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QUARTERLY SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,
Canard, Cornwallis, April 26, 1854.

The Grand Division opened at 10 a.m., in due form, the G.W.P. Rev. Dr. Cramp in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—Rev. Dr. Cramp, G.W.P.
William Scott, G. Scribe.
Nathan Tupper, G. Treasurer.
Daniel Mosher, G. Conductor.
Patrick Monaghan, G. Sentinel.

Absent—Richard McLearn, G.W.A.
Rev. J. C. Cochran, G. Chap.
Rev. George Christie, P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled by appointing Brothers Dr. C. C. Hamilton, G.W.A., Rev. A. S. Hunt, G.Chap., Richard Starr, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Division declared open for business.

The Standing Committee, reported the Credentials of the following Brethren correct.

W.P. John Devlin, Senr., Chebucto Div., 7.	P.W.P. Nichol. Beckwith,	} Hantsport Div. No. 62.
P.W.P. A. M. Gidney, Prince William Div., 29.	James Elder,	
P.W.P. John Currell, Olive Branch Div., 44.	Edward Davison,	
P.W.P. Wm. Lippencott, John Millar, J. W. Carmichael, Kenneth Forbes, Wm. Turnbull, Duncan McLean, Jeremiah Kelly,	N. T. Harris,	
	Whitman Holmes, Daniel Huntley, G. Woolaver,	
} Canard New Glasgow Div. 18.	W.P. Jeremiah Bligh } Lake	} Div. 71.
	P.W.P. Jas. M. Silver, } Margaretville Div., 50.	
} Canard Div. 50.	P.W.P. William Roy, Abraham Van Buskirk,	} Garland Div., 105.
	P.W.P. Henry Hall, Stephen Nichols, Charles Brown, Charles Hall, Edw. C. Charlton,	
W.P. Daniel Cogswell, P.W.P. Leander Eaton, Charles Dickie, W.P. Wm. T. Waterman, Queen's Own Div., 54.	W.P. Simon Fitch, M.D. Wolfville Div., 112.	

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz. :

George E. Marsters,
C. A. Marsters,
J. B. Rockwell,
George O. Pineo,
Joshua Ells,
Leander Rand,
John Thomas,
James Hardwick,
Charles Dickie,
Benjamin Eaton,
G. W. Caldwell,
James Beckwith,
James M. Silver,
Constant C. Morse,
Samuel Sweet,
William Roy,
Abraham Van Buskirk,
Simon Fitch,
W. H. Troop,
Stephen Nichols,
Charles Brown.

The G.W.P. appointed the following Committees :

Committee on the State of the Order—Bros. Rev. A. S. Hunt, J. S. Thompson, Joshua Ells.

Committee on Communications—Bros. Nathan Tupper, Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Dr. Fitch.

Auditing Committee—Bros. Charles Dickie, W. H. Troop, J. M. Silver.

The G.W.P. read the following report :

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

Officers and Brethren :

Although we are not assembled here this day for the purpose of celebrating a triumph, which, perhaps, some had been sanguine enough to anticipate, we have doubtless come together in the firm persuasion that the cause in which we are engaged will ultimately overcome all opposition. There may be checks and hindrances; false friends may betray, and fierce foes may rage; the heart may be sickened by "hope deferred," and difficulties may spring up in unexpected quarters; but the Sons of Temperance will not flinch or fail. Strength will be gathered from repulse, and temporary defeat will nerve us for a more determined onset.

You will perceive that I allude to the proceedings of the Temperance Convention, held at Halifax, under the auspices of this Grand Division, in February last. It is unnecessary for me to go into detail respecting it, as a full account has appeared in the *Athenæum*. I will only say that it was a truly noble meeting—a worthy representation of the Temperance feeling of the Province. The men who met on that occasion are men who will keep their word, and who will suit the action to the word. It was befitting that the members of the Legislature should see them, and should hear the announcement of their unanimous and inflexible purpose. And it was delightful to observe the spirit of union and persevering firmness which pervaded the assembly. Every man had made up his mind on the subject, and they were all of one mind. They were resolved to have the Maine Law, with its Nova Scotia adaptations—the whole law—and nothing but the law. And they will have it. Thirty thousand signatures have not been written in vain. The Legislature of the Province will not long continue to reject the petitions of the people.

But for the present we are disappointed. No doubt we have reason to complain of the conduct of some on whose support we had been given to understand full reliance might be placed. Let us remember, however, that great changes are seldom accomplished suddenly, and the time which must now elapse before another effort can be made in the Legislature may be very advantageously spent in spreading information and enlisting a larger measure of public sympathy. We have now to consider the means to be adopted in the present state of our affairs. I take the liberty to suggest to the Grand Division the desirableness of securing the services of a

Lecturer or Lecturers, to be constantly employed till the next meeting of the Legislature. I recommend also the plenteous distribution of tracts on Temperance, and especially on the Maine Law, its necessity, its principles, and its operation; they can be procured in the United States on very reasonable terms and in great variety. I may add, further, that it appears to me important to bring the power of the Press to bear upon the subject more extensively and efficaciously than has been yet done in this country. Such arrangements as I have hinted at cannot be carried into effect I am aware, without incurring considerable expenditure. Can that be regarded as a difficulty or an objection by true friends of the cause? Will not the benefits accruing to society be worth far more than it will cost to obtain them? Are we not all gainers by the adoption of Temperance principles and practice? And can we employ a portion of our gains in a more suitable manner than in endeavouring to effect the deliverance of our fellow-men from the baneful influence of alcohol? I beg to submit these considerations to the serious attention of the Grand Division, indulging the hope that it will be resolved to act with all the energy and liberality which the emergency of the case demands.

The engagement with Brother Johnson has terminated. Under the direction of the Agency Committee he visited a considerable number of places, met many of the Divisions, and delivered lectures at numerous public meetings, obtaining in almost every instance a large audience, and always producing a highly favourable impression. The Committee would have gladly engaged him for a longer period, but he was unable to protract his stay in the Province. It is much to be desired that so talented an advocate should be permanently employed in the work. Brother Johnson may reckon on a hearty welcome whenever he may re-visit Nova Scotia.

So few of the Deputies have sent me their Quarterly Reports, that I am unable to communicate to you much information respecting the state of the Order. I believe, however, that I shall be justified in affirming that our progress in this Province during the last quarter has been on the whole of a satisfactory character. Two new Divisions, the Maine Law, No. 114, and the Phœnix, No. 115, have been constituted, and there have been encouraging accessions to our ranks in various parts of the Province. The Lecturer's visits have evidently produced beneficial effects and revived the zeal of many. In this connection I may also state that P.G.W.P. Rev. George Christie has lectured repeatedly in different parts of the Western District, since the Annual Session, and otherwise exerted himself to promote the prosperity and extension of the Order.

On the other hand, it is necessary to advert to the drawbacks on our prosperity. The expulsions for non-payment of dues, which have recently become very numerous, form a painful feature of the discipline of our Institution. It cannot be supposed that all who are thus expelled have ceased to be interested in the Temperance enterprise; on the contrary, there is reason to believe that a large proportion of them continue faithful to their vows: Should

the National Division consent to such a change in the constitution as was suggested in the resolution passed at the last Quarterly Session, it is probable that many of those who have been expelled for non-payment of dues will be restored to us.

Several Divisions, I am sorry to say, are not in working order. A list of them will be furnished by the Grand Scribe. It will be proper to consider what steps should be taken to remove these irregularities.

Since the last Quarterly Session the new Ritual has arrived, and has been furnished to the Divisions. As the ceremonies enjoined in that Ritual "supplant entirely" those heretofore in use, directions have been issued for the transmission of the old Blue Books and Cards to the Grand Scribe's Office. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed for the reception of any reports from the Deputies respecting the manner in which the new Ritual is regarded by the Subordinate Divisions. Instructions will therefore be given them to send in their reports on that subject on or before the first day of June next, in order that the representatives of the Grand Division may be prepared to take such action at the Annual Meeting of the National Division as may be judged advisable after those reports have been received and considered.

I have not received any communication from the Grand Division of New Brunswick respecting the Annual Session of the National Division, about to be held in the City of St. John, and I am therefore unable to inform you of the arrangements contemplated. It is generally understood, however, that there will be public celebrations on a magnificent scale, and that the occasion will attract a large concourse of the friends of Temperance. Nova Scotia, it is confidently expected, will contribute its quota. Such an opportunity will not probably occur again for many years. As soon as authentic intelligence arrives, it will be communicated through the columns of the *Athenæum*. You will now, as I have already observed be called upon to deliberate on the policy to be adopted under the existing circumstances of our cause. The withdrawal of the Prohibitory Liquor Law was regarded by those who had the charge of it as a necessity, arising out of the evenly balanced state of parties in the House of Assembly on that question. We have therefore to consider what course will have the most powerful tendency to convince the Legislature that in passing that Law they will act in compliance with the wishes of the people of Nova Scotia; and by what means the energies of the Order may be so completely developed and so judiciously employed as to bring about that result at an early period. These discussions will be unusually interesting and important. Let us engage in them in a becoming spirit, and not separate till we have decided on such a plan of proceedings as shall show all men that the Sons of Temperance of the Province of Nova Scotia are prepared to stand by their principles at all risks, and at whatever cost.

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,
J. M. CRAMP, *Grand Worthy Patriarch.*

• Canard, Cornwallis, April 26th, 1854.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read the following report :

Canard, Cornwallis, April 26th, 1854.

G.W.P. and Brethren,

The routine Business of the Order has again assembled us in quarterly Session, to devise means for reviving the hopes and expectations which are felt by many to rest upon our organization, as well as to strengthen the hands of those who are battling against the common foe, and to reanimate with fresh zeal those who have been nobly striving during the past, both by precept and example, to elevate the condition of fallen man, by removing from his path the temptations which surround him. These are eventful times, we hear of Nations arming against Nation, and with energy and vigour preparing armed Hosts, and sending them forth to the battle field to maintain the balance of power and preserve the freedom of Europe. And how many thousands of these brave fellows will fall victims to this inhuman principle of war on the battle field, believing that they are engaged in a Sacred Cause while fighting for their country, to preserve the rights of other Nations against an aggressive foe. They will be lamented and mourned over, and then forgotten, victory only living in the minds of the people. These things make us sigh and wish for the times when Nations shall no longer learn war. But this brings us to the fact that a dreadful war is raging within our own borders, as well as surrounding Countries; alas! how few are there that reflect upon this soul and body destroying contest that is continually going on in our land, and filling the grave-yard with its victims, sparing neither the high nor the humble, the Prince nor the Peasant; the giant in intellect nor the imbecile. All, all, fall prostrate before it, for it conquers the might of the brave. And does not the blood of these victims cry aloud for vengeance? Can we behold the heart-rending scenes of suffering and woe it causes, and not nerve our arm to the battle, until the Liquor Traffic ceases to exist. We do not find the Kings and Queens of the earth, nor the high and mighty arming for this contest, although heavy and great sufferers by it, they cannot be convinced that we are in the right. Ever ready when the pressure from without compels them to grant liberty to the subject. They believe that to grant our prayer would be to subvert it. Ours is a great moral struggle, involving a great principle, one which must be maintained, and we must prepare to go forth once more to arouse the people to still greater efforts than have ever yet been put forth to convince all who are opposed to us that we are fully determined to win, and save our fellow-beings from being murdered by this accursed Traffic.

Since our last quarterly Session, the "Maine Law" has been before the Legislature, the result of which is well known to all. And if it only serve to convince the Temperance body, of how little they have to expect from high quarters, unless they take the law in their own hands, it will have served a good purpose; for then we may look for renewed energy and zeal throughout every Division in the Province, a recruiting of our forces and calling in the aid of our auxiliaries, the Total Abstinence and other friendly Societies, to

enable us to push the war with vigour and the certainty of a complete triumph. It would be needless as well as out of place for me to animadvert on the conduct of our Legislature, but there is one thing quite certain, and of which all must be convinced, that many profess one thing and practice another; promise a certain line of conduct, and pursue just the opposite. Samples of this are had in the Division upon the "Maine Law Bill" in the House of Assembly. Much might be said upon the subject; but when we consider how vastly important to our Province is the obtaining of a Prohibitory Law, and the enlightened, sober minds that are pressing for it, not so much for their own good as that of their fellow beings, we must believe that the different Constituencies will be alive to their duty and no longer allow themselves to be tampered with, but by their united voices speak in trumpet tones to their representatives, that the country must be freed from this blighting curse. The opposition is great and the struggle hard, when backed by over 30,000 signatures from the various parts of the Province we fail in obtaining an answer to the prayer of our Petition. Are we not then called upon to persevere in this righteous Cause with double diligence, for notwithstanding our present defeat, we have an absolute certainty before us that our object will eventually be gained—"Who in such circumstances would, having put his hand to the Plough look back? To faint either at the beginning or close of a day's journey is excusable, but not to falter and flag in the middle.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

The effect produced by the Provincial Convention held in Halifax on Wednesday, 22nd February last, will have a beneficial tendency: and if we but felt the true value of these gatherings, we would hold them more frequently, for I verily believe that much of the success attained in the neighbouring Colonies and the United States arises from the frequency of these Conventions and public gatherings constantly being kept up. They take a hold on the Public mind and reach hearts, that otherwise would never be touched, and bring them within the compass of our organization. We must have recourse to these meetings, or otherwise occupy the ground constantly with an efficient Agent and Lecturer. The good fruit of Brother Johnson's mission is becoming every day more apparent. Many districts had as a matter of necessity to be passed by, during his tour, the short period for which he was engaged, rendering it impossible to visit every locality. It was thought advisable to give the more prominent places a visit, leaving it for his successor to devote more time to these districts. It is therefore absolutely necessary at the present crisis, that a competent person should be engaged, for the Brethren having felt the benefits arising from the Agency are anxious for its continuance, and these places that have not been visited feel grieved that they were passed by. This could not be avoided, the subject engaged the attention of those in charge of the Agency, who had to sanction the omission of a visit to these places.

I cannot conclude this part of my report without bearing testimony to the efficiency of Brother Johnson as the Agent and Lecturer of this G. D. and for his zeal, and the great satisfaction given by him during his visits, the general regret being that a continuance of his services could not be secured. Without speaking disparagingly of others, I fear it will not be an easy matter to fill his place. I have received a communication from Brother Johnson, stating, that from the state of the Roads it will be impossible to carry out the instructions given to visit Antigonish and Guysborough. His mission therefore has ceased; and I trust that this G. D. may be able to obtain some other person to labour in this Province, especially those parts that have not been visited by our Agent.

On the 20th March the new Ritual came into my possession, and I immediately commenced issuing it, nearly all the Divisions now being in possession of it, and the old Ritual returned by several of them into this office. Like everything new it takes some time to receive favour, especially as it requires some little attention to become acquainted with and work it properly. The old being more familiar, many would like still to retain it, but this cannot be. There must be one Ritual for the Order whichever one it is, for difficulties would occur that are not at present thought of, the greatest of which would be the having to keep up two supplies, one of the old the other of the new; and upon the formation of every new Division differences would ensue such as to render anything like harmony impossible. In several districts the installation of Officers by the new Ritual has been public, affording pleasure to large audiences and resulting in good feeling towards the Order, and an increase of Members.

I notice in one of the American Papers the death of Brother Sands one of the founders of the order, being the first W.P., G.W.P., and M.W.P. It is pleasing to find that Brethren are steadfast unto the end.

To give a report of the general state of the Order, in this Province is utterly impossible. The absence of Returns, from seventeen of the Subordinate Divisions manifests something like apathy and indifference on the part of these brethren, and it will require a little more energy in the performance of their duty as Sons of Temperance, if they ever hope to obtain the object for which we are united. This lukewarmness—being neither hot nor cold—has a chilling effect upon our organization, and it is catching, for one bad example in this respect exerts a powerful influence over others. How necessary for us to be in the alert to prevent ourselves from growing less zealous in the prosecution of the arduous task before us; for like the gallant old Napier with all the difficulties before him at Cronstadt, we should resolve within ourselves to conquer, and act upon that resolve, until the work is accomplished. The Order is looking to us to set the ball in motion, and great expectations are anticipated from this meeting, by those who signed the petition to the Legislature, for an expression of opinion in regard to the manner in which year after year these petitions have been treated. In the report transmitted to the National Division for the year ending 31st December,

1853, we appear in a much less favourable position than the year previous, the following is an abstract:

Divisions working,	-	-	-	75
Number admitted,	-	-	-	915
“ Suspended,	-	-	-	290
“ Expelled,	-	-	-	766
“ Deaths,	-	-	-	36
“ Violated pledge,	-	-	-	314
“ Reinstated,	-	-	-	108
“ Violated Pledge, 2d time,	-	-	-	84

Contributing Members, 3157 being 1000 less than previous year.

There is such discrepancies in many of the Returns from quarter to quarter, that it is almost impossible to give a correct statistical account. There were 12 less Divisions working in 1853 than in 1852, which in some measure accounts for the difference in the number of Contributing Members. Many of the small Divisions in districts where a lecturer or assistance never reaches them, will have to surrender, notices to this effect having been already received. Returns for the quarter ending 31st December, 1853, have been received from the following Divisions since the publication of last Report, viz.: Cape Breton 27, Archangel 40, Bethlehem 87, Olive Branch 44, Railway 111. The following Divisions have not sent in their Report for the quarter ending 31st March, 1854, Concord, No. 5, Avondale 13, Walton 23, Cape Breton 27, Prince of Wales 30, Pugwash 36, Archangel 40, Olive Branch 44, Sterling 51, Albion Mines 79, New Glasgow 18, Iron Age 82, Bethlehem 89, Chedabucto 93, North 99, Wilmot 103, Compeer 107.

The following Divisions are not working, Union 39, Grand Pre 47, Elysium 77, Port George 87, Britannia 91, Nelson 95.

Two new Divisions have been instituted since last Session of G. D., Maine Law, No. 114, Upper Rawdon, by Rev. J. Cameron, D.G.W.P. on 5th February last, and Phoenix, No. 115, Bridgewater, by J. Joseph Rudolf, Esq., D.G.W.P., on 4th instant. Petitions are expected from other Quarters for Charters to open New Divisions: this is somewhat encouraging, and I trust that each New Division will become powerful for good in their several localities. Fresh zeal has manifested itself in several districts since the visit of our Agent, and it affords me much pleasure to testify in favour of Lunenburg in this respect, where our quarterly Session was held this time last year. Prince William 29, and Rock 63, have both resumed work after two years inactivity, but I am happy to say, both of them with a full determination to give all the aid they can in the struggle which must be carried on against the Liquor Traffic.

The Financial affairs of the G. D. have never been in a more prosperous state, I have remitted to the M. W. Scribe a cheque in full for all demands against this G. D. to this date, including new Ritual, and the Treasurer's account will exhibit ample funds to meet all demands against us. I should feel much better pleased if more punctuality was manifested by some of the Subordinate Divisions in forwarding their returns to this office, for I should then be in a position to give a correct account of the state of the order which would not

only be gratifying to me, but satisfactory to this G. D., for I feel that from the delay in this respect my reports are not as full as they should be, having to hurry, them on the eve of my departure for the Quarterly Sessions. I sincerely hope that in future this defect may be remedied, and with fervent and sincere wishes that our meeting at this time may not only be profitable to ourselves but advantageous to the cause of Temperance and morality throughout the province.

I remain, Yours, in L. P. and F.

WM. SCOTT,
G. Scribe.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read a communication from P.G. W.P. Johnston in reference to the Prohibitory Liquor Law, which on motion was referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Communications were read from Chebucto, Micmac and Mayflower Divisions in reference to the New Ritual, which were referred to Committee on Communications.

The Convention Committee reported as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Division to arrange for a Provincial Temperance Convention, beg leave to report that they proceeded in due time, to invite Delegates from all parts of the Province to meet at Halifax on the last Wednesday in February last. In compliance with that invitation a large number of the leading Temperance men from the different Counties assembled in the Division Room at Temperance Hall (kindly granted to the Convention by the Divisions in the City) and after appointing a Chairman, and Secretary, proceeded to perfect a prohibitory Law, such as they intended to ask the Legislature to pass.

The Committee invited Dr. Cramp, G.W.P. to come to Halifax for the purpose of expressing the views of the Convention at the Bar of the House, some difficulty having arisen to render such a hearing somewhat unpalatable to members of the Assembly. The Convention invited the Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly to hear their chairman at the Temperance Hall, which invitation was accepted, and a majority of both Houses attended and listened attentively to a most able address from the G. W. Patriarch. The Committee are of opinion that a lasting impression has been made for good upon many minds by the assembling of such a Convention as took place, and trust that before many days they will see the fruits thereof.

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

CHARLES ROBSON, } Convention
W. M. BROWN, } Committee.
M. G. BLACK, Jr., Sec'y.

Halifax, 24th April, 1854

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read his own and the G. Treasurer's accounts, which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, Resolved that the G. D. walk in Procession this afternoon, at 2 p.m., in connection with the Subordinate Divisions to the Baptist Meeting House, to hold a Public Meeting.

The G.D. adjourned to meet at half-past 6 o'clock, p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The G. D. opened in due form the G.W.P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. 'Treas., G. Conductor, G. Sentinel.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Chap., P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled same as in the morning Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G.D. declared open for Business.

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz.: John Mills, Wm. Gilliatt, Leander Eaton, Daniel Cogswell.

Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

The Grand Scribe read the following report :

The Standing Committee on Bye Laws beg to report that they have had under consideration the Bye Laws of Exeter, Maine Law, Queen's Own, and Railway Divisions. The sum named in Section Article 2 for monthly dues in Maine Law, Railway, and Exeter Divisions, is incorrect not being in accordance with the Constitution, which provides that dues shall not be less than one shilling and one penny per month. In the table of fines, the words "for violation of Article 2, not less than 5s." should be left out, this matter being provided for in the Constitution, under the 7th Section of Article 10. Article 4, Section 3, Bye-Laws Railway Division to be amended, as the Division has no authority to remit fines imposed by the Constitution, see Article 10, sec. 7 and 11 of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, also Section 1 of the same Article.

In Queen's Own Division, Section 1, Article 2, the words one shilling and three pence per quarter to be struck out, not being in accordance with Article 6, Section 1, of the Constitution Subordinate Divisions, and the words "Inclusive of the Poll Tax to the

Grand Division" also to be left out, as this item is to be paid by the Division and not by the Members; and in Section 5 of the same Article, the words "Inclusive of the Poll Tax to the G. D." to be left out for the reason above stated.

The Committee would submit for the consideration of the Grand Division, whether Article 4, Chapter 2 of the Revised Rules is not obligatory upon Subordinate Divisions as well as upon Grand Divisions, as they observe in one of the copies of Bye-Laws submitted to them a reference to "A Widow's and Orphan's fund."

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

Signed

WM. L. BELL,
P. MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN,

Halifax, April 19th, 1854.

Adopted, and the question answered in the negative.

The Standing Committee reported the Constitution and Bye-Laws of this G.D., revised, as per vote of last quarterly Session.

On motion adopted, and one thousand Copies ordered to be printed.

The G.D. adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

April 27th, 1854.

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

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G.T., G. Con., G. Sen.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Chap., P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled same as in the previous Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G.D. declared open for Business.

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz: James Smith, William Eaton, Abel Parker, and William C. Shaw.

Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

The Committee on State of the Order handed in the following report:

The Committee appointed to Report on the State of the Order, submit, as follows:

The causes of congratulation and encouragement, mentioned in the Report of the G.W. Patriarch, are heartily and gratefully recommended

by your Committee,—while the causes of regret, they believe, should only induce to perseverance, better preparation for the future, and more zealous efforts in promotion of the great objects of our fraternity.

Without expressing an opinion on the propriety of the withdrawal of the Bill for prohibitory enactments, the Committee agree, that the fact should cause more early and extended exertions, in reference to Petitioning, and other legitimate and prudent modes of increasing legislative influence in favour of the measure.

The Committee heartily second the suggestions concerning, a lecture, the distribution of tracts, and the use of the Newspaper Press in the cause of Temperance.

The requirements connected with the first, are, adequate means and competent agency ; but the Committee hope and believe, that if the former were realized, the latter might be obtained ; and they think, in reference to the former, that some right feeling and proper arrangements, are all that is wanted to secure an amount amply sufficient.

Tracts might be obtained from England and the United States, on cheap terms and of very useful character ;—but the Committee suggest that a Nova Scotia Tract, on the history and nature of the prohibitory question, might be productive of much interest and benefit.

This Committee understand that certain publishers of morning and other newspapers, in Halifax, have intimated willingness to publish in their respective papers, articles favourable to Temperance. This affords important opportunity for effective advocacy of the Cause. The want is, the appropriation of time and talent to the work. In this department, particularly, there should be a harmonious junction of zeal, perseverance and much prudence. Mistaken efforts might cause dissatisfaction and difficulty, while judicious contributions might have very happy effects.

The Committee recognize the very great importance of legal enactments in the Cause of Temperance ; but they would respectfully and earnestly urge, persevering attention to the time-honoured instruments of Moral Suasion, and the promulgation of abstract Temperance principles ; and as one means of this, the renewal and zealous support of the old Temperance Societies.

The Committee congratulate the Grand Division on the state of its Financial affairs,—and suggest that careful supervision should be unremittingly observed, to keep them in a healthy condition.

The expulsion of Members, from Subordinate Divisions, for non-payment of dues, continues to be a source of regret. The circumstance should lead perhaps, to some consideration of increased liberty in reference to non-benefit Membership, and application on the subject to the National Division.

The Committee would repeat regrets intimated in the G. Scribe's Report, concerning inattention to the forwarding of returns ; and they appeal to the Subordinate Divisions, generally, to thoroughly remedy the cause of inaccuracy and weakness.

Questions respecting the New Ritual require, from all concerned, the exercise of prudence and patience. Some of the language of this Ritual is of the highest character,—but objections have arisen

apparently, from incongruity of some of its parts, and perhaps too wide departure from the former ceremonies. Modification and better acquaintance, may cause more favourable impression concerning the recently prescribed form.

The Committee bear testimony to the very valuable services of brother James Johnson, of New Brunswick, as Agent and Lecturer in Nova Scotia, for five months, commencing in December 1853. They regret brother Johnson's retirement from the field where such services are so much required;—but they hope that his exertions for the Cause will continue to be effective, in and about the place of his residence, and occasionally, at least, as a visiting lecturer, to various parts of this and the neighbouring Province.

The Committee hail the commencement of New Divisions, and of additions to those for some time on the list;—and they conclude by expressing an earnest opinion, that the brethren generally should renew their hope and faith as regards the success of the Cause,—and should heroically and as christian men, adopt and prosecute measures for final triumph. In all their ways they would acknowledge Divine Providence,—but they believe that human instrumentality forms the means of noble accomplishment,—and that the right motive and exertion will meet with more than commensurate blessing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. HUNT, J. S. THOMPSON, JOSHUA ELLS,	}	Committee.
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Adopted.

On motion the following Resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to take in charge the collection of means for the employment of a Travelling Temperance Agent and Lecturer, or Agents and Lecturers; and that each Subordinate Division be requested to appoint a member as collector, to correspond with the said Committee, and transmit from time to time the funds so collected.

Committee appointed—M. G. Black, G. Van Buskirk, G. J. Creed.

That a Committee of Three be appointed to seek for the services of a suitable person or persons as Lecturer and Agent,—and that the duties of this Committee commence when the Committee of Collection give intimation that the adequate means may be anticipated.

Committee appointed—W. L. Bell, W. Ackhurst, W. Howe.

That a Committee of Three be appointed for the obtaining of Tracts on Temperance, and for providing a Nova Scotia Tract, as recommended in the Report on the State of the Order.

Committee appointed—Rev. J. McMurray, Rev. P. G. McGregor, S. Selden.

That a Committee of Three be appointed to provide contributions to the Morning Press, on the subject of Temperance, as recommended by the Committee on the State of the Order,—and to superintend

the publishing of the same—and that the G.W.P. appoint the Committees named in the above resolutions.

Committee appointed—R. McLearn, C. Robson, Alex. James.

Brother Dickie read the following report :

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the G. D. beg leave to report, that they have performed that duty, by carefully examining the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, comparing them with the vouchers, which they find correct. They would express their satisfaction at the correct and business like manner in which the Books have been kept.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

CHARLES DICKIE, Chairman, }
 W. H. TROOP, } Committee.
 JAMES M. SILVER. }

Cornwallis, April 27th, 1854.

Adopted.

The G.D. adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

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 AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G.D. opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G.W.P. G. Scribe, G.T., G. Con., G. Sent.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Chap., P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled same as previous Session.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G.D. declared open for Business.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

Brother N. Tupper read the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, April 27th, 1854.

The Committee on Communications beg leave to report that having had under consideration several Resolutions passed on the subject of the new Ritual by three of the Subordinate Divisions, are of opinion that it would be injudicious to take any definite action on the subject until a more full expression of the views of Subordinate Divisions has been received.

Meantime the Committee feel it their duty to state their conviction that no Subordinate Division has any right to refuse to act upon the new Ritual, or to retain the old ; as it has not been left optional by the National Division.

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

NATHAN TUPPER,
 S. FITCH, M.D.
 C. C. HAMILTON.

Adopted.

On motion of Brother J. S. Thompson.

Resolved, That the G.W.P. be requested to call the attention of the N.D. to part 13 of its Constitution, and to urge by every proper

means in his power, the emendation of that Article, so as to prevent without due consideration in reference to Grand and Subordinate Divisions, unjust alterations in the rules and usages of the Order.

On motion of Grand Scribe.

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. D. be given to the Brethren of Canard Division, No. 50, for the use of their Hall during this Quarterly Session of G. D. and for the hospitality and kindness which we have received from them.

On motion of Brother Hamilton.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Division be presented to P. G. W. P. the Rev. J. McMurray, for his able advocacy on a recent occasion of the Cause of Temperance, as maintained in this Order, and for his long-continued and consistent labours in this department of the great moral enterprise.

On motion of Grand Sentinel.

Resolved, That the expences of the G. W. P. in attending the Annual Session of National Division in June next be paid.

On motion.

Resolved, That the expences of the Officers in attending this quarterly Session of G. D. be paid.

On motion, *Resolved*, that 300 copies of the Journal of this quarterly Session of G. D. be printed.

The G. Scribe submitted the following accounts which were passed and ordered to be paid, viz.:

James Bowes & Son,	- -	£5 17 6
F. G. Fuller, (Express Expences)		1 16 10
Knight & Son, - - - -		0 17 6
Athenæum Office, - - - -		1 17 6

On motion of Grand Conductor.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Division be tendered to those Members of the House of Assembly who voted in favour of the Prohibitory Liquor Bill, at the recent Session of the Legislature.

On motion of Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the duty of this G. D. as it respects the Athenæum Newspaper, who shall report at the next Session of this G. D.

Committee appointed, Bros. J. S. Thompson, C. B. Naylor, W. M. Brown.

The G. Scribe moved the following:

Whereas, P. G. W. A. A. M. Gidney, has not been in a position to have his Credentials into this G. D. until the present time. Therefore, *Resolved* that he be elected a Representative to the N. D. at its annual Session in June next.

Minutes of this Session read and approved.

The Grand Division was declared closed, to meet at Annapolis on Wednesday, 26th day of July, next.

WILLIAM SCOTT, *G. Scribe*.

The Grand Division of Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, in account with the Grand Treasurer.

		Dr.		£	s.	d.
1854.						
Feb'y 1.	To Cash paid G. Chap. expenses in Oct.	-	-	2	15	0
Mar. 29.	Do. G. S. Do. to Stewiacke,	-	-	1	15	0
	Do. G. W. P. Do. Do.	-	-	2	14	7
31.	Do. G. W. P. Do. to Convention,	-	-	2	0	0
April 24.	Do. Fuller, for Draft to National Division,	-	-	29	2	1
	Balance on hand,	-	-	13	17	1
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				£52	3	9
		Cr.				
Feb'y 1.	By Balance from last Quarter,	-	£2 1 8			
Mar. 29.	" Cash from G. Scribe,	-	10 10 0			
April 24.	" Do. Do.	-	39 12 1—	£52	3	9
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	By Balance brought down,	-	-	£13	17	1

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For N. TUPPER, G.T.
M. G. BLACK, Jr.

Halifax, 24th April, 1854.

The Agency Fund in account with the Grand Treasurer.

		Dr.		£	s.	d.
1854.						
March 6.	To paid J. Johnson, Esq., per Order	-	-	29	4	5
April 21.	" Do. per Memo.	-	-	21	9	8
	" G. Christie, per Receipt	-	-	5	0	0
	Balance in hand,	-	-	74	7	3½
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				£130	1	4½
		Cr.				
1854.						
Jan'y 28.	By Balance from previous Quarter,	£67	17 4½			
March 6.	Cash from G. S.	-	20 4 5			
April 24.	Do. Do.	-	41 19 7—	£130	1	4½
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	By Balance to next quarter,	-	-	£74	7	3½

E. E.

For NATHAN TUPPER, G.T.
M. G. BLACK, Jr.

Halifax, N. S., 24th April, 1854.

Grand Division of Nova Scotia, in account with Wm. Scott, G. S.

		£ s. d.	
1854.			
Jan'y 26.	By Balance due G. D., per last account,		0 7 5
	Per centage rec. on acct. of quar. ending, 31st Dec., 1853.		
	From Truro Division, 25s., Canard, 31s. 3d., Lake, 15s. 6d., Wallace, 12s. 6., Wilmot, 103—4s. 6d., Morning Star, 4s. 6d., Morning Star, 59—2s. 6d., Agricola, 7s. 6d., Wilmot, 83—7s. 6d., Railway, 13s. 9d., Cape Breton, 7s. 6d., Archangel, 8s. 6d., Bethlehem, 4s. 3d., Olive Brauch, 7s. 6d., Union, 2s. 6d., Royal, 1s. 3d.		7 16 0
Feb. 22.	E. H. Harrington in full for per centages,		0 17 6
	On acct. Agency fund from following Divisions, viz.:		
	Cumberland, 60s., Wilmot, 103—10s., Rising Sun, 20s., Pugwash, 60s., Harmony, 20s., Mechanics, 60s., Westport, 60s., Union, 6—50s., Chester, 30s., Geo. Mitchell, Esq., Donation, 10s., Canard, 50s., Hantsport, 20s., North Star, 60s., Concord, 40s., New Caledonia, 40s., Star, 49s., Hebron, 40s., Acadia, 40s., Central, 40s., Milton, 40s., Young Men's, 40s.		43 0 0
	Collections at following places:		
	Rawdon, 12s. 6d., Windsor, 20s., Musquodoboit, 5s. 3d., Maitland, 22s., Falmouth, 10s., Gore, 6s. 9d., Nine Mile River, 14s. 3d., Kempt, 5s., Windsor, 40s. 9d., Chester, 17s. 6d., Bridgewater, 25s., Mills Village, 4s. 2d., Fork Island, 9s., Liverpool, £3 9s. 10d., Shelburne, £1 3s. 1d., Barrington, 11s. 2d., Yarmouth, £2 2s. 6d., Weymouth, 10s. 1½d., Bear River, 15s. 2d., Granville, 12s. 6d., Bridgetown, 7s. 6d., Berwick, 9s., Wolfville, 13s. 1½d.		19 4 0
	Less deficient at Halifax, £1 2s. 7d.		0 2 3
April 1.	Columbia Division,		2 10 0
	Charter for Phoenix Division, 25s., Maine Law, 25s.		1 2 6
	Dispensa. fee N. Caledonia, 1s. 3d., Mainmast, 21s. 3d.		1 3 0
13.	Heman Crowell,		0 13 9
	Henry Stewart, on acct.,		1 7 6
	Cards during quarter. 18s. 6d., Blank Returns, 9s.		25 8 7
21.	Per centage as per return, for 53 Divisions,		19 10 0
	For New Ritual from 50 Divisions,		£126 2 6
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Cr.			
Mar. 29.	By cash paid G. T. general acct.	£10 10 0	
April 21.	Do. Do.	39 12 1	
			50 2 1
March 6.	Do. Agency fund,	20 4 5	
April 21.	Do. Do.	41 19 7	
			62 4 0
	" Postages this quarter,		1 2 0
Feb. 21.	" H. Stewart, short remitted,		0 10 0
April 21.	Grand Scribe's salary, 1 quarter,		7 10 0
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			£121 8 1
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	Balance		£4 14 5

Halifax. 21th April, 1854.