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

At the Annual Session, held at Halifax, October 2nd, 1851.

HALIFAX, N. S..

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1851.

Quarterly Report of Grand Scribe to Grand Division for Quarter beginning 1st July, and ending 30th September, 1851.

NAMES OF DIVISIONS.	No. of Divisions.	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Violated Pledge.	Reinstated.	Violated Pledge 2d time.	Contributing Members.	Cash received.	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per centage to Grand Division.
1 Acadia	1	Yarmouth	1	18	2					54	25 15 0	112 15 0	339 3 1	50 5 9
2 Central	2	Yarmouth								32	4 4 9		13 16 6	0 3 9
4 Milton	4	Yarmouth								21	3 0 9		54 12 7	0 3 4 3
5 Concord	5	Bawington								66	4 6 10 1/2		36 16 6	0 4 2 1/2
6 Union	6	Pigby								107	6 17 7 1/2		37 6 1 1/2	0 6 10 1/2
7 Chebucto	7	Halifax	14	12	19	3	2	1		223	37 15 8 1/2	17 5 0	234 12 7	1 17 9
8 Micmac	8	Halifax	2	1	1	1				113	15 1 6	9 9 0	102 9 11	0 15 1 1/2
9 Mayflower	9	Halifax	3	1	1	1				66	8 17 1			0 8 16
10 Victoria	10	Liverpool	2	21						89	15 6 2 1/2	10 10 0	34 10 0	0 15 4
11 Albert*	11	Milton, Queen's County								82	10 18 1 1/2	3 0 0	107 6 2	0 10 1 1/2
12 Avon	12	Windsor	4	1						70	4 15 0		5 15 8	0 11 1
13 Avondale	13	Newport								91	10 8 9	9 10 0	64 0 0	0 10 4
14 New Caledonia	14	Granville				1	1	2		52	9 12 8	3 19 0	56 11 2	0 9 6
15 Westport	15	Westport				3				146	26 9 11	1 10 0	126 18 6	1 6 6
16 Oriental	16	Pictou	14							46	2 11 7		25 0 0	0 2 7 1/2
17 Chebogue	17	Chebogue	3	1				1		79	19 11 0	4 5 3	53 19 8	0 10 6 1/2
18 New Glasgow	18	New Glasgow	11							62	5 8 9	6 0 0	21 0 3	0 2 4 1/2
19 Hebron	19	Yarmouth				1	1			28	2 7 0	6 10 0	18 0 0	0 2 4
20 Coldstream	20	Windsor								24	2 1 1 1/2	1 0 0	14 2 10	0 2 1
21 Maitland*	21	Maitland								92	19 2 6	6 10 0	65 11 9	0 19 0
22 Walton	22	Walton				1				25	5 0 3	0 15 0	15 4 1 1/2	0 5 0
23 Columbia	23	Weymouth								43	4 15 10 1/2	3 3 6	20 0 0	0 4 5 1/2
24 Roseway*	24	Shelburne								17	1 0 0		8 16 9	0 1 0
25 Howard	25	Halifax								21	4 0 7 1/2		11 13 6	0 4 0
26 Cape Breton	26	Halifax	9	9						33	5 9 4 1/2	1 2 6	19 15 9	0 5 7 1/2
27 Wilberforce	27	N. Sydney	1	1						62	6 11 12		87 7 8	0 6 10
28 Prince William*	28	Nictau, Wilnot	1	1						110	13 3 2 1/2	11 5 0	76 8 0	0 13 2
29 Wilberforce	29	Windsor								136	21 16 4 1/2	6 12 8	199 11 10	1 1 9
30 Prince of Wales	30	Mill Village								27	1 16 3		14 9 11	0 1 10
31 Medway	31	Medway				1				42	8 1 1 1/2	3 15 0	21 14 5	0 0 9
32 Chester	32	Chester								124	17 18 7	4 10 0	103 18 5	0 8 1
33 Mechanics	33	Dartmouth								39	3 9 4 1/2	2 10 0	25 10 0	0 3 5 1/2
34 Cumberland	34	Anherst								36	4 14 0		17 10 0	0 4 9
35 Pugwash	35	Pugwash	1	5	3	2	1			46	0 19 4 1/2		33 3 0	0 7 0
36 Royal*	36	Hillsburgh	20	1						63	3 12 9	4 0 0	42 0 0	0 8 7
37 Morning Star	37	Cheveree								48	3 14 7		20 0 0	0 3 9
38 Uni n	38	Newport								54	7 11 2 1/2	5 0 0	68 8 0	0 7 6 1/2
39 Arehangel	39	Newport								95	13 10 7	6 0 0	91 14 10	0 13 6
40 Grand Fre*	40	Sydney Mines								38	9 6 6	3 15 0	30 18 5	0 9 6
41 Minas	41	Truro								26	3 11 3		9 12 10	0 3 7
42 Oak	42	Wolfville								50	2 16 3		30 4 7	0 3 4 1/2
43 Olive Branch	43	Kentville								58	8 7 1	2 11 4 1/2	63 3 3	0 8 4 1/2
44 Paradise	44	Bridgetown								17	1 15 0		11 18 1 1/2	0 1 9
45 Port Royal	45	Wilnot								42	11 6 3	3 5 0	33 10 5	1 3 10
46 Grand Fre*	46	Annapolis								100	23 3 7	4 10 0	88 2 6	1 3 2
47 Dou, lassville*	47	Lower Horton								32	2 19 6		24 0 3	0 3 0
48 Star	48	Doug assville								45	8 3 6		51 13 6	0 8 3
49 Canard	49	Ragged Islands								64	11 3 9		14 14 0	0 11 2
50 Stirling	50	Cornwallis								21	1 10 7	1 15 0	10 14 8	0 1 6
51 Rising Sun	51	Tatamagouche								31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
52 Smiten Rock	52	Musquodoboit								20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
53 Queen's Own	53	Durham Village								46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
54 Bridgewater	54	Liverpool								28	6 5 7		10 7 5	0 6 3 1/2
55 Mariner*	55	Bridgewater								31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
56 North Star	56	Yarmouth								20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
57 Morning Star*	57	River John, Pictou								46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
58 Lunenburg	58	Halifax								28	6 5 7		10 7 5	0 6 3 1/2
59 Star in the East	59	St. Margaret's Bay								42	11 6 3	3 5 0	33 10 5	1 3 10
60 Hantsport*	60	Lunenburg								100	23 3 7	4 10 0	88 2 6	1 3 2
61 Caledonia	61	Pictou								32	2 19 6		24 0 3	0 3 0
62 Mahone Bay	62	Hantsport								45	8 3 6		51 13 6	0 8 3
63 Harmony*	63	Maitland								64	11 3 9		14 14 0	0 11 2
64 Aurora	64	Cornwallis								21	1 10 7	1 15 0	10 14 8	0 1 6
65 Mariner*	65	St. Margaret's Bay								31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
66 Lake	66	Antigonishe								20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
67 Agricola*	67	Cornwallis								46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
68 Columbia*	68	Stewiacke								28	6 5 7		10 7 5	0 6 3 1/2
69 Petro*	69	Pugwash								31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
70 Wallace	70	Cornwallis								20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
71 Sydney, C. B.*	71	Wallace								46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
72 Elysium*	72	Sydney, C. B.								28	6 5 7		10 7 5	0 6 3 1/2
73 Greenwood*	73	Sydney, C. B.								42	11 6 3	3 5 0	33 10 5	1 3 10
74 Albion Mines *	74	Albion Mines								100	23 3 7	4 10 0	88 2 6	1 3 2
75 Acadian*	75	Falmouth								32	2 19 6		24 0 3	0 3 0
76 Iron Age	76	Albion Mines								45	8 3 6		51 13 6	0 8 3
77 Lalla Rookh	77	Musquodoboit								64	11 3 9		14 14 0	0 11 2
78 Herald*	78	L. Londonderry								21	1 10 7	1 15 0	10 14 8	0 1 6
79 Father Mathew	79	U. Londonderry								31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
80 Clements Arch	80	Kempt								20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
81 Wilnot*	81	Wilmot								46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
82 Bethlehem	82	Stewiacke								28	6 5 7		10 7 5	0 6 3 1/2
83 Herald*	83	N. W. Arm, Sydney								42	11 6 3	3 5 0	33 10 5	1 3 10
84 Britannia	84	Sydney Bar								100	23 3 7	4 10 0	88 2 6	1 3 2
85 Kellogg	85	Windsor								32	2 19 6		24 0 3	0 3 0
86 Chebucto*	86	Douglas								45	8 3 6		51 13 6	0 8 3
87 Rising Star	87	Guy'sborough								64	11 3 9		14 14 0	0 11 2
88 Nelson	88	Bridgewater								21	1 10 7	1 15 0	10 14 8	0 1 6
89 Athenæum	89	Halifax								31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
90 Evening Star *	90	Lunenburg								20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
91 North	91	Wilmot Mountain								46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
92 Invincible	92	Aylesford								28	6 5 7		10 7 5	0 6 3 1/2
93	93									31	5 1 5 1/2	1 10 0	22 1 3	0 5 4 1/2
94	94									20	2 1 11		8 14 2	0 2 9
95	95									46	6 10 9		29 6 0	0 6 3
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SONS OF TEMPERANCE,
OF NOVA SCOTIA.



Fourth Annual Session.

TEMPERANCE HALL, HALIFAX, }
WEDNESDAY, Oct. 22, 1851, 10 o'clock, A. M. }

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia assembled, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Hon. James W. Johnston, in the Chair.

Officers present.—G. W. P., Hon. J. W. Johnston.
G. S., Alex. Hichborn.
G. C., E. G. W. Greenwood.
G. T., J. D. B. Fraser.
G. Sent., G. Willett.

Officers absent.—G. A., John Campbell,
G. C., Rev. Jas. Bayne.

G.W.P. appointed Rev. N. Vidito Grand Chaplain *pro.tem.*
Brother N. Tupper appointed G. W. A. *pro. tem.* Prayer
by G. Chaplain *pro. tem.* G. W. P. declared the G. D. ready
for business.

G. W. P. appointed the following Committee on Credentials:
Committee—Brothers R. McLearn, E. Sterns and W. Moore.

A Committee appointed at a Special Session of the Grand Division, to report on the order of business, submitted several recommendations, which were adopted and acted upon.

Moved,—in amendment to Resolution that there be a procession this day,—that the procession be postponed until to-morrow afternoon, which amendment was carried.

Resolved,—That an invitation to walk in procession, to-morrow, be extended to the different Temperance Associations in Halifax.

Brothers Brown and Ackhurst were appointed a Committee to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Brother E. Joyce was appointed as Messenger for this Session of the G. D.

On motion,

Resolved,—That the Report of the Business Committee be so far amended, that the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Session, on the prohibition of the liquor traffic, be received this afternoon.

Resolved,—That when the G. D. adjourn, it be at one o'clock, to meet again at half past two.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

Committee on Bye-Laws.—Brothers Rev. J. McMurray, W. A. Blewitt and Rev. N. Vidito.

Committee on Appeals.—Brothers Chas. Robson, J. D. B. Fraser and Rev. G. Christie.

Committee on Communications.—Brothers Rev. Dr. Crawley, Silas Morse and C. W. H. Harris.

Auditing Committee.—Brothers C. B. Naylor, John Whyt-
al and Nathan Tupper.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following correct:

Grand Pre Division, No. 47.

Charles W. Harris,	P. W. P.
Arthur M. Wier,	"
Judah Borden,	"
Andrew Borden,	"
Jacob B. Curran,	"
James E. Rathburn,	"
James W. Harris,	"
Ebenezer Curry,	"
Edward Bayne,	W. P.

Truro Division, No. 41.

A. L. Archibald,	P. W. P.
George Redding,	"
E. F. Munro,	"
Samuel Rettie,	"
Jas. F. Blanchard,	"
J. K. Blair,	"
David McCurdy,	"
Charles H. Blair,	"
S. C. W. Archibald,	"
Charles Blanchard,	"
Charles B. Archibald,	"
John Burnyeat,	W. P.

Chester Division, No. 32.

John L. Corkum, W. P.
Wm. Evans, P. W. P.
Calvin Mosher, "

Paradise Division, No. 45.

Samuel Morse, W. P.
Rev. N. Vidito, P. W. P.
Edward Bent, "
John Emslie, "
Asaph Marshall, "
Avard Longley, "
Handley E. Fitch, "
Joseph Elliot, "
Martyn Morse, "
Obadiah Neilley, "
Daniel Nichols, "

Star in the East Division No. 61.

William Turnbull, P. W. F.

Oak Division, No. 43.

James E. Dewolf, P. W. P.
John F. Hutcheson, "
Winkworth Chipman, "
Wm. H. Chipman, "
Wm. Eaton, "
George E. Masters, "
David Chipman, "
Charles A Masters, "
Wm. H. Seaman, W. P.

Avon Division, No. 12.

Simon Black, P. W. P.
J. P. Smith, "

Cunard Division, No. 50.

R. Starr, "
A. S. Hunt, "
C. C. Hamilton, "
J. Borden, "
G. E. Barnaby, "
Jas. Hardwick, "
C. W. Rathburn, "
J. B. Rockwell, "
Leander Rand, "

Oriental Division, No. 16.

Mr. Henry, W. P.
Luther Brackett, P. W. P.
J. D. B. Fraser, "
W. B. Henderson, "
James Murdoch, "
Alex. McPhail, "
James Fogo, "
Roderick Fraser, "
Peter Grant, "
William Brownrigg, "
James McLennan, "
Adam McKeen, "

Lake Division, No. 71.

Nathan Tupper, P. W. P.

Nelson Division, No. 95.

John Ross, P. W. P.
Luther Bent, "
James Park, "

Olive Branch Division, No. 44.

Enoch Dodge, P. W. P.

Avondale Division, No. 13.

Nicholas Mosher, P. W. P.
James Mosher, "

Queen's Own Division, No. 54.

Thos. R. Patillo, P. W. P.

Cumberland Division, No. 35.

Michael Gordon, P. W. P.
James Page, "
James Ferguson, "
Benjamin Page, "
Wm. Moore, "
Aaron Church, "
Thos. Roach, "
Wm. Atkinson, "
Frederick Bulmer, "
Charles Tupper, W. P.

Rising Sun Division, No. 52.

R. Layton, P. W. P.

<i>Port George Division, No. 86.</i>	<i>Howard Division, No. 26.</i>
Wm. Marshall, P. W. P.	J. W. Johnston, P. W. P.
	Robert Noble, "
<i>Mayflower Division, No. 9.</i>	Robert G. Noble, "
L. E. Van Buskirk, P. W. P.	John C. Craigen, "
James Jackson, "	Simon F. Barss, "
Thos. Angus, "	Wm. Full, "
Daniel Wier, "	J. Metzler, "
John Buckpitt, "	Wm. Scott, "
Wm. Fenton, "	G. G. Gray, "
Charles Waterman, "	Robert Boak, "
	James Spike, "
<i>North Star Division, No. 58.</i>	<i>Caledonia Division, No. 65.</i>
Robert Graham, P. W. P.	Wm. Romans, P. W. P.
John L. Whytal, "	Alex. C. McDonald, "
Robert M. Beamish, "	Thos. R. Fraser, "
J. J. Uhlman, "	Jas. McDonald, "
John R. Wilson, "	Peter Crerar, "
Rev. A. Hichborn, "	Matthew Archibald, "
Henry Moseley, W. P.	Wm. Walker, "
	Allen Fullerton, "
<i>Chebucto Division, No. 8.</i>	Edwd. M. McDonald, "
J. Heenon, W. P.	Wm. McKenzie, W. P.
J. W. Barss, P. W. P.	
C. B. Naylor, "	<i>Wilberforce Division, No. 28.</i>
Daniel Gallagher, "	Gilbert Willett, P. W. P.
Edward Jost, "	Daniel Sanders, "
W. Ackhurst, "	
R. H. Wetmore, "	<i>New Caledonia Division,</i>
J. W. Quinan, "	<i>No. 14.</i>
Thos. Wesley, "	Robert Delap, W. P.
A. J. Ritchie, "	
W. F. Knight, "	<i>Micmac Division, No. 8.</i>
J. S. Thompson, "	Peter Benree, W. P.
John Martin, "	Adam Fife, P. W. P.
Rev. P. G. McGregor, "	George Creed, "
	Bryan Cochran, "
<i>Mechanics' Division, No. 31.</i>	George W. Bowes, "
Rich. McLearn, W. P.	Samuel Gray, "
Jas. Woodaman, P. W. P.	J. E. Cabot, "
S. Selden, "	Thos. Nixon, "
C. Robson, "	John S. Wylde, "
Jas. Turner, "	J. A. Jost, "
John Burton, "	E. Power, "
Nath'l Russell, "	E. R. Jost, "
Alex. James, "	
Edwd. Foster, "	

justness, as absolutely necessary to the vitality and effective working of our organization in this Province; and we are sanguine as to the success of the present Periodical, if but earnest attempts were made in every locality, and in every Division, to extend its circulation. We regret to say that its present number of subscribers is only about 650, and we need not inform the Grand Division that with this limited circulation, at the present price, it cannot be sustained. Were the existence of *The Athenæum*, the only Temperance Journal in the Province, to be brought to a premature close, and at the present time, purely for want of that patronage, which we feel confident might be accorded to it, we could not but regard the circumstance as exceedingly untoward; and disastrous to our cause. We cannot deem it advisable to increase the price of this Journal, and as the only mode of sustaining it, we hope the Grand Division at its present session will be able to devise and adopt such means, as will conduce to its extended circulation. The brethren present may possibly be able to guarantee an increased number of subscribers from their several localities, and in addition thereto, we would advise that a circular be prepared and forwarded to every Division in the Province, urging upon the brethren the claims of the Paper, and soliciting their hearty support.

Another matter in connection with this subject, to which we would call attention, is the necessity of furnishing original communications of an appropriate character, and in making its columns the medium of disseminating general information respecting the progress of our principles in our own Province, and thereby fulfil one of its objects as a local Journal.

Hoping that this Grand Division may be able to place this our official organ in a better position, and that our brotherhood under this jurisdiction may be brought generally to feel a lively interest therein.

We submit this statement in L. P. & F.

J. McMURRAY,
ALEX. HICHBORN,
CHARLES ROBSON,

Grand Division Room, October 22, 1851.

Brother Tupper moved for Committee on said Report, and for recommending the best mode of extending the circulation.

Committee—Brothers McGregor, Tupper, Christie, W. Scott and Drumm.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to Report respecting the G. D. debt.

Committee—Brothers Buskirk, Thompson, and Starr.

Communications respecting Incorporations from sundry Divisions being presented,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed, and the said Communication referred to said Committee.

Committee—Brothers S. L. Morse, Blanchard, and C. W. Harris.

Appeals from Coldstream Division read, and referred to Committee on Appeals.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the Journal of National Division, with reference to Appeals.

Committee—Brothers Waterman, Ross, and Dodge.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to arrange for a Public Meeting.

Committee—Brothers Ackhurst, Buckpitt, Greenwood, Angus, and Romans.

Grand Division adjourned.

- AFTERNOON SESSION, October 22, 1851.

Grand Division met at half-past two. G. W. P. in the Chair Prayer by Chaplain. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. T., G. C., and G. Scribe.

Absent—G. W. A., G. S., G. Chap.

Brother Quinan appointed G. W. A. *pro tem*.

“ Christie “ G. Chap. “

“ Dauphiney “ G. Sent. “

Moved that a Committee be appointed to whom should be referred the question of appointment of Deputies.

Committee—Brothers Fraser, Bell, Starr, Mosher, and P. G. W. P.

Moved by Brother McMurray that a Committee be appointed to nominate the most proper persons for Officers of the G. D. for the next current year.

On the question being taken the motion was lost.

Brother Thompson from the Committee on the Liquor Traffic reported, which Report was read, embodying a Petition to the Legislature, as follows :

To the Honourable the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, in Provincial Parliament convened, the petition of the undersigned, and those whose sentiments they represent, humbly sheweth,—

Your Petitioners, residing in various parts of the Province, and actuated in this matter, solely by a sense of the public good, solicit the serious and favourable attention of your Honourable House, to the subjects hereby submitted.

Believing that the prevention of evil, and the promotion of true prosperity, form the great intention of the Legislative Institution,—and that such prevention and promotion depend, now, in a great

degree, on the existence or termination of the traffic in intoxicating liquors,—Your petitioners implore your Honourable House, as constitutional guardians of the moral and social interests of the people, to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, as far as this Province is concerned, except, strictly, as regards purposes of the useful arts and of medicine.

Petitioners need not urge the principle of this prayer, on such a well informed body as your Honourable House;—respecting expediency and practice, they believe that the prohibition would place the Legislature of the Province in a right and most honourable station, and that the results would be variously and extensively beneficial.

Petitioners would respectfully remark, that the example of a neighbouring State proves the practicability and most probable success of such prohibiting enactments, and presents a mode which might be of some use in taking similar ground.

In harmony with the pressing prayer of this petition, your petitioners pray, that intoxicating liquors seized and condemned for infractions of the laws, be destroyed. Even under the existing system, petitioners believe this to be the only course. At present they are sold. A petition was presented to the Nova Scotia Assembly, in a former session, on the subject; it received the favourable consideration of several members. The purport of the prayer has been carried into effect, recently, in the Province of New Brunswick. The sale by the public officer is liable to many objections, as regards good morals, example, fair trade, and check to smuggling; the destruction of the article would be, to the amount destroyed, in accordance with Temperance principles, and would be a prevention of the liquor getting into the market, and into the hands of those concerned in the illicit traffic, on low terms.

Petitioners also pray,—if the full object of the petition be delayed,—and if instances occur of Grand Juries and Sessions granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, that the power to veto such granting of licenses be given to town and district meetings, composed of persons qualified to vote for members of Assembly;—also, that such alteration be made in the law respecting illicit selling of liquors, as may cause the intention of the law, as regards suppression of such traffic, to be substantially and readily carried into effect.

Petitioners humbly hope and fervently solicit, that your Honourable House will not only take the foregoing into favourable consideration, but will adopt such other means towards the discouragement of Intemperance, and the advance of Temperance principles and practice, as may seem advisable to the virtuous intelligence of your Honourable House.

The prohibition, as has been frequently remarked by members of both branches of the Legislature, is the great remedy. It is that to which petitioners' energies, as advocates of Temperance, are specially devoted. In protesting against the present practice, and

praying for a cure, petitioners are urged by a deep sense of duty and moral obligation; which sense, they humbly believe, dictates as imperatively, the conscientious and patriotic consideration of this question by your Honourable House.

A sum of about £100,000 has been expended, during the past year, in this Province, for intoxicating liquors! What have been the results of this expenditure?—What great and good objects as regards private well being and public enterprise, might have been realized, by such a sum wisely appropriated?

That strength and grace may be imparted to your Honourable House, for the especial charge of this important subject, as well as for the transaction of other business in which our Province is deeply concerned, Petitioners, as in duty bound, do pray.

Resolved, That the Debate on the above Report be adjourned till to-morrow morning.

G. D. adjourned to meet at ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 23, 1851.

The Grand Division met at 10 o'clock, A. M., G. W. P. in the Chair.

Present—G. W. P., G. T., G. C., and G. Sent.

Absent—G. W. A., and G. S.

Brother Mosher appointed G. W. A.

“ Barratt “ G. S.

“ Christie “ G. Chaplain.

Brother Crawley reported from the Committee on application for Incorporations, as follows:

That, in order to the validity of such Incorporation, it is necessary to pursue strictly the provisions of the Act of the Legislature in such case made;

That all the applications now placed before the Committee, that is to say from Oriental, Cold Stream, Pugwash, Archangel, Paradise, Avon, Caledonia, Union, North and Wilberforce Divisions, are, in their judgment, defective in some needful particular or other: those from Oriental and Caledonia Divisions, Pictou, however, only requiring that it should be expressed *on the face* of their papers that the Resolution was passed two weeks *at least after notice*, or to that effect; and here it may be needful to observe that in the event of a Division, say on Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock, receiving the requisite notice, and on Tuesday evening, a fortnight after, on 8 o'clock, passing the resolution, it might be questioned whether the provision of the Act requiring *two weeks at least*, would be complied with.

That it is needful, therefore, that the said Divisions be directed to proceed anew in the matter, carefully complying with the terms

of the said Act; taking care that there be a *lapse of two weeks at least*, between the notice and the resolution; and stating that fact in the resolution; which fact had better be fixed by recording the hour at which the notice is presented, and at which the motion for the resolution is made, so that no room be left to doubt that the notice required by the statute has been given; and stating that fact in the resolution; and to secure accuracy therein, they be recommended to adopt the forms of notice, Resolution and Certificate following:

FORM OF NOTICE.

Take notice that on the _____ day of _____ next, (or instant) at the regular meeting of this Division resolution will be therein proposed, that this Division, become incorporated according to the Statute in such case made and provided.

FORM OF RESOLUTION.

Whereas notice in writing was given by a member of this Division, being one of the subordinate Divisions of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this Province, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the _____ day of last [or instant] of his intention to propose at this meeting that the said Division becomes incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of this Province, entitled an Act to Incorporate the Grand Division and the Subordinate Divisions of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

And whereas more than two weeks have expired since the time of giving such notice.

Resolved therefore that this Division become Incorporated, and that A. B. [here name ten members at least] and their associate members of this Division, and such other persons as may become members thereof, be a Body Corporate by the style or name of _____ Division, Number _____ Sons of Temperance, located at _____ in the Province of Nova Scotia.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by a unanimous [or two-third] vote of Division, number _____ Sons of Temperance, located at _____ at a regular meeting of said Division held on the _____ day of _____ last [or instant] and recorded in the Books of the Recording Scribe of said Division, and that two weeks did fully expire after the time of giving the notice mentioned in the said resolution before the said resolution was passed by the said Division: and that the persons named in the said resolution were members of the said Division at the time of the passing thereof, and are still members of the said Division, and further, that we are the Presiding Officer and Recording Scribe of the said Division.

Seal

{ In witness whereof we have hereto subscribed
our names and affixed the seal of said Division
at _____ this _____ day of _____ 185

A. B., W P, *Presiding Officer.*

C. D., *Recording Scribe.*

Brother Waterman, from Committee appointed to search the Journals of the National Division, in reference to decisions relative to the Order, handed in the following Report, which was read:

The Committee on the appeal of Brother E. F. Munroe, from the decision of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, that a Subordinate Division cannot, constitutionally, except by an unanimous vote, appropriate any of its funds for other purposes than necessary expenses and benefits, reported as follows:

Your Committee are of opinion that the monetary affairs of each Subordinate Division are under its own controul, and that there is no constitutional prohibition against the right of a Subordinate Division to appropriate its funds by a majority vote of its members, and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother Ebenezer F. Munro be sustained, and that the action of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia in this case be reversed.

On motion, agreed to.

No action was taken by the National Division on the application of this Grand Division to have the initiation fee, and weekly dues reduced.

The following amendments and alterations have been made in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions:

“Article IV., Sect. 3.—‘Four weeks,’ instead of ‘one week,’ are allowed to Recording Scribes in giving official notices to other Divisions.

“Article V., Sect. 2.—The following addition has been made:—‘Provided that persons of old age, or under disability or disease, may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits.’

“Article IX., Sect. 2, is repealed.

“Article X., Sect. 10, is repealed, and the following substituted: ‘Sect. 10.—A member convicted of violation of the pledge, after the second time, can be re-instated by a two-third vote of the Division, the Division prescribing the penalty.’”

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WATERMAN.

JOHN ROSS.

E. DODGE.

Report Adopted.

The following brethren being introduced by the Grand Conductor were duly initiated:

Brothers T. R. Patillo, J. P. Smith, and James Moslier.

Dt. Drumm moved in amendment to the petition presented by the Committee, that the clause with reference to referring

question to the people of the different counties be stricken out—which amendment was lost.

On the question being put upon the adoption of the Report of the Committee, it was carried, and the form of petition adopted.

On motion, resolved that the form of Petition to the Legislature, now adopted, be circulated generally for signature, and a petition to the same effect from the Grand Division, be officially signed and presented, and that also a suitable petition for the signature of females be prepared by a Committee and circulated. Passed.

Brothers Hichborn, McMurray, and Robson were appointed the Committee.

The G. D. Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Oct. 25, 1851.

Grand Division opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. C., G. Chap.

Absent—G. W. A., G. S., G. T., G. Sent.

Brothers Mosher, G. W. A., Sterns, G. T., Barratt, G. S., *pro tem*. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Committee on Bye-Laws reported on the Bye-Laws of Caledonia Division. Report adopted, and ordered to be communicated to Caledonia Division.

The Committee on Bye-Laws, report that they have had under consideration the Bye-Laws of Caledonia Division, No. 65, and find the same correct with the following exceptions.

Art. II. sect. 2 contains this clause;—"And the quarterly password may at any time be withheld from a brother by a two-third vote of the Division." This provision your Committee would advise to be expunged. It is, in the opinion of this Committee, inconsistent with the spirit of our Institution, and of our general usages, to deprive a brother of the password, whose dues are paid, and who is not under charge—and that every brother, not constitutionally disqualified, has a right to the password, without such question be subject to a vote of the Division.

The same consideration applies also to Art. 5 Sect. 8 which makes the granting of a withdrawal card dependent upon a vote of the Division.

Your Committee think that Divisions should be advised not to have their Bye-laws printed previously to their having received the approval of the Grand Division. Submitted in L. P. and F.

Grand Division Room, Oct. 23.

J. McMURRAY,
N. VIDITO.

The Committee on Communications reported on communication from Milton Division, as follows :

With regard to the complaint of the Milton Division, No. 4, Sons of Temperance, Yarmouth, the Committee are of opinion that the Division should be reminded that if the Grand Division has acted unconstitutionally in holding its Annual Session in Halifax, either of the Divisions at Yarmouth, or elsewhere, holding themselves aggrieved thereby, have a constitutional remedy by appeal to the National Division. If they have not acted unconstitutionally, then, the Milton Division should consider that the Brethren of the Grand Division must be believed to have acted in the matter in question according to the best of their judgment, for the general good of the Order in this Province; and that if they err in that judgment, and the Brethren of Subordinate Divisions shall take care to be represented in the Grand Division, as the Milton Division has now failed to do, they have always the opportunity, at every Annual Meeting of the Grand Division, to endeavour to rectify their judgment; and if eventually this cannot be done, then, that our Brethren should exercise that charitable forbearance, without which, no Division of our Order, either Grand or Subordinate, can happily exist.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. CRAWLEY.

S. L. MORSE.

C. W. H. HARRIS.

Halifax, October 23rd, 1851.

Report Adopted.

Brother Blanchard introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition to the Legislature passed by this Grand Division be re-considered for the purpose of striking out all the clauses, except such as pertain to the total prohibition of the traffic, and the destruction of contraband liquors.

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Brother Blanchard,—

Resolved, That the sentiments expressed in such clauses of the Petition as do not pertain to the total prohibition of the Traffic, and the destruction of contraband Liquors, be embodied in the form of a Resolution expressive of the sense of this Division, and forming a Recommendation to the friends of Temperance in the Legislature, as to the course highly desirable to be pursued by that Body, for mitigating the evils arising under the License Laws, provided they should fail in carrying a measure for the total prohibition of the Traffic.

Resolved, That Brothers Blanchard, Harris, and P. McGregor, be a Committee for carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

The Grand Scribe moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That so long as the system of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors, shall continue to be inflicted on the country, it would abate some of its evils were license duties to be abolished, and that general licenses should be no longer granted.

Passed unanimously.

The following Resolution was moved by Brother James:

Resolved, That the technicalities by which convictions for the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors, have been repeatedly frustrated are inconsistent with reason, and calculated to bring the law into contempt, and ought to be removed by legislative declaration and enactment.

Passed unanimously.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made his Annual Report, as follows:

WORTHY BROTHERS,—The records of the official year that is about to close offer no evidence in relation to the progress of the Order in this Province of a marked character, and exhibit no very material change in our numerical strength since the last annual meeting; although the increase of members and of divisions during the year has been sufficiently great to afford gratification and encouragement.

It has occasioned me much regret that the fears I expressed when put in nomination for the office I have the honour to occupy, have been realized, and that the calls on my time I then anticipated, have unavoidably prevented my attendance at two Quarterly Sessions.

The Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia have reached a period when the inherent virtue of their principle of union, and vigour of organization are to be tested. The unreflecting and susceptible have ceased to be allured by the novelty of the movement; opposition is no longer embarrassed or suspended by the uncertainty of the power and progress of a new and imposing association; and the moral force of the Order has been weakened by occasional defections and inconsistencies, waywardness and lukewarmness among its members;—as must be the case with all combinations of men for moral or religious objects opposed to the interests or passions of mankind.

The world is keen eyed to detect any dereliction. It demands—and justly demands—that they who profess to reform society should be faithful to their professions, and true to all their principles. In this, however, the world acts neither justly nor wisely—that in Temperance as in concerns of loftier import, it deems itself at liberty to reject the soundest principles and the sublimest objects, not on their own merits, but on the real or supposed delinquencies of some of their professors and advocates.

Let us then admit—for truth demands the admission—that the faithful and zealous of our Order have the warfare to maintain unaided by adventitious supports, and too often and too much hindered by the weakness, indiscretions and infirmities to be found in their own ranks. Yet is their cause hopeful, because it is just. Their motive—if they rightly appreciate the paramount object of their organization—is purely benevolent. Their combination, if faithfully directed to its true design, is effective for promoting that object, as it is diffusive of benefits among themselves.

Neither let us underrate the antagonism we have to meet. Arranged in opposition we see those who are animated by motives too quickening and too inflexible to yield to feeble efforts or a weak assailant. Appetite and interest engage multitudes in support of the prevalent drinking habits, with an earnestness and zeal not easily turned aside. Still would these be found with all their energy and determination unequal to a lengthened contest with the moral power of the abstinence principle. They require an auxiliary reserve more powerful than themselves.—Unhappily they have that auxiliary. Not because they have the support of the fashionable and elevated in position in Nova Scotia; for powerful as is the dictate of fashion, and influential as is the example of the great over the feeble-minded, neither fashion nor wealth nor rank could long render the aid that the drinker and the vender of intoxicating liquors require in their conflict with the temperance organization. That help is found in the neutrality and too often in the open opposition to the abstinence principle of men of moral and religious character.

Thus sustained, the self-indulgent and the self-interested occupy a standing in their resistance to the cause we advocate, from which they would otherwise shrink; and the progress is checked of a reform of which none more readily admit the benefit and necessity than they whose example and opinions are most efficacious in neutralizing the means we believe to be adapted to its accomplishment.

To win such to our cause—to bring *them* to be fellow-labourers, who, eminently qualified to advance the work, are now its great obstructors, should ever be our aim. This can alone be effected by appeals to reason, conscience, and the gospel. If our cause abide not this test, it would cease to be our cause; and should reason, conscience, and religion be found to ratify and sanctify our association, then must the individuals I refer to become partakers with us of its labours, its sacrifices, and its benevolent triumphs, if they indeed profess the moral and religious qualities I have ascribed to them.—For this end what instrument so admirably adapted as the appeal of the respected and lamented advocate of total abstinence principles, the late Archdeacon Jeffries. His artillery is exclusively drawn from the Bible. Christian love fills the heart whence nerve is given to the arm that speeds his shaft, and a judgment grounded on scriptural principles directs the glance that guides its aim. Did I

speaking only from my own impressions, forgetful of the diversified character of the human mind, I would exclaim, Surely none who acknowledge the word of God as their guide can read Archdeacon Jeffries' appeal and not rise from its perusal satisfied that the total abstinence principles advanced by total abstinence associations, has the sanction of the Eternal, and demands the active support of all who acknowledge obedience to his commands.

I have been led to make these remarks, because I have long felt assured that the promotion of Temperance is mainly obstructed by the neutrality or the opposition, in relation to temperance societies, of men of moral and religious character. Our duty to such persons themselves, to the cause we advocate, and to mankind, requires the untiring use of the most effective means of showing that the objects and arrangements of the Sons of Temperance are approved by reason and are ratified by the word of God. Thus may we hope to reach the judgment and arrest the religious convictions of the class I have alluded to.

I turn to another consideration more intricate and involved—the legislation which the Order should advocate and aim to introduce.

As a fundamental principle, I assume that it is not only one of the legitimate functions, but the imperative duty of a wise Legislature to legislate intemperance out of the land as far as legislation can be made operative to that result.

The extent to which intemperance can be arrested and diminished by the enactment of laws and the best means of effecting the most good by such instrumentality, are enquiries full of perplexity, and must ever be subject to modification according to the varied circumstances of different communities. Hence, they require reflection and caution in no ordinary degree, lest inoperative legislation should aggravate and notabate the mischief.

The Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia as far as I am aware, do not run a tilt against puncheons of rum or casks of brandy from any hostility to those articles *per se* or irrespective of the pernicious use as a beverage, to which the depraved appetite of man perverts them, and I presume they object not to the application of any quantity of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors to other and innocuous uses; but they would object to legislation being made the stalking horse to fraudulent evasions.

The revenue derived from the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, we deem less than valueless, in contrast with the moral and benevolent, the social and material benefits, the Order seeks to extend.

An abstract from the Report of the Committee on Temperance, presented to the House of Assembly last winter, will manifest the principles which I there sought to affirm, while it was admitted that the time had not arrived when they could be brought into practice. The Committee, speaking of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors, uses this language—"Your Committee res-

respectfully offer for the consideration of your Honourable House the following propositions:

"1st. *The use of intoxicating liquors as an article of diet, or for the gratification of appetite, leads to the misery of multitudes, retards public prosperity, and is attended by no compensating benefits worthy of consideration. Hence, the abolition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for mechanical, chemical, or medicinal purposes, would be a public benefit, and is a measure which the Legislature should aim to accomplish, by such legislative enactments as may offer a reasonable assurance of ultimately leading to a successful result.*

"2nd. *Duties on the manufacture and importation of intoxicating liquors ought to be imposed, solely in reference to their restraining influences. As a source of revenue, whatever their amount, they should be regarded as insignificant, compared with the more important interests perilled by the traffic.*"

The Legislature not being prepared to go this length, the principles stand on the Journals as propounded for future consideration and practical application, hereafter. In the meanwhile, the friends of temperance, both in the House and out of it, thought it proper to attempt the removal, from the existing laws, of some of their more glaring defects. While considering the subject, I was led to the idea, that were the duty paid for licences abolished, the license, ceasing to confer a purchased privilege, would come to be regarded as a restraint imposed upon a dangerous and injurious traffic, while the temptation to increase the municipal revenues from this source would be removed, and the number of licences would no longer be restricted only by the extent of the applications, as the Committee were told had long been the case in Halifax.

It was again attempted to abolish general licenses, and to separate the sale of liquors from that of other articles and a vigorous effort was made to remove the technicalities by which prosecutors for the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors have been continually, and sometimes absurdly, defeated. A very limited degree of success attended these efforts; and most of the little that was gained was lost by the action of the Legislative Council, to whose will the House ultimately surrendered its own recorded judgment. Nor could a grant for a public temperance lecturer be carried.

If the Grand Division decide to urge on the Legislature the prohibition of the traffic, your friends in the House and Legislative Council ought to be informed of the course you recommend them to pursue, as to less extended legislation should the application fail.

I recommend to your most effective patronage the "Athenæum" newspaper. A well-conducted journal is almost necessary to the progress of the Order. Should one so useful and so respectably conducted as the "Athenæum" fail to receive the support necessary for its full efficiency, the friends of Temperance throughout Nova

Scotia would be justly chargeable with most blameable lukewarmness. I trust you will not lose sight of the acknowledged importance of the distribution of Temperance Tracts, and of a well conducted series of public lectures throughout the Province. An example, worthy of imitation, has been set by at least one Division in the country, in the purchase, for their own use and their families', of a valuable library. Such a fact, the establishment of the elegant and well-appointed reading room under this roof, and the creation of neat and commodious division rooms in the country, are mute but eloquent advocates, testifying to the world that Sons of Temperance limit their aim to no narrow results in the improvements they seek to promote.

I close, Worthy Brothers, by urging the necessity of keeping ever in view the motives and objects of our union.

Fidelity to the pledge is not the only virtue our Association demands from its members. While universal abstinence from intoxicating beverages is the goal we strive to reach, combination is necessary to that result. But combination can alone be effective, and strength can only be derived, from union, through the observance of some of the more social duties. Therefore are mutual forbearance and fraternal regard in action, as well as in words, essential to our success. Nor do I hesitate to say, that a Son of Temperance, however observant he may be of his pledge, who exhibits in the Division Room a harsh and severe judgement, a selfish and arrogant spirit, or an intractable and pertinacious temper, may be less true to the spirit of our Association, and may offer more hindrance to its successful progress than a weaker brother, who, violating his pledge under some strong temptation, hastens to acknowledge and repair his fault. For should unyielding pride, obstinate self-will, and private bickerings ever pollute our Division Rooms, or enter the circle of the Grand Division, the claim of the Sons of Temperance to the character of moral reformers will become a mockery, and the holiness of their motives, and the elevation of their profession, will but render their failures the more marked and the more disastrous.

Halifax, Oct. 22, 1851.

J. W. JOHNSTON, G. W. P.

Resolved, That the Report of the G. W. P. be published in the Athenæum, and such other weekly papers as are favourable to our cause.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, THURSDAY, Oct. 22, 1851.

Grand Division opened in due form—G. W. P. in the Chair.
Roll of officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. S., G. T., G. C., G. Sent.

Absent—G. W. A. and G. Chap.

Prayer by Grand Chap.

Grand Scribe offered his Report, as follows :

The Grand Scribe in presenting a Report at this Annual Session of the Grand Division, takes the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the indulgence which they have ever extended towards him, conscious as he is of the imperfect manner in which he has discharged the various and complicated duties of the office which he has held. He has, however, the consolation of knowing that he has endeavoured to the best of his abilities to discharge the labours imposed upon him, and with an eye to the interests of the Order, and the great cause of total abstinence.

In presenting a Report at this time there are but few facts worthy of being recorded. As the Report of the various Divisions are not received, it is impossible to state the exact condition of the Order at the present time. From the best information in possession of the Grand Scribe, there is, at this time, 96 Divisions in the Province, and a prospect of three more in the County of Sydney, before long. There are between four and five thousand in good standing, besides about five hundred under suspension for non-payment of dues. And the Grand Scribe would most respectfully suggest, whether some resolution may not be adopted, at the Annual Session, by which members in arrears may still be retained in the Order, subject to its moral discipline, without sharing in its pecuniary benefits. For it is to be feared that these men when thus suddenly cut off from the restraining influence of the Order, go back to habits of inebriation.

The amount of those who have been suspended, and expelled for violation of Art. 2, is smaller than that of any other portion of the jurisdiction of the Order. The proportion being in Nova Scotia about one and one third per cent, while the lowest number, according to the Reports of other Grand Divisions, is one and four-fifths per cent. This fact speaks well, not only for the character of our members, but for the general character of the people of the Province.

The funds of the Divisions are not on the increase. Though, under the operations of the new Bye-laws, almost universally introduced, they have been kept at near the same condition they were one year ago.

There is one thing to which the Grand Scribe begs most particularly to call the attention of the Grand Division, the remissness of the Deputies in forwarding their reports to the Grand Division. It often occurs that this is not done until after the meetings of the

Grand Division, which causes serious inconvenience to the Grand Scribe, and adds to the already manifold labours of that office.

The Grand Scribe would further report that in his opinion the Order in this Province was never in so healthy a condition as at present, and he confidently looks forward to a large amount of good to be realized from its influence in the year to come.

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

ALEX. HIEBHORN.

Grand Scribe.

Halifax, October 23, 1851.

Which, on motion, was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Brother Chas. Robson offered the following Resolution :

Resolved. That it is incumbent on all who hold the principles of Total Abstinence, in discharging their duties as electors, to vote only for such Representatives as will pledge themselves to aim at measures likely to accomplish the destruction of every branch of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Moved, that the debate on above be deferred till to-morrow, which was carried.

Moved that the next Annual Session of the G. D. be held at Yarmouth.

Moved in amendment that the next Annual Session be held in Halifax—to be held on the fourth Wednesday in October.

Question taken by Divisions—Amendment carried.

Voted to proceed to the Election of Officers, which resulted as follows :

For G. W. P., W. M. Brown, of Halifax.

“ G. W. A., Edwin Sterns, of Yarmouth.

“ G. Scribe, E. G. W. Greenwood, of Halifax.

“ G. T., S. L. Morse, of Bridgetown.

“ G. Chap., Rev. Geo. Christie, of Yarmouth.

“ G. Con., Wm. Ackhurst, of Halifax,

“ G. Sent., Wm. Romans, of Picton.

Voted to hold Quarterly Meeting in Yarmouth, on the 4th Wednesday of January; in Windsor on the 4th Wednesday of April; and in Amherst on the 4th Wednesday of July.

On motion, the G. D. adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 24, 1851. 10 o'clock.

The Grand Division opened in due form—G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. S., G. T., G. C. and G. Sent.

Absent—G. W. A. and G. Chap.

Brother Mosher, G. W. A.; Brother Christie, G. Chap.,
pro. tem.

Prayer by G. Chap.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Resolution with reference to certain clauses in the petition adopted by the Grand Division, reported as follows:

Resolved, That in case a measure for the total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks cannot be immediately secured in the Legislature, and Laws for licensing the traffic should be continued, it is highly desirable that some practical effort should be made by the friends of Temperance in the Legislature to diminish the evils which result from these Laws,—and it is the opinion of this Division that some benefit might be attained if provision were made that in all cases in which the Grand Jury and Sessions, or the City Authorities, shall authorize the granting of Licenses, the power to veto be given within the respective electoral Districts of the Province, to the Electors of each District qualified to vote for members of the Assembly.

Report Adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Resolutions passed at the July Session, with reference to the appointment of Deputies, be re-considered.

Committee appointed with reference to "The Athenæum," reported as follows:

First—That in their opinion a well conducted Temperance Journal is one of the most valuable of auxiliaries for the defence and dissemination of our principles; and that the most essential and certain of all means for increasing the circulation of the Paper, is the steady improvement of its own character as an interesting family and Temperance Journal.

Secondly—That until the pecuniary returns of the paper will afford remuneration to an Editor devoting his time or a large share of it, to the interests of the paper, a volunteer Committee from members of the Grand Division be enrolled, who shall undertake in rotation at stated intervals, or by other arrangements agreed upon among themselves, to furnish articles of a varied and suitable character, which will at once diminish the Editorial labour and increase the value of the paper.

Thirdly—That Correspondents in different parts of the Province shall be named before the close of the present Session of the G. D., who shall undertake to transmit such local information as may prove

generally interesting,—thus rendering the paper more attractive to the people in such localities particularly, and to the public generally.

Lastly—That *all the members* of the G. D. present, be requested to bring the subject before their respective Divisions on their return, and ascertain what additional support by *increase of subscribers* can be obtained, and to acquaint the Editor with the result on or before Dec. 1st, and that the G. S. be requested to make the same request of the Divisions not represented at this Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Chairman.

JOHN HETHERINGTON DRUMM.

NATHAN TUPPER.

GEORGE CHRISTIE.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

Halifax, October 23th, 1851.

On Motion, resolved that the report be received and acted on, and certain Brethren named as follows :

Brothers Hon. J. W. Johnston, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. Dr. Crawley, Rev. A. Hichborn, R. McLearn, Dr. Drumm, Chas. Robson, Wm. Bell, W. M. Brown, G. A. Blanchard, A. James, J. S. Thompson.

And that the following Brethren be requested to act as correspondents :

Bro. Rev. J. C. Cochran, Lunenburg; Bro. Rev. Geo. Christie, Yarmouth; Bro. J. D. B. Fraser, Bro. Rev. Jas. Bayne, Picton; Bro. James Ward, Sydney; Bro. A. G. Archibald, Truro; Bro. Harrington, Antigonish; Bro. Cunningham, Guysboro; Bro. Budd, Digby; Bro. Morse, Bridgetown; Bro. W. H. Chipman, Kentville; Bro. Dr. Hamilton, Cornwallis; Bro. Harris, Horton; Bro. Harding, Windsor; with any others in the several localities whose services can be secured.

Committee on appeals reported as follows :

The Committee to whom the appeals from Bro. Rickards from the Coldstream Division, and from Bros. Allison and Wood of the same Division, beg to report as follows :

That the conduct of Bros. Geldert and McIntosh, in selling and buying spirituous liquors at auction, was inconsistent with Art. II. of the Constitution, as explained in the 4th Journal of the National Division, page 57.

In the case of the general benefits claimed for the heirs of Bro. Shaw, they report that in their opinion the action of the Division in paying regularly a benefit to Bro. Shaw during the greater part of his illness, has certainly made them liable to pay the whole, even if the benefit paid to him during his first illness had not been justly due, which however they do not consider to have been the case.

They therefore move first—that while this Division cannot but regard the action of Bro. Geldert, as inconsistent with Article 2nd of the Constitution; they apprehend from the information laid before them, that he was led into it by an erroneous view of our principles.

2nd. That the Coldstream Division be instructed to revise their decision in the case of Bro. Shaw.

C. ROBSON,
G. CHRISTIE.

Report adopted.

In connection with that part of the report referring to Bro. Geldert, of Coldstream Division, it was moved by Dr. Crawley, and resolved

That while this Division adopt the report of the Committee on appeals respecting the case of Bro. Geldert, of Coldstream Division, Windsor, they feel it their duty at the same time to say that in view of the testimony now given in the case, they cannot but believe that Brother Geldert acted under a misapprehension of his duty and not from any intention to violate his principles as a Son of Temperance, and trust therefore that his Division will feel his case to be one that does not call for severe animadversion.

Auditing Committee reported as follows :

The Auditing Committee beg leave respectfully to Report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe, and as far as they could judge, believe them to be correct, they find in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of £21 0s. 3½d, and in the hands of the Grand Scribe the sum of £12 13s. 2½ making in all £33 13s. 6d.

Your Committee would also reiterate the suggestions of previous Auditing Committees that it would be more satisfactory if the returns from Subordinate Divisions were handed in, with the accounts to the Auditing Committee as vouchers in checking the Grand Scribe's accounts.

The Committee also beg leave to report that they have examined the account as presented from the Athenæum Office for printing, £3 2s. 5d., which they presume to be correct, and recommend to be paid.

Submitted in L. P. and F.,
C. B. NAYLOR, *Chairman*,
NATHAN TUPPER,
JOHN L. WHYDAL,

Grand Division Room, Halifax, Oct. 22, 1x51.

Report adopted.

On Motion, the G. D. adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 24th October, 185f.

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

Present—G. W. P., G. S., G. T., G. C.

Absent—G. W. A., G. Chap., G. Sent.

Prayer by G. Chap., *pro tem*.

Brother Christie offered the following question :

“ Whether a brother being twelve months in arrears, and expelled for non-payment of dues, can be received back into the Division upon application, at the same time tendering his arrearages; the Division being unanimously willing to receive him as a brother in good standing.”

Bro. Christie explained the circumstances under which the brother was expelled. He being at the time absent in a foreign country, and not in a position to communicate with the Division. The G. W. P. gave the following answer—

“ If the expulsion was regular, the 3rd Section of the 2nd Article 3rd chap. of Revised Rules, requires re-election by ballot and initiation; but in this case no notice having been given, owing to the absence of the brother, it does not appear how he could regularly be expelled.”

From this decision an appeal was taken to the Division, which resulted in confirmation of the decision.

On motion, Resolved that the Officers elect of Grand Division be now installed.

G. W. Patriarch delivered an address on vacating the Chair, and explained the reasons for the books not being forwarded to the Liverpool Session.

On motion, resolved unanimously, that the explanation of the G. W. P. with reference to the absence of the Books at the Session at Liverpool be considered as entirely satisfactory.

Grand Officers elect installed by P. G. W. P. J. W. Johnston, assisted by P. G. W. P. Jno. McMurray, and P. G. W. A. L. E. VanBuskirk.

P. W. P. William M. Brown, of Athenæum Division No. 96,
G. W. P.

P. W. P. Edwin Sterns, of Central Division, No. 2, G. W. A.

P. W. P. Edw. G. W. Greenwood, of Athenæum Division,
No. 96, G. S.

P. W. P. Silas L. Morse, of Olive Branch Division, No. 44
G. T.

P. W. P. Wm. Ackhurst, of Chebucto Division, No. 7, G. C.
P. W. P. Rev. Geo. Christie, of Acadia Division, No. 1,
G. Chap.

P. W. P. William Romans, of Caledonia Division, No. 65,
G. Sent.

G. W. P. Brown addressed the Grand Division.

P. W. P. Chas. Robson's resolution on the duty of electors was taken up for discussion.

P. W. P. Angus offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Resolution, submitted by Bro. Robson, be deferred until the next Annual Meeting.

Bro. P. W. P. C. W. H. Harris offered the following amendment to the amendment of Bro. Angus:

Resolved, That while this Grand Division disclaims the intention of assuming a political character, we recommend all the friends of temperance to endeavour to secure the Election to the Legislature, of men who will fairly represent our views, and contribute to advance the cause of Temperance.

Amendment adopted.

P. W. P. Naylor offered the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Grand Division is now largely indebted to the National Division, and whereas the officers of this Grand Division, excepting the Grand Scribe, perform their respective duties without remuneration, *Therefore, Resolved*, that the compensation to be given the ensuing year to the Grand Scribe shall not exceed Twenty Pounds Currency.

Which Resolution was lost.

P. W. P. R. H. Wetmore moved the following Resolution:

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to investigate respecting the Financial condition of the Grand Division, and report at the next quarterly meeting; and that the Grand Scribe be directed to apply to the National Division for the account current with this Division, from its origin to the present time, and that all papers which the Committee may deem necessary to a correct understanding of the same, be furnished by the proper officers.

Which Resolution passed.

Committee appointed—G. W. Patriarch, Brothers McMurray, Naylor, Sterns, Creelman, Brown and Ackhurst.

The Grand Division adjourned until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, Oct. 24, 1851.

The Grand Division opened in due form—G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called—G. Treas. absent.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

P. W. P. Rev. Dr. Crawley offered the following Resolution :

Whereas,—Two Committees were appointed for communications in general, and communications on Incorporations—and both subjects have in fact been considered by the Committee on Communications in general—

Resolved—That the Report of such Committee be received and adopted, and the other Committee discharged.

Which Resolution was carried unanimously.

A Circular was moved by Bro. Thompson to be sent to the Subordinate Divisions.

Moved by Bro. Angus, and seconded by Bro. Waterman :

That the clause relative to the formation of a British Colonial National Division be omitted.

Amendment passed.

Resolved,—That the Circular, as amended, be adopted.

Passed.

The Circular as amended is as follows :

From the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, to their Brethren of Subordinate Divisions, within the Province.

BRETHREN,—

The state of our Order, as regards instances of declension, and means of remedy, and of promoting a prosperous condition, having been brought to the notice of the Grand Division, convened in Annual Session, they respectfully address this circular to Subordinate Divisions, requesting serious consideration of its topics, and such action as may seem in accordance with true wisdom.

The Order is a noble Institution,—it has done much good, and is well calculated to be the instrument of much more,—but, like all human organizations, it requires watchfulness against weakness and detriment,—and zeal for consolidation and advance.

A conscientious attendance of Divisional meetings, for the purpose of transacting business, and increasing the interest of such occasions, is of much importance.

The absence of those who should attend, and whose presence would give animation and interest to the meetings,—has an effect, beside the retardation of business, to depress and discourage the inexperienced, and those who require every aid for steadiness and consistency of conduct.

An aim surely should be, also, to provide, regularly, for the interest and improving nature of those meetings, by addresses, discussions, and other suitable means of profitably occupying an evening hour. The stated meetings, the organization, the rules of order, the portions of time at command,—afford fine opportunity for moral and intellectual inquiries, and, consequently, for individual and Divisional advance, of a very valuable character.

The office of Deputy Grand Worthy, might be more auxiliary, to the prevention of decline, and the promotion of progress, than it sometimes is. Much good might result, if the D. G. W. of each Division or district, felt that he was not merely the depository of certain incidental authority, but that he was also a superintendent of the general harmonious working of the Order, and of the good standing and good walk of Divisions;—a guard against the beginnings of weakness, and a special official aid to progress and prosperity.

The expulsion of many members for non-payment of dues, is matter of much regret. In this way persons may be abandoned to habits, against which the discipline of the Order is especially directed. The great aim of our Institution, is, to reclaim and to secure, those in danger of Intemperance, and not the mere accumulation of money. By an alteration of constitutional rules, the National Division has given power to Subordinate Divisions, whereby they may discontinue the privilege of drawing “benefits,” and of voting on money matters, respecting persons in arrears, while they allow such persons, during their abidance by their pledges, to be present at Divisional Meetings. This is recommended to the consideration of Divisions. Some modification of practise, so as to check expulsion in consequence of arrears, seems very desirable.

Brethren, we recommend, to your serious examination, these topics,—and, generally, all such matters as may seem conducive to the security and growth of an Institution, admirable in its organization and objects, calculated to be eminently influential for good, but requiring the affection and zeal and persevering attention, of many faithful members.

Wishing you all and every prosperity, we remain, Brethren, in L. P. & F. Signed in behalf of the Grand Division.

WM. M. BROWN, *G. W. Patriarch.*

E. G. W. GREENWOOD, *Grand Scribe.*

Halifax, October 25th, 1851.

The following Resolution moved by Bro. Blanchard :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature, praying aid for the employment of suitable persons to lecture on subjects of Temperance throughout the Province.

Passed.

Committee appointed—Brothers Blanchard; West and Robson.

Moved by Brother Blanchard, and

Resolved, That Copies of the Petition authorized by the Division be furnished to the Subordinate Divisions in the Province, for extensive signatures, and that a sufficient number of copies be printed for that purpose.

Passed.

Bill for Office rent, £7 13s. 4d., passed.

Expenses of the G. Sen. to this Session, £1 15s. passed.

Expenses of G. S., G. C., and G. W. P., £3 each, to Bridgetown Quarterly Session, passed.

All of which were ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Shillings be paid to E. Joyce for his services as Messenger during the session.

Passed, and ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That the G. Scribe's Salary for the present year be Thirty Pounds, deducting Two Pounds Ten Shillings for the services of A. G. S. in Liverpool.

Moved by Brother Barrett, and

Resolved, That Four Hundred Copies of the Journals of this Session be printed for the use of members of this G. D., and that the G. Scribe be authorized to make known to the Subordinate Divisions, that they can procure through him, such number of Copies as they may require for the use of their several Divisions, they paying the charges therefor, and that the Copies so ordered, be procured in addition to the number first named.

The following Brethren were elected as Representatives to the National Division for the year:—G. W. P. William M. Brown, P. G. W. P. Hon. J. W. Johnston, P. G. W. P. Rev. Jno. McMurray, P. G. W. P. F. W. Redding, P. G. W. A. L. E. VanBuskirk, and P. G. W. P. William Burritt, provided his credentials are forwarded to the G. D. at the Quarterly Session in Yarmouth.

On hearing Br. Moore of Cumberland Division, Amherst—

Resolved,—That the Cumberland Division be informed that the G. W. P. had a right to make such deputations as he judged proper—and the Grand Division are not disposed to interfere therewith; but the Division are requested to remember that the appointment in question has ceased, and with it the cause of dissatisfaction, and they are expected to exercise forbearance, and remain united in the trust that all will be promotive of their harmony and welfare.

Passed.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

The Grand Chaplain engaged in prayer; and the G. D. closed.

E. G. W. GREENWOOD, G. S.

Dr. Grand Division Sons of Temperance in account with James D. B. Fraser, G. T.

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May 1.—To paid Messrs. Bowes & Son per acct. No. 7,	£2 7 6	April 30.—By balance continued,	£20 1 1½
“ Expenses of Bro. Mich- barn, G. S. } Nos.	2 10 0	May 1.—By Cash from G. S.	2 7 6
“ Bro. McMurray, } Nos.	2 0 0	July 27. “ “ “	7 14 2
“ P. G. W. P. }	2 0 0	Oct. 23. “ “ “	16 5 0
July 17.—To paid for printing forms of Pe- tition, No. 9.	1 5 0		6 5 0
“ Expenses of Bro. McMurray, P. G. W. P., No. 10.	3 15 0		
“ Bro. Blewett, acting G.S. 11,	2 10 0		
“ E. G. Fuller, per acct., 12.	6 0 0		
Sept. 10. “ E. Foster, 13.	3 5 0		
Oct. 23. “ James Bowes & Son, 14.	8 0 0		
“ Balance,	21 0 3½		
	<u>£52 12 9½</u>		<u>£52 12 9½</u>

JAMES D. B. FRASER, G. T.
HALIFAX, 24th October, 1851.