great Eastern	8	3	2	2	36	2	20	1	10 00	9 10 1/2		1 95	1 95		
286 Morning Dawn															
287 Social	2	5	1	1	39	1	22	1	4 33	2 03		2 16	2 16	60 67	
288 Fowler	6	1	1	1	31	4	36	1	4 33	2 03	0 40	1 65	1 65	1 13	
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290 Hillside	3	1	1	1	17	1	24	1	7 47	6 20		1 02	1 02	50 00	
291 Melrose	3	1	1	1	24	3	20	1				1 14	1 14	8 86	
292 Exciting Tide	3	1	1	1	19	4	26	3	4 00	2 50		1 14	1 14	0 10	
293 Fisherman's Home	3	4	3	1	32	4	19	4	6 66	3 94		1 62	1 62	9 22	
294 Harrock	3	2	2	2	32	2	19	2	8 72 1/2	11 03		3 06	3 06	20 00	
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297 Blandford	3	1	1	1	38	1	34	1	16 00	4 0 1/2	3 00	1 14	1 14	7 86	
298 Star of Promise	9	5	10	6	19	1	6	28	3 76	4 02		1 02	1 02	2 22 1/2	
299 Granville	9	5	10	6	18	1	15	1							
300 Highland	6	3	3	3	48	1	39	1	10 42 1/2	2 30		2 88	2 88	43 64 1/2	
301 Lake Echo	6	3	3	3	16	1	14	1	2 49	6 00		1 14	1 14	1 06	
302 International	3	3	6	3	35	10	45	2	5 83	3 68		2 10	2 10	150 00	
303 Gladstone	3	2	1	1	26	1	18	1	12 00	10 50		1 50	1 50	3 33	
304 Crystal Rock	3	2	1	1	37	1	15	1	21 00	25 37 1/2		2 22	2 22	4 02	
305 Fraser	7	1	1	1	21	9	15	2	23 07	19 89 1/2		2 10	2 10	3 10	
306 Conquerall	8	1	2	2	21	9	23	2	35 05	35 40		2 04	2 04	0 60	
307 Western Home	20	1	2	2	34	23	7	7	11 00	13 00		1 02	1 02	.....
308 Orford	12	2	2	2	17	7	7	7							
309 Sullivan-Tyne	21	2	2	2	17	7	7	7							
310 Beacon	24	2	2	2	17	7	7	7							
311 Donington	11	2	2	2	17	7	7	7							
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PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

HALIFAX, May 8th, 1869.

In Memory

OF

JAMES D. B. FRASER,

Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Initiated a Charter Member of Oriental Division, May 1, 1848.

Initiated a Member of the Grand Division of N. S., July 31, 1850.

Installed as G. W. P., Oct. 31, 1861.

Initiated a Member of National Division, June 14, 1865.

DIED, AT PICTOU, N. S., MAY 4, 1869. AGED 63 YEARS.

A friend to the poor—a useful citizen—an earnest and faithful Temperance man. While his loss will be felt by the Order, and the community in which he lived, his memory will be long revered.