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 PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 Grand Division of Nova Scotia.



AT THE
 Quarterly Session, held at Wolfville, in January, 1856.

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Quarterly Return to the G. D. for the Quarter beginning 1st Oct. and ending 31st Dec. 1855.

No. of Divisions	Names of Divisions	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Deaths.	Violated the Pledge.	Reinstated.	Violated Pledge 2d time	Signed over.	Wherewith.	Rejected.	Representatives to G.D.	Cash received.	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per Capita Tax received.
1	Acadia	Yarmouth	2									18	£0 18 1½		£32 5 11½	£0 4 6
2	Central	Yarmouth	1							1		21	4 9 1½		4 3 1½	0 6 0
3	Milton	Yarmouth	4									26	4 3 10½		3 17 11	0 6 6
4	Concord	Barrington														
5	Union	Digby														
6	Chebeco	Halifax	7			1	2	1				183	29 5 9	18 15 0	317 0 10	2 5 9
7	Micmac	Halifax	12	1	7	6	2	2		2		140	36 2 1	14 15 0	110 0 0	1 15 0
8	Mayflower	Halifax	16	11	11	3	6	2		2		100	19 11 6	3 10 0	34 11 6	1 5 0
9	Victoria	Liverpool	1		7	1		1				90	8 6 10	1 2 6	54 19 1½	1 2 6
10	Avon	Windsor			7	1						52	5 1 3	6 10 0	63 5 9½	0 13 0
11	Avondale	Newport			1	2						84	9 17 3	0 15 0	94 12 1½	1 1 0
12	New Caledonia	Westport			2							41	5 12 1½	35 6 1	35 6 1	0 10 3
13	Westport	Pictou	4		2	2				1		47	9 19 1½	47 10 1	47 10 1	0 11 9
14	Oriental	New Glasgow	9	6	1	2	2	2				36	4 14 11	9 15 2	9 15 2	0 9 0
15	New Glasgow	Yarmouth	1		2	1						20	2 0 0	2 5 0	11 17 5	0 5 0
16	Hebron	Weymouth	4		4	5	1	1				70	12 2 1	80 0 0	80 0 0	0 17 6
17	Columbia	Shelburne			4							27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
18	Howay	Halifax	4		4							40	4 10 6			
19	Cape Breton	N. Sydney			2	1	2					27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
20	Wilberforce	Nictaux			2	1	1	2				40	4 10 6			
21	Chester	Chester			1							27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
22	Mechanics	Dartmouth			1							40	4 10 6			
23	Cumberland	Amherst			1							27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
24	Pugwash	Pugwash			1	1						40	4 10 6			
25	Royal	Hillsborough			1	1						27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
26	Morning Star	Chiveres			1	1						40	4 10 6			
27	Archangel	Sydney Mines			1	1						27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
28	Star	Bridgetown			1	1						40	4 10 6			
29	Paradise	Wilnot			1	1						27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
30	Port Royal	Annapolis			1	1						40	4 10 6			
31	Star	Tagged Islands			1	1						27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
32	Canard	Cornwall's			7	1	1					40	4 10 6			
33	Rising Sun	Musquodobit			7	1	1					27	5 17 0	1 16 0	67 13 1½	0 6 9
34	Queen's Own	Liverpool			9							138	10 8 8	6 0 0	69 0 0	1 14 0
35	Mannast	Riv. John, Pictou			9							38	4 5 0	8 1 5	8 1 5	0 9 6
36	Lunenburg	Sydney, C. B.			3	2	1	3				24	7 18 9	2 10 0	19 11 6½	0 6 0
37	Star in the East	Hantsport			2	1	1	1				46	4 14 11½	1 0 0	38 5 6	0 11 0
38	Hantsport	Maitland			13	1	1	1				39	10 3 2	1 0 0	41 5 11	0 9 9
39	Rock	Hantsport			1	1						30	3 3 1½	1 0 0	30 3 1½	0 6 0
40	Harmoty	Harmony			1	1						17	3 1 8	9 16 10	4 0 9½	0 10 6
41	Aurora	Cornwallis			4	9	1	1	1	1		42	6 14 6	41 13 6	41 13 6	0 10 6
42	Aurora	Cornwallis			10							30	3 3 1½	1 0 0	30 3 1½	0 6 0
43	Leake	Antigonish			4	9	1	1	1	1		17	3 1 8	9 16 10	4 0 9½	0 10 6
44	Leake	Cornwallis			10							42	6 14 6	41 13 6	41 13 6	0 10 6
45	Agricola	Stewiacke										16	3 14 1	2 15 0	5 0 0	0 8 6
46	Wallace	Wallace			6	3	3	3				34	3 14 1	2 15 0	5 0 0	0 8 6
47	Albion Mines	Albion Mines			27	6	3	3				73	13 11 3	0 15 0	49 14 3	0 18 3
48	Margareville	Wilnot			80							35	5 4 9	7 13 3	4 0 0	0 18 3
49	Iron Age	Londonderry			85							16	3 14 1	2 15 0	5 0 0	0 8 6
50	Father Mathew	L. Stewiacke			6	2	3	3	1	1		34	3 14 1	2 15 0	5 0 0	0 8 6
51	Clements Arch	Clements Port			6	2	3	3	1	1		34	3 14 1	2 15 0	5 0 0	0 8 6
52	Wilnot	Stewiacke														
53	Bethlehem	North Sydney														
54	Kellogs	Douglas			2							22	3 6 0	4 0 0	4 0 0	0 5 6
55	Chedabucto	Guyshorough			4	2	2	2				74	10 15 5½	7 0 0	114 0 0	0 18 6
56	Athenaum	Halifax			1	5	2	2				27	6 3 6	0 6 9	0 6 9	0 6 9
57	Evening Star	Lunenburg			5	5	2	2		1		23	6 3 1½	7 11 9	7 11 9	0 5 9
58	Invincible	Aylesford			5	5	2	2				45	4 4 4	7 10 0	22 10 0	0 5 9
59	Victoria Mines	Nictaux			1							25	1 0 4½	2 12 9½	2 12 9½	0 5 9
60	Wellington	Sherbrook			5	3	1	5				39	0 14 4½	0 11 3	0 11 3	0 9 9
61	Parrishor'	Parrsboro'			5	5	1	1				38	5 14 4	54 18 3	54 18 3	0 9 0
62	Railway	Shubenacadie			3	4	1	1	1	1		36	1 10 1½	12 14 8	12 14 8	0 9 0
63	Wolfville	Wolfville			4	4	1	1	1	1		19	1 10 1½	2 17 4½	2 17 4½	0 9 0
64	Exeter	Shubenacadie			2											
65	Vaine Law	Upper Rawdon														
66	Prenix	LaHave														
67	Salem	U Musquodoboit														
68	Southampton	Maccan														
69	Flowing Fountain	Durham Village			4	4	1	1	1	1		33	1 11 10½	3 10 7½	3 10 7½	0 8 9
70	Reehab	South Rawdon			4	4	1	1	1	1		20	5 11 10½	4 3 5	4 3 5	0 5 0
71	Diligent River	Parrsborough			4	4	1	1	1	1		40	3 16 3	9 6 5	9 6 5	0 10 0
72	Alma	Kennercook, Do.			3	2	2	2				22	2 6 3	7 10 0	7 10 0	0 5 6
73	Lower Horton	Lower Horton			5											
74	Inkermann	St Margaret's B.														
75	Vesper	Gore, Douglas														
76	June Rose	Hamm's Plains														
77	Emblem	Wilnot			26							26	7 5 0	£113 6 4	£1728 15 3	£24 13 9
78	Emblem	Wilnot			208	27	156	562	50	22	29	2268	£381 8 1½	£113 6 4	£1728 15 3	£24 13 9

N. B.—Poll Tax from Wilberforce, Margareville, Victoria Mines, Emblem, Invincible, and Aurora, 68, Divisions, was received after the account was made out, and will appear in next quarter's accounts. Returns received after the above was sent, will appear in next quarterly report.

Halifax, 28th January, 1856.

WM. SCOTT, G. Scribe.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

WOLFVILLE, Wednesday, January 23d, 1856.

The Grand Division met pursuant to appointment at 10 A. M., in the Wolfville Division Room, and opened in due form, the G. W. P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D., in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Conductor.

Absent, G. W. A., G. S., G. T., G. Chap., G. Sen., P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled by Bros. J. W. Barss, G. W. A., P. Monaghan, G. S., B. Morse, G. T., Rev. J. Parker, G. Chap., W. Welton, G. Sen., C. C. Hamilton, M. D., Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The Grand Division was declared open.

The G. W. P. stated that he had granted a dispensation to Lake Division, No. 71, to elect their Representatives to the G. D., they having neglected to do so in October last.

On motion, the action of the G. W. P. in granting the dispensation, was confirmed by the G. D.

The G. W. P. appointed Bros. Monaghan and Hamilton as a Special Committee on Credentials.

The Standing Committee on Credentials reported as follows:—

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the Credentials of the following representatives; and find them correct, viz:—

W.P., Peter Fraser ; P.W.P., Rev. George Christie, William Rogers, Robert Guest, Israel Horton, Nathan Lewis, M. Wyman, Thomas B. Dane, Benjamin Rogers, Robert Hunter, William Gridley, Zachary Doty—ACADIA DIVISION, No. 1.

W.P., Asa Killam—CENTRAL, No. 2.

W.P., Patrick Flynn ; P.W.P., Logan, James Finnie—VICTORIA, No. 10.

W.P., Maynard Wheelock—WILBERFORCE, No. 28.

P.W.P., Benjamin Bradshaw, George R. Wilcox, Richard W. Card—MORNING STAR, No. 38.

W.P., Stanford Wells—TRURO, No. 41.

W.P., John A. Chipman ; P.W.P., Rev. A. S. Hunt—CANARD, No. 50.

W.P., John McKinnon—RISING SUN, No. 52.

W.P., Thomas Young ; P.W.P., Wm. Burton—HANTSPOUR, No. 62.

W.P., Elijah Dickey ; P.W.P., James D. Campbell, Alex. Archibald, David Goodwin, Ezekiel Sibley—FATHER MATTHEW, No. 85.

W.P., William Fisher—KELLOGG, No. 92.

P.W.P., John M. Watson, George Davis—EVENING STAR, No. 97.

W.P., Abel Banks—VICTORIA MINES, No. 108.

W.P., John Cook ; P.W.P., F. R. Parker, Peter Etter, David Moore, Thomas McKenzie, James R. McHefey, Alex. Frame, Peter McDonald—RAILWAY, No. 111.

P.W.P., John B. Colter, Wm. Nelson, Wm. R. Wallace, John W. Allison, Joseph Blackburn, Junr.—EXETER, No. 113.

W.P., Joseph Hamilton—RECLAB, No. 119.

W.P., Joshua M. Curry—LOWER HORTON, No. 122.

W.P., Isaac Scott—VESPER, No. 124.

W.P., Learon Baker; P.W.P., Abraham Stronach—EMBLEM,
No. 126.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

R. M. BARRATT,
JOHN HEENAN.

GRAND DIVISION ROOM,

Wolfville, January 23d, 1856.

The Special Committee reported the Credentials of the undermentioned Representatives correct, viz :

W.P., John Andrew Harvie—AVONDALE, No. 13.

W.P., Rev. James Parker; P.W.P., W. C. Bill, James Bligh, James Cox, J. L. Dunham, C. N. Rockwell, Samuel Sweet, E. Eaton, Wm. Chase, Nathan Tupper, James Silver—LAKE, No. 71.

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the undermentioned Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats; George C. Harvie, John Wheelock, John Lingley, Edward C Foster, William Davison, George A. Best, Charles L. Tupper, W. Eaton, Reuben Reed, Jacob Bowser, Geo. McGregor, James E. Rathbun.

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

On the state of the Order.—Bros. Rev. J. Parker, B. Morse, R. Starr.

Auditing.—Bros. J. W. Barss, N. Harris, S. Sweet.

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

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

Officers and Brethren.—

THE state of the Order having been fully considered at the Annual Session, the amount of business claiming your attention at this meeting will be small, and my Report will be necessarily brief.

Notwithstanding numerous hindrances and drawbacks, to which every good cause is liable, I am disposed to think that on the whole the Temperance enterprise in this Province is on the advance. Reverses have been suffered in some localities, and here and there individuals may be found who have been lulled into the slumber of indifference; but those things should not discourage us. Every good work is exposed to alternations of prosperity and decline. It is our duty to observe the causes of decay, to endeavour to arrest its progress, and constantly to stimulate each other to increased activity. These purposes are sought to be accomplished by the periodical gatherings of the members of our Order.

It affords me pleasure to state that the resolution of the Grand Division at its recent Annual Session, recommending that public meetings should be frequently held, under the auspices of the Subordinate Divisions, has been carried into effect in many parts of the Province, with very favourable results. I trust that there will be a universal response to that resolution, and that during the winter months the leisure that is enjoyed will be to a large extent devoted to the prosecution of the undertaking in which we are engaged. Unable as we are at present to obtain the services of a general Lecturer and Agent, it is incumbent on us to make good use of our own resources, and to employ whatever talent exists among us for the furtherance of our noble object. The men of Nova Scotia need not be dependent on foreign aid. A little more self-reliance, with brotherly encouragement, will suffice to develope powers and qualifications amply adequate to the exigencies of the case.

I know but little of the Divisions in Halifax County, excepting those located in the city, which appear to be in a satisfactory state. Our brethren in the metropolis have to bear the heaviest end of the burden, and they bear it cheerfully.—There are also difficulties and discouragements peculiarly incident to their position, and requiring no small amount of practical wisdom.—Eitherto they have been found equal to the task. We may still confide in them.

Of the County of Pictou I can only say that the work is about stationary. Union and energy will revive it.

The reports from Hants County are of varied character. But all speak of the increase of drunkenness, especially in the vicinity of the railway operations. In many of the shanties erected for the accommodation of the laborers liquor is sold in

great quantities : this is an evil generally complained of in connection with public works. Nevertheless, some of the Divisions are working well. The Hantsport men, I rejoice to state, have resolved that the poison-traffic shall not be carried on in their settlement, and they mean to abide by their resolution. Success to them!

In King's County the Divisions are making some progress. Those under my personal charge have rescued several from the snare of the destroyer. In other parts of the County there is a commendable degree of zeal, and corresponding prosperity. Canard and Lake Divisions are growing stronger. Aurora Division labours in hope.

There are staunch friends of the Cause in Lunenburg County. And there is great need of them, for, if I am rightly informed, liquor is illegally sold in that county in no fewer than two hundred groggeries. One person has paid upwards of £500 to a Halifax dealer in spirits, during the past year. Temperance effort, therefore, is much needed in that County. The brethren there have much to struggle against, but they are not disheartened. One Division, the Evening Star, No. 97, has admitted females, in the prescribed manner, and the measure has proved attractive.

Annapolis County suffers, I fear, from its proximity to the Bay of Fundy. There is reason to believe that a large amount of liquor is clandestinely introduced. Sons of Temperance and members of other Temperance organizations have abundant scope for their exertions.

The position of Digby County in a Temperance point of view resembles that of the County of Annapolis. In Royal Division, No. 37, arrangements have been made to preserve a record of facts illustrative of the influence of intoxicating drink, in compliance with the resolution of the Grand Division at its last Annual Session. I hope that many such records will be placed in our hands before the close of the year.

I have received no information from the deputies in the Counties of Shelburne, Queens, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough, Sydney, or in Cape Breton. I can only refer you to the statistics contained in the report of the Grand Scribe. In doing so, I cannot but express my deep regret, in which, I am persuaded, all present will participate, that our much-esteemed brother who fills that office so worthily is prevented from meeting us by the impaired state of his health. We shall all

earnestly desire and pray that he may soon be restored, and that he may be permitted to labour still for many years in the cause of Temperance.

Due attention has been paid to the resolutions passed at the Annual Session, and certain documents therein referred to have been prepared or are in course of preparation.

Public notice of a Temperance Convention has been issued by the Committee appointed at the Annual Session. The Convention is to be held on the 20th of February. I beg to commend this object, most earnestly, to the immediate attention of the Subordinate Divisions, trusting that they will not only appoint Delegates to the Convention, and provide for the payment of their expenses, but also be prepared to carry into effect such measures as may be adopted for the advancement of Temperance interests.

Much will depend on the action of Temperance Institutions at the present time. A new House of Assembly is about to meet. The Prohibitory Liquor Bill will be presented to the consideration of that House. But we cannot expect that it will pass into a law unless it will be sustained by the petitions of the people. It is true that they have already petitioned, and that their desires have been most firmly and most unequivocally expressed; but, as has been observed, we have to deal with a new House, and it is of great importance, under existing circumstances, to produce a powerful impression, both on the House and on the public mind. Numerous signed petitions will accomplish the object.

There is yet another topic which it is my duty to bring before the Grand Division. I allude to the Athenæum newspaper. It is with pleasure that I inform you that an arrangement has been made for the continuance of the paper. The names of several gentlemen will appear, as "Stated Contributors," whose attention will be especially given to the Temperance Department, and who will supply information respecting the Cause, and prepare articles in advocacy of its interests, expressive of the views and determinations of the members of our Order, as well as of Total Abstinence Societies in general. Permit me, therefore, to ask of you, on behalf of the Athenæum, much more extensive support and patronage than it has yet received; for if the subscription lists be not greatly enlarged, adequate remuneration will not be obtained, and the efforts of the proprietor and his friends will be unsuccessful. A well-managed Temperance

Press is evidently essential to our welfare. Let us rally round the Athenæum, and thus secure the means of attack and defence in our conflict with the champions of alcohol.

I cannot conclude this Report without congratulating you on the success which has crowned the indefatigable labours of our brethren in New Brunswick. Their Prohibitory Liquor Law, sanctioned by Queen Victoria, is now in force.—New Brunswick is the first British Colony in which an enactment of that kind has been carried. But it will not be the last. Canada will follow. And Nova Scotia will follow. Great Britain herself is under preparation for it, and its principle is already established in the partial prohibitions which have been some time in operation.

“Prohibition,” Brothers, is the watch-word of the day. Humanity demands it. Religion and Morals demand it. Our predecessors introduced abstinence from the drink. It is ours to effect the destruction of the traffic. And by the blessing of God we will do it.

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

J. M. CRAMP,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

WOLFVILLE, 23rd January, 1856.

On motion the Report was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Report of the G. S. was read as follows :—

HALIFAX, N. S., January 21, 1856.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brethren,—

Severe indisposition compels me to forward you my report, being unable to attend the present session myself, which I regret, as it is the first one I have been absent from, during my holding the Office of Grand Scribe, now commencing the fourth year. Many matters of very great moment to the prosperity of our Order, and the progress of the cause of total abstinence, will require serious attention; among which, are the agency and the sustaining the Paper, and the extensive circulation of Petitions for presentation to the Legislature; for notwithstanding the promise given last session by the Legislative Council, that if the people expressed, by petition, this year, their desire for the Bill, that it would be given to them,—I have every reason to know that their argument now is, that the Bill was printed, sent to the

Country, and that the people at the last Election decided against it, by returning a majority to the House of Assembly whose feelings are adverse to it. Unless, therefore, a very strong and powerful appeal is made, containing a much larger number of signatures than has ever before been presented to the Legislature, to contravene the arguments used by these Hon. Gentlemen, they will forget their promises. It requires, at the present crisis, that every man should be true to his colours; and with energy and increased zeal, work, until our Province shall be free from the curse that is preying upon its vitals. The traffic increases, and fresh victims are sacrificed to it every day, and if the people are willing to let this monster evil exist, theirs will be the suffering. But I am satisfied that they are, on the contrary, determined to destroy it, root and branch. The watchful eye of our Grand Worthy Patriarch is upon our enemies, and when opportunity offers he will not fail to let them hear from him,—and as his report will contain all the information requisite on the important matters which will require the attention of the Grand Division, I shall endeavour to give some idea of our present position as Sons of Temperance. I wish that I could report more favourably than the returns sent in will admit of. Out of 78 Divisions supposed to be in working order, 49 only have sent in returns for the quarter ending 31st December last, of which the following is a synopsis:—

Initiated during the Quarter, - - -	184
“ by Dispensation, - - -	28
Admitted by Card, - - -	26—238
Withdrawn by Card, - - -	10
“ from the Order, - - -	17 — 27
Rejected, - - -	2
Suspended, - - -	27
Reinstated, - - -	30
Expelled for violation, - - -	81
“ for non payment of dues, - -	77—158
“ for improper conduct, - - -	2
Violated the pledge, - - -	62
Signed over, - - -	29
Violated pledge second time, - -	22
Deaths, - - -	5
Temperance Meetings held, - - -	61
Tracts distributed, - - -	200

Contributing Members, - - - - -	2258
Cash received during the quarter, £331	8 11½
Paid for benefits by 24 Divisions, 113	6 4
Expenses exclusive of benefits by 39	
Divisions, - - - - -	191 19 6½
Cash on hand including investments, 1728	15 3
Per Capita Tax received, £24 13 9	
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Returns for the quarter ending 30th September, 1855, have been received from Acadia Division, No. 1, and Harmony Division, No. 67. Many of the returns are incorrect. Wolfville Division in September quarter, reduces the No. of contributing members 6, without showing why; Lake Division the past quarter initiated 10 and yet returns the same No. of Members as in the September quarter; Canard added five to its number during the last quarter, and returns 19 Members less than the previous quarter. These discrepancies are continually occurring, and prevent anything like a correct record being kept.—The only way to have this remedied in future will be to expose the Divisions who are so negligent in not having their returns correct. I would like to see more zeal and determination on the part of Divisions to have their returns punctually and correctly made out. Many of them do so, and it affords pleasure and satisfaction to all concerned. Prince of Wales No. 30, and Paradise Division, 45, have surrendered their Charters, and I very much fear that unless a great reaction takes place, many more of the smaller Divisions, located in isolated situations, will surrender, many having intimated their intention of doing so. But my counsel invariably is, to hold on, and make one more effort. I trust that we may all be able to make one more effort, which shall be so effectual as to accomplish the redemption of our Country from the Liquor Traffic.

None of the Committees appointed at the Annual Session, have sent in reports as to their proceedings, but the G. W. P. will be able to give information relative to them. The present crisis demands our utmost efforts, to conquer the enemy, as well as to extend all our aid and sympathy to our Brethren in New Brunswick, who having nobly gained the victory and obtained the Law, are now nobly doing battle against all the power of the Rum Traffic, with a view to sustain the Law and make their Country free. Why should we not have the Prohibitory Law?

It is ours, if temperance men throughout the Province but will it. Trusting that this may be the feeling that will animate the Grand Division, and that it may extend to the remotest parts of the Province, leavening the masses, until but one feeling animate every heart, that a law we must and will have—then may we follow New Brunswick in thanking God that we have a Queen.

Yours, &c.,

WM. SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

A communication received from Bro. Jacob Carter of Philadelphia, Penn., in which he intimated his willingness to deliver Lectures on Temperance, in Nova Scotia, should the Grand Division employ him for that purpose, was read.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the communication be taken up for discussion in the Afternoon Session.

The G. W. P. submitted a draft of Petition to be presented to the Legislature at its next session, on behalf of the Grand Division, in accordance with a Resolution passed at the last Annual Session, which was on motion adopted.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned, to meet again at half-past 2 P. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Acting Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Present, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Conductor.

Absent, G. W. A., G. S., G. T., G. Chap., G. Sen., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled as follows:—Bros. N. Tupper, G. W. A., P. Monaghan, G. S., B. Morse, G. T., Rev. J. Parker, G. Chap., W. Welton, G. Sen., C. C. Hamilton, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. Grand Division declared open.

The Grand Conductor introduced Representatives John A. Chipman, David Thomas, Nicholas Beckwith, Whitman Holmes, Elisha E. Fuller, and Isaac Shaw, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Communication of Brother Carter was taken up, and, after discussion, it was on motion,

Resolved, That in consequence of the state of the funds, this Grand Division declines accepting the propositions of J. B. Carter.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws, was read as follows:—

HALIFAX, N. S., January 21st, 1856.

The standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws would report, that they have examined the proposed addition to the Bye-Laws of Miemac Division, No. 8, and find that it does not conflict with the Constitution or Rules of the Order.

Your Committee have also examined the Bye-Laws of Emblem Division, No. 126, in which they would recommend the following alterations, viz:—

The words "one shilling and three-pence" to be erased from Section 2, of Article 2, and the words "one shilling and one penny" inserted instead thereof; and the word *month* inserted instead of the word "*quarter*" as Section 1 of Article 6 of the Constitution provides that "the regular dues" of a Division "shall not be less than five cents per week," which would be three shillings and three pence per quarter.*

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

* The words—"the amount of all initiation fees and weekly dues to be regulated by each Division"—in Section 2. of Article 5 of the Constitution, has reference only to "persons of old age or under disability or sickness."

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

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

Section 2 of Article 5, conflicts with the Constitution, as it renders a member, who is only two months in arrears, liable to suspension or expulsion, if his dues &c., are still unpaid at the end of four weeks after receiving notice from the F. S.

Your Committee would recommend the Division to adopt the following as Section 2 of Article 5:—

"Every member not absent at sea, or in some distant place, whose dues and fines are unpaid for eleven months, shall be served with notice by the Financial Scribe, if practicable; after notice, if a further period of four weeks elapse without his account being settled, he becomes liable to suspension or expulsion, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, and Article 2 of the Revised Rules."

Your Committee have again to recommend the Grand Division to give strict injunctions to Subordinate Divisions to forward their Bye-Laws through the Grand Scribe, for examination, previous to their being printed, as that officer has intimated that several Divisions have had their Bye-Laws printed without having them examined by your Committee, and in some instances these Bye-Laws conflict with the Constitution.

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

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN.

Adopted.

Brother Rev. J. Parker moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother N. Tupper and adopted:—

Resolved, That the National Division be respectfully solicited to make such an alteration in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions as shall give to such Divisions the right of arranging the initiatory fees, weekly dues, and benefits, as they think proper, in accordance with the spirit and design of the Legislation on that subject at the Annual Session held at St. John, N. B., in June, 1854.

An account from James Bowes & Sons, for printing Journals, amounting to £7 5s. was passed and ordered to be paid.

The accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read, and on motion referred to Auditing Committee.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Acting Grand Scribe

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 24th, 1856.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, the G. W. P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present, Grand Worthy Patriarch, Grand Conductor.

Absent, G. W. A., G. S., G. T., G. Chap., G. Sen., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by Bro. Barss, G. W. A., Monaghan, G. S., Morse, G. T., Parker, G. Chap., Welton, G. Sen., N. Tupper, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. Grand Division declared open.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Bro. James Mosher, of Chester Division, No. 32, being present, and his Credentials not having been sent in, and the G. D. deeming it an omission of the R. S. of the Division, he was, on motion, allowed to take his seat.

The following letter received from the G. W. P. and G. S. of the G. D. of Canada West, was read:—

OFFICE OF GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE,

Kingston, 31st December, 1855.

To WILLIAM SCOTT, Esq., Grand Scribe of G. D. of Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir and Brother,—We have the honor, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Division of Canada West, to

call the attention of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, to the subject of an application for a Charter of a National Division for the Colonies of British North America.

The subject was distinctly brought before our Grand Division, by the Grand Worthy Patriarch—the resolution thereon will be found on page 24 of “*Proceedings*,” (a copy of which has been forwarded to you) and our instructions on page 25.

We deem it a subject, not only of great importance, but of absolute necessity, for the best interests of the Order, and we are happy to find the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, according to Journal of its last Session, has declared that the formation of a National Division for the Colonies of British North America, “is expedient and proper.”

Our views are contained in the following declarations, the truth and reasonableness of which we trust will be patent to all, without argument.

1st. The vast extent of Territory covered by the National Division of North America, renders it almost impossible that the condition of all parts can be so similar as to be legislated for under any one simple code of laws.

2nd. The distance to be travelled, and expense incurred in attending a majority of the Sessions of the N.D., render it exceedingly improbable that any sufficient number of Representatives will attend from the G.D.'s of B.N.A. to ensure a proper consideration of the wants and best interests of our Order, even if time allowed that attention to peculiar circumstances which is necessary. (Vide how many attended last Session of the N.D. at Charleston, and how many will attend the next at Lexington.)

3rd. The position of all G.D.'s of B.N.A. is so similar, *politically* and *socially*, that we can legislate for ourselves better than any other parties can for us.

4th. This question of temperance is no longer one of “Moral Suasion” or mere philanthropy, but has become, and must be so more and more a political question—an important plank in our legislative platform—and our identification with, and subordination to the N.D. of the United States of North America does not add to our political strength.

5th. The principle is ceded to us, by the admission of our excellent Most Worthy Scribe, “that the experience of the M.W. S. has left no doubt on his mind of the superiority of *Home Government*, in every practicable case, in the Order,”—by Committees of N. D., in the declaration that “an investigation

of the subject has satisfied us, that with proper limitations, it is eminently proper that such a Charter should issue,"—and in the action of the N. D. of N.A., in granting a Charter to Great Britain and Ireland for a National Division.

6th. We do not seek to dissolve the bonds of sympathy and fraternity which unite us to the great and good men who have originated and sustained so nobly the great and glorious Order, but request you to unite with us in asking for a Charter for a *National Division for British North America*, upon the terms and conditions of the one already granted to Great Britain and Ireland—as set forth in Journal of Proceedings of N.D. for 1854.

We submit our proposal for your concurrence, and request that the Representatives for the G.D. of Nova Scotia to the next N. D. may be properly instructed and authorised in the premises.

We remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours in the bonds of L. P. and F.,

JOHN BEATY, Jr., M.D.

G. W. P. of G. D., S. of T., Canada West.

EDWARD STACEY,

G. Scribe of G. D., S. of T., Canada West.

After the reading of the above Letter Rev. N. Tupper moved the following resolution, which was seconded by bro. Allison, and adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to reply to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Division of Canada West, expressing our cordial concurrence with the views set forth in their communication, and promising our assistance in the matter.

The Grand Conductor moved the following resolution, which on being seconded, was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be directed to correspond with the M.W.S., calling his attention to the resolution passed at the Annual Session of this Grand Division., respecting a National Division for the Colonies of British North America, and informing him that this Grand Division will co-operate with the Grand Division of Canada West and the other Colonial Grand Divisions, in application to the National Division for a separate Charter, as aforesaid.

The special Committee on Credentials reported those of Daniel Mosher, P. W. P. of Avon Division, No. 12 as correct.

Bro. Barss handed in from the Auditing Committee, the following Report :

We the undersigned having examined the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Scribe's Accounts and Books for the quarter ending at this date, beg leave to report the same as correct.

JOHN W. BARSS, }
SAMUEL SWEET, } Auditors.

Grand Division Room,
Wolfville, Jan. 23, 1856.

Adopted.

Bro. Rev. J. Parker, from Committee on State of the Order, handed in the following Report :

The Committee on the State of the Order have examined the Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch and the Grand Scribe. They learn from those documents that the Order is not in as healthy a state as the friends of the cause could desire. In many localities the Order is in a prosperous state, and is exerting a wholesome influence, while in others we fear the cause is declining.

The Deputies of the Grand Worthy Patriarch in several Counties not having reported to him, he has been unable to furnish an exact synopsis of the state of the Order. The Committee hope, that the enumeration of the unreported counties in the Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report will prevent a recurrence of this justly complained of neglect.

The Committee concur in the recommendation to hold frequent public meetings throughout the Province during the winter, and also to adopt measures immediately to circulate petitions in favour of the Prohibitory Law, through which we shall give to the Legislature of the Province an unmistakable expression of our feelings on the subject, and of our determination not to relax in our efforts until Prohibition becomes the law of the land.

The Committee recommend extended efforts to sustain the Temperance press, both by patronizing the *Athenæum*, and also by furnishing for its pages from time to time local information

on Temperance and other subjects, and thus contributing to place the paper on a firm foundation.

In conclusion, they recommend that the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch be printed in the *Athenæum*, so as to place its information and excellent remarks before the public as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted, in L.P. and F.

JAMES PARKER,
BENIAH MORSE,
RICHARD STARR.

Adopted.

On motion, 300 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of this Quarterly Session were ordered to be printed.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the expenses of the Acting Grand Scribe and the Grand Conductor in attending this Session, be paid.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the Convention Committee appointed at the Annual Session, be requested to adopt measures for the introduction of the Prohibitory Liquor Bill to the Legislature at the earliest practicable period, and also to secure the due presentation of the Petitions.

On motion of the Acting Grand Scribe, seconded by Bro. J. Mosher, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Division be given to Wolfville Division, No. 112, for the use of their Room during the Session, and also to the brethren of Wolfville for the hospitality extended by them to brethren from a distance.

The minutes of this Session were read and approved.

The Grand Division was declared closed, to meet at Railway Division Room, Shubenacadie, on Wednesday, 23d April next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Acting Grand Scribe.

HALIFAX, January 28th, 1856.

WM. SCOTT, *Grand Scribe.*

*Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, in account with
Grand Treasurer.*

1855.		DR.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 2.	To paid	Bowes & Sons' account - - -	5	12	6
		G.W.A.'s expences - - -	1	10	0
		G.T.'s do. - - -	4	17	6
		G. Sentinel's do. - - -	2	15	0
1856.					
Jan. 19.		Athenæum Office, - - -	1	18	9
		Grand Scribe, - - -	5	0	8
		W. Grant, - - -	0	5	5
		Public Meeting Committee, - -	4	9	6
		Alpin Grant, - - -	0	5	0
		Thomas Annand, - - -	0	5	0
Nov.		for Bill of Exchange, Newspaper } Committee, \$100 at 2½ per cent. }	25	12	6
		Balance in hand, - - -	16	0	9
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			£68	11	11
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1855.		CR.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 2.	By Balance, - - -	- - -	37	18	3
1856.					
Jan. 21.	Amount from Grand Scribe, - -	- -	30	13	8
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			£68	11	11
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			Errors Excepted,		
			W. LIPPENCOTT, G. T.		
			Per. W. M. BROWN.		

Grand Division Agency Fund in account with G. T.

1855.		DR.	£	s.	d.	
Jan. 1.	To Balance, - - -	- - -	0	3	10½	
21.	Amount per R. M. Barratt, - -	- -	6	10	0	
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			£6	13	10½	
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			Balance due Grand Treasurer, - -	6	8	10½
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1856.		CR.				
Jan. 21.	By Amount from Grand Scribe, - -	- -	0	5	0	
	Balance, - - -	- -	6	8	10½	
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			£6	13	10½	
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			Errors Excepted,			
			W. LIPPENCOTT, G. T.			
			Per W. M. BROWN.			

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

		DR.	£	s.	d.
1855.					
Nov. 1.	To Balance per account,	- - - - -	12	5	3
5.	C. D. Roach,	- - - - -	0	5	0
	Poll Tax for quarter ending 30th Sept. viz.:				
	Wellington, 7s. 6d.; Truro, 16s. 3d.;		1	3	9
	Aurora, 68, - - - - -		0	7	6
Dec. 7.	Canard, 39s. 3d.; Lake, 10s. 3d.;		2	9	6
	Harmony, 5s.; Acadia, 4s.; Alma,		0	9	0
	4s. 6d.; Maine Law, 4s. 6d. -		0	9	0
	Lake Division to Lecture fund, - -		0	5	0
	Albion Mines Division for Odes, -		0	5	0
1856.					
Jany.	Blank Returns sold during the quarter	- - - - -	0	6	3
	Cards, - - - - -		0	11	3
	Initiation Female Cards sold, - -		0	2	6
21.	Poll Tax received for Qr. ending 31st Dec.		24	13	9
			<u>£43</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
CR.					
	By Postages paid this Quarter, - -		0	19	8
	Clements Arch Div. paid their balance.		0	4	3
	Eastern Bank Note received from one of the Western Div. turns out no good, }		0	5	0
	Paid G. Treasurer on account Agency,		0	5	0
	Do. Do. General Account,		30	13	8
	G. Scribe's Salary, - - - - -		10	0	0
			<u>£42</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
	Balance due Grand Division -		£1	5	2

MEMBERS PRESENT AT SESSION.

P. Monaghan, J. W. Barss,	} No. 7.	N. T. Harris, W. Davidson, J. Elder,	} No. 62.
G. B. Sandford, D. P. Allison, J. P. Smith, D. Mosher,	} No. 12.	E. C. Foster, I. Shaw, Wm. Shaw,	} No. 68.
G. C. Harvie, No. 13.		Rev. J. Parker, N. Tupper, S. Sweet, J. Cox,	} No. 71.
J. Wheelock, B. Morse, W. Welton,	} No. 28.	G. Best, C. L. Tupper, A. Van Buskirk,	} No. 100.
J. Mosher, No. 32.		Rev. Dr. Cramp, J. Rounsfelle, W. Eaton, R. Reid, J. Bowser,	} No. 112.
C. C. Hamilton, J. Lingley, R. Starr, W. Gilliatt, J. A. Chipman, D. S. Thomas, Rev. A. S. Hunt, D. Cogswell,	} No. 50.	G. McGrigor, J. E. Rathburn,	} No. 122.
N. Beckwith, W. Holmes, E. Fuller,	} No. 62.		

VISITOR.—Edward Hickson, Bathurst Div., No. 33, N. B.