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OF THE

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AT THE

Quarterly Session held at Lunenburg, 30th of January, 1850.

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Quarterly Report of Grand Scribe to Grand Division for Quarter beginning 1st October and ending 31st December.

Names of Divisions.	No. of Division.	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 Gr. Division.			
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Morning Star	59	St. Margaret's Bay	9							13	1 10 0		6 18 0	0 1 6			
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QUARTERLY SESSION OF GRAND DIVISION.

LUNENBURG, JAN'Y 30, 1850.

Grand Division of the "Sons of Temperance," of Nova Scotia, in Quarterly Session assembled: Grand Worthy Patriarch Rev. John McMurray in the Chair.

Grand Conductor made the usual proclamation, after which Grand Division opened in due form.

*Present*—*G. W. P.*, Rev. John McMurray.

*G. W. A.*, L. E. Van Buskirk.

*G. T.*, John Campbell.

*G. S.*, Rev. Alex. Hichborn.

*G. C.*, Benj. Zwickler.

*G. Sen.*, E. C. Cowling.

*Absent*—*P. G. W. P.*, William Burrill.

*G. Chap.*, Rev. Bro. Porter.

The following brethren, were appointed a Committee on credentials:—Rev. P. J. Filuel, J. J. Rudolph, Benj. W. C. Manning; which Committee subsequently reported as follows:

The Committee on credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the following Brethren, and have found them correct:—

B. W. C. Manning, P. W. P.	W. V. Andrews, P. W. P.
B. Morse, “	J. J. Rudolph, “
G. Willet, “	C. E. W. Schmidt, “
Rev. J. C. Cochran, “	H. Gardner, “
J. P. Milward, “	Wm. Jackson, W. P.
W. Dauphiney, W. P.	Jas. Mosher, P. W. P.
J. O. Morse, “	D. Dimock, “
Alex. Zwicker, “	J. L. Corkum, W. P.
Thos. Bryden, P. W. P.	J. Schraf, P. W. P.
Ed. Bent, “	D. Powell, “
P. J. Filluel, “	Js. Zwicker, W. P.

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

P. J. FILLUEL,  
J. J. RUDOLF,  
B. W. C. MANNING.

The G. C. introduced the following brethren, who were duly initiated:—

Thomas Bryden,  
Benj. W. C. Manning,  
Bemaniah Morse,  
Gilbert Willet,  
Alex. Zwicker,  
J. O. Morse,  
Jas. P. Milward,  
Joshua W. Dauphine,  
Edward Bent.

On motion, voted, to adjourn till 2 o'clock. G. D. closed in due form.

*Afternoon Session, Jan. 30.*

Grand Division met and opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair.

Prayer by *Grand Chaplain*.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The Committee on credentials made the following additional Report: “That they have examined and found correct the credentials of Bro. Robt. Noble, P.W.P. Howard Division.”

The following brethren were duly initiated, and admitted as members of this G. D.:—John Joseph Schraf, D. A. Dimock, James Zwicker, James Mosher,

Daniel Powel, John L. Corkum, William Jackson, Jas. C. Cochran.

The *G. W. P.* made the following  
REPORT:

*Grand Worthy Brothers*,—Assembled in this our Quarterly Session, it becomes my duty to present a Report of our proceedings during the past quarter, and to offer such suggestions as may appear necessary to meet the present wants of our Order in this Province.

But in attempting to do so, I feel my inability to present anything like as satisfactory a statement as I could wish, respecting our progress and prospects, owing to the fact that there has been received but from a small number of the Deputies, the report of the state of the Order severally under their jurisdiction, as required by the terms of their commission. This omission on the part of so many, is to be regretted, and I would take this opportunity of calling attention to this part of their duty. I cannot, however, but hope that this omission is to be regarded rather as an oversight, than as evidence of lack of zeal in our good cause—while the deficiency thereby occasioned may probably be supplied by the action of the Committee on the state of the Order, who will report at the present session.—The Reports that have been received by me, are in general of an encouraging character. Intelligence has indeed reached us of the intention of three Divisions to surrender their charters, viz.—Maitland and Mariners, of Yarmouth, and Centenary of Halifax, No. 100. The reasons assigned for the intended surrender of the charter of these Divisions, are, in two cases, the absence of a great portion of the Division at sea for the most part of the time, and the scattered location of so many of the brethren. But it is to be hoped that such brethren of these Divisions as are worthy, will apply for and obtain cards of clearance, and thereby be enabled immediately to join other Divisions. These cases should, however, serve to teach us caution for the future as to the opening of Divisions in such localities, or under such circumstances as might be likely to interfere with their permanent working. And it is worthy of your consideration whether or not it is advisable at present to appoint—agreeably with the 14th Art. of your Bye Laws—a standing Committee on the institution of Divisions, to whom applications for charters may be referred.

The Divisions from which we have heard are, with the foregoing exceptions, represented as being in good working order. The following extracts from the Report of one of the Deputies, will, it is hoped, be applicable to our Divisions generally: “The Order has already done much to elevate the moral tone of the communities in which it has been planted—good feeling among different portions of the people has been greatly promoted. The meetings of the Divisions are well attended—the ceremonies satisfactorily performed, and the business conducted in harmony and in good order.”

I have noticed with great pleasure in some places evident signs of increased interest in our glorious cause, and hope that the same

zeal which has marked the recent efforts of our brethren in Halifax and elsewhere, may be exhibited by the Order generally throughout the Province. The importance of holding public meetings occasionally, should not be overlooked. The judicious advocacy of our principles upon such occasions, will gain for those principles a wider spread, and a deeper hold upon the favorable judgment of the best portions of the public; while the efforts of those who may in this way consent to employ their talents, will react favourably upon ourselves in many respects, and especially in keeping alive in our hearts the true genius and spirit of our noble institution.

And in addition to the frequent holding of public meetings, we would seriously enquire, cannot the press be employed more efficiently for the extension of our principles; and can we not introduce from the United States some of the Temperance periodicals and other publications, which shall tend to keep alive and increase the hearty interest of our brethren and of the public in our favor.

The question respecting the propriety of applying to the Legislature for a bill of incorporation, will probably be brought before you. On this matter I am not prepared to offer any decided opinion. Some brethren deem it unwise to ask for any legislative enactment; others think such a bill absolutely needful for the safety of the Division funds. I can only hope that should this question be brought under discussion, it will receive your cautious and deliberate judgment, and that you will be guided to a right decision.

I have observed with satisfaction that some Divisions have introduced into their Bye-laws, certain guards for the maintenance of their funds. The alterations to which I refer relate to the *lessening and limitation* of weekly benefits, and also a law to induce punctuality in the payment of dues,—as for instance preventing a brother who negligently suffers himself to become some months in arrears from receiving benefits until a certain time subsequent to the payment of such arrears. Such a regulation will be of utility in many respects; for although the benefit system of our Order is not to be regarded as its principal object, but rather as a means towards the attainment, of a higher, yet it must be felt, on various accounts, to be a matter of importance that our Division funds should be preserved in a safe and healthy state.

In conclusion, brethren, let me advise that we foster in all our Divisions a steady and becoming zeal in our great cause, and that we encourage all our brothers who courageously take the forefront in endeavouring to rout the common foe. Let us keep our ranks unbroken,—strictly observe our excellent discipline, and as a united army press forward, shoulder to shoulder, confident that though the struggle may be hard, yet that victory is ours. Onward is our watchword, and glorious success shall recompence our toil. After a year of such rapid advancement as was the past, we should not have wondered had there taken place a few desertions from our ranks, but happily we have not to mourn over the unfaithfulness of many, and if some of our Divisions have had a little sifting, they will thereby, we hope, be prepared to act in the future with greater efficiency.

By the Divine blessing upon the operations of our Order, a vast and greatly encouraging amount of good has already resulted to very many in this our beloved land; but let all our brotherhood gird themselves anew to the contest, while all the glory of our past success is given to God alone.

J. McMURRAY, *G. W. P.*

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:—

*Committee on Bye-Laws*: Brothers Robert Noble, Rudolph, Filuel.

*Committee on Communications*: Brothers Schmidt, Willet, Powell.

*Committee on Appeals*: Brothers Bryden, Mosher, Jackson.

*Auditing Committee*: Brothers Blair, Milward, Young.

*Special Committee on Communications*, from Oak, and Olive Branch Divisions, and also on the subject of petitioning the House of Assembly: Brothers Noble, Gardner, Van Buskirk, B. Morse, A. Zwicker.

Voted to instruct the *G. S.*, to obtain a number of printed forms of Cards of Clearance, from this *G. D.*, and that the same be forwarded to the *D. G. W. P.* for the use of those brethren who belonged to divisions who have surrendered their charters, and who may wish to reunite with other divisions.

A special Committee was appointed by the Chair, to consider the circumstances with reference to Maitland Division, consisting of Brothers Gardner, Morse, Rudolph, McIntosh, Andrews.

A communication from Port Royal Division, touching the election of representatives, Brothers Cowling and Hall, was received. The following resolution was offered, and passed:—

*Resolved*, That this *G. D.* receive as satisfactory the explanation of Port Royal Division, with reference to Brothers Hall and Cowling; and that they be regarded as legal representatives; but that at the same time, they disclaim the establishment of this case, as a precedent for future action.

Voted, that Brother Milward act as *Assistant Grand Scribe*.

Voted, that we now adjourn till half-past 9 o'clock, to-morrow. *G. D.* closed in due form.



THURSDAY *Morning*, Jan. 31.

G. D. opened in due form. All the officers present.  
Prayer by Rev. P. J. Filuel, G. Chap., *pro tem*.

The quarterly report of the G. T. was read, and on motion, voted, to accept and adopt the same.

The Committee appointed to consider the circumstances of Maitland Division, reported as follows:—

Your Committee appointed to investigate the unfortunate affair of Maitland Division, No. — in the County of Yarmouth, N. S. Do report as follows: That after duly investigating the affair of said Division, have come to the conclusion that they have forfeited their Charter; and it would be advisable for the Grand Division to appoint a fit and proper person to confer with those that were members of said Division, and to use his influence in obtaining from them the Charter, Blue Book, and Cards.

Which we submit in L., P. and F.,

J. JOS. RUDOLF,  
HEMAN GARDNER,  
ROBERT McINTOSH,  
J. O. MORSE,  
W. V. ANDREWS.

On the motion, voted, to adopt the above report, and that *P. G. W. P.* William Burrill, be the Committee suggested therein.

The following question from Lunenburg Division, was submitted by Brother J. J. Rudolph, and referred to the Committee on Bye-Laws.

*A Question from LUNENBURG DIVISION, No. 60, to the GRAND DIVISION, in Quarterly Session assembled.*

GREETING,—

Whereas a difference of opinion appears to exist among the members of this Division, relative to the use of certain articles, as to whether it is an infringement on the Constitution of the Order, inasmuch as they tend to arouse within its members the burning desire for the use of the intoxicating cup, thereby endangering the present flourishing and prosperous state of the Order, by drawing many of its members, back to the paths of the inebriate and dissipated;—

This Division, therefore, respectfully beg leave to submit for the consideration and opinion of the Grand Division, whether the use of such articles *are* or *are not* a bone fide violation of Article 2nd of the Constitution of the Order.\*

Submitted in L., P. and F.  
Division Room, }  
Lunenburg, January, 1850. }

\* See Appendix (F.)

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following report, on the appeal of Brother Thomas Knowles of Albert Division. (*See Appendix A.*)

The Committee on appeals have duly considered the appeal of Bro. Knowles, of Albert Division, No. 11, S. of T., beg leave to report that your Committee are wholly of opinion, that business transactions between Brothers in the settlement of accounts or disputes arising thereon, should not be brought before Subordinate Divisions. We would not however, recommend the practice of litigation between Brothers, but, that, in cases of differences of the settlement of accounts, it would be desirable that grievances of that nature be settled by arbitration.

*Resolved*, Therefore that the action of the Albert Division, in the case of the expulsion of Bro. Knowles be reversed.

THOMAS BRYDEN, Chairman.

On motion, voted, to receive and adopt the above Report.

Report No. 2, of the Committee on Appeals was read, as follows:—

Your Committee also beg leave to report in the case of Brother Murray's appeal, that the making use of unfermented cider by a member of the Order, is a violation of its principles, although your Committee are of opinion that Bro. McLeod, in using unfermented cider, was not aware he was committing a breach of the rules and usages of the Order; and therefore move, that the action of the Harmony Division be sustained, but not to be considered as a precedent on future like occasions.

THOMAS BRYDEN, Chairman.

On motion, voted, to receive and adopt the above Report.

The Committee on Communications reported as follows. (*See Appendix B.*)

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Agricola Division, No 72, requesting to be informed by the G. D., if Subordinate Divisions have the power of lessening their Benefits, beg to submit for the information of that Division, the report of the Committee on the M. W. P.'s Report touching upon that subject, as contained in the Journals of the National Division, p. 56.

CHAS. E. W. SCHMIDT.

GILBERT WILLET.

DAVID POWELL.

On motion, voted, to receive and adopt the above report.

The Committee on Communications made the following additional

## REPORTS:

The Committee on Communications to whom the letter of *P. W. P.* J. A. Chipman, complaining of the action of the G. D. was referred, beg leave to submit the following resolution, as the sense of the G. D. on the subject.

*Resolved*, That the report on the appeal of *P. W. P.* J. A. Chipman, as contained in page 12 of the journal of the last annual session of the Grand Division, be so far reversed, that the whole matter may finally be disposed of, at the next quarterly session in April; and that in the meantime, the parties interested place all the facts in the case in the possession of the Grand Division.

On motion, voted, to adopt the above.

## Report of Committee on Appeals, No. 3.

The Committee on Communications, to whom was referred the Memorial of New Caledonia Division, No. 14, recommend that the Grand Division take action on it and comply with the prayer of said Memorial, in petitioning the House of Assembly, now in Session for an Act of Incorporation.

CHAS. E. W. SCHMIDT.  
GILBERT WILLETT.

DAVID POWELL.

On motion, voted, to adopt the above.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to carry the above report into effect:—Rev. J. C. Cochran, E. A. Cowling, J. O. Morse, Thos. Bryden, Gilbert Willett.

The Special Committee on Communications reported as follows. (*See Appendix C.*)

Your Committee to whom were referred the resolution and protest forwarded to the G. S., from Oak Division, No. 43, located at Kentville, respectfully report that they have had the same under their consideration, but find it extremely difficult to deal with the matter, inasmuch as the resolution contains charges against both the National and Grand Divisions, of a grave character, (couched in terms not of an overcourteous or discreet kind,) and which would require more time for their consideration than this G. D. can, from the press of more important matters, which have to be matured, and the short time that can be devoted thereto will allow. Your Committee therefore recommend that as this G. D. is to meet in Quarterly Session at Cornwallis, on the last Wednesday in April next, the further consideration of this matter be deferred until that period, when the parties can be heard more at large, and information conveyed in relation thereto, which may enable the Division to work out the principles contemplated by the institution of our Order, in a true spirit of Love, Purity, and Fidelity. Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NOBLE, *Chairman.*  
L. E. VAN BUSKIRK,  
BENALIAH MORSE,  
ALEX. ZWICKER,  
HEMAN GARDNER.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing report be received and adopted.

### Report of Special Committee, No. 2.

The Committee appointed to consider the communication from the D. G. W. P. of the County of Annapolis, S. L. Morse, referring to the Olive Branch Division, No. 44, Bridgetown, respectfully report: That in their opinion the Grand Division has no jurisdiction over the constitutional working of the Subordinate Divisions, and that the proceedings of the committee appointed to investigate the charge against a brother being sustained by the Division, was in accordance with the Constitution of the Order, and should have been final and conclusive, inasmuch as the protest of the minority was not sustained when brought before the Division.

Your Committee are also of opinion, that the Division was correct in not giving its consent to the resignation of any member who had a charge preferred against him, or others who held property of the Division, until they had delivered up such property to the proper authority authorised to receive it. And they cannot but express their surprise and regret, that any member of the Order should so far forget their solemn obligations as to withhold any monies, books, or papers, after being requested to deliver them up by the Division.

Your Committee likewise consider the refusal of the W. Patriarch to submit a resolution to the Division, having undoubtedly a tendency to injure and subvert the well being of the Order was strictly correct, as the purport of said resolution was to divide the Division and its funds, which is unconstitutional, and in the opinion of this Committee can only be accomplished by resignation of the Charter.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

ROBERT NOBLE, *Chairman.*  
L. E. VAN BUSKIRK,  
HEMAN GARDNER,  
BENAI AH MORSE.

On motion, voted, to adopt the above report.

### REPORT No. 3:

The Committee to whom the subject of applying to the Hon. the House of Assembly by Petition, relative to an improvement of our present License Law, beg to report in favor of an immediate application by Petition from this body, and submit a draft of a Petition for such purpose, to be approved or amended as the G. D. may seem proper, and if so approved to be signed by the G. W. P. and G. S. in name of the Division, as sufficient to bring the matter before the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NOBLE, *Chairman.*  
L. E. VAN BUSKIRK,  
HEMAN GARDNER,  
BENAI AH MORSE,  
ALEX. ZWICKER,

## PETITION :

*To the Honorable, the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia, in General Session convened. The Petition of the GRAND DIVISION of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, in Quarterly Session, at Lunenburg, now assembled,*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That in the opinion of your petitioners, the well-being and moral interests of society, would be advanced throughout this Province, by the enactment of a law, more particularly regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors; that, if legislation cannot at present go so far as totally to abolish a traffic, confessedly productive of a great amount of moral and social evil; still, if properly directed, it may accomplish a vast amount of practical good, by checking, in a great degree, the sale of intoxicating liquors, and thereby in some measure lessening one of the greatest causes of wretchedness, poverty, and crime, that now exists.

That, by prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in shops dealing in groceries, and other necessaries of life, and confining it wholly to shops licensed for that purpose alone, and to taverns, under such regulations as may be necessary to the strict enforcement of said law; it would tend to remove temptation from those whose daily wants, under the present state of things, oblige them to expose themselves to the seductions of this most insidious and destructive enemy to their virtue and happiness.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honorable House, will take the foregoing premises into your most serious consideration, and pass such enactments as in the judgment of your Honorable House, may be considered necessary, to restrict and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, more completely than at present.

And, as in duty bound, we will ever pray.

*Signed in presence, and by order, and in behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, at Lunenburg, this 31st day of January, 1850.*

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved,* That the foregoing report be received and adopted, and that the Petition as drafted be fairly extended and forwarded to Brother the Hon. J. W. Johnston, to be by him laid before the Honble. House of Assembly, with a respectful request that our G. T., and such other of our respected Brothers as are in the Honble. House, do give it their support.

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved,* That communications by post from Sub-divisions, to the Grand Division, be pre-paid before forwarding, excepting quarterly returns. Provided also that this resolution do not take effect until the expiration of the present quarterly term.

The *Grand Scribe* submitted his quarterly

REPORT:

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

The Grand Scribe begs leave to submit the following report:—

In submitting to the Grand Division, and the Order throughout the Province, an account of the working of the Order during the last quarter, the undersigned begs leave to submit the following suggestions, for the consideration of the brethren of the Order throughout the Province.

In order to facilitate the working of the Order, there are a few things to be heeded. There is much difficulty arising from the neglect of the Deputies in some cases, and the Divisions in others, to send in to the office of the Grand Scribe the quarterly returns in proper season. Three months sometimes elapse before the returns are received; a little attention on the part of the Divisions would obviate this difficulty entirely.

The amount of correspondence to which the G. S. is called to reply is a greivous wrong. Brethren are in the habit of writing upon the slightest and most trivial matters; upon subjects of difference which with a little forbearance and judgment, could be adjusted far more satisfactorily by the Divisions themselves. Brethren should remember the maxim "the least legislation is the best legislation," and that any departure from the simplest constitutional usages would involve the Grand Division in a labyrinth of difficulties from which it were impossible to extricate itself.

The Grand Scribe is happy in being able to state that the Order throughout the Province is in a flourishing condition, as may be seen by reference to the quarterly return. A little more care on the part of the brethren, in reference to the matters suggested, will place the Order on a footing wherein it might work with prosperity and success.

Respectfully in L., P. and F.

ALEX. HICHBORN,  
*Grand Scribe.*

On motion, voted to adjourn.

G. D. closed in due form.

*Afternoon Session, Jan. 31.*

G. D. opened in due form.

Prayer by *Grand Chaplain*.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

A Communication was received from Chester Division. (*See Appendix D.*)

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Division does hereby express its high sense of the honourable and brotherly conduct of the Chester Divi-

sion, in the case of Br. Hume, and would recommend that Br. Hume return to the Division, pay up his arrears, and enjoy the privileges of an honourable member of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

A Communication was received from Mayflower Division.

The following resolution was passed:—

*Resolved*, That whereas the subject of the removal of the Grand Division, is at present under the consideration of the National Division, and also, that whereas the quarterly sessions of the G. D. of N. S. have not the right of discussing and altering of the votes of the annual sessions, beg to suggest to the Mayflower Division, that under such circumstances this session can take no action in the matter.

The Committee on Bye-Laws reported as follows:—

The Committee to whom was submitted a communication from members of the Lunenburg Division, relative to the use of certain articles of food, in the composition of which alcoholic liquors are employed, beg leave to report that they have considered the same. They do not conceive that the use of such articles involves in every case a violation of Article 2 of Constitution; they fear also that it would be a point extremely difficult to carry out, and if carried out might lead to extremes, and would tend to place the Order in a false position. Your Committee therefore can only recommend the brethren to use such precaution and judgment as the case may require.

While at the same time we wish it distinctly affirmed, that we discountenance the use in every form of intoxicating beverages.

P. J. FILLUEL, *Chairman*.  
J. JOS. RUDOLF,  
ROBERT NOBLE.

The Committee on Bye-Laws beg leave to report, that they have examined the Bye-Laws of the Victoria Division and approve much of the same, but would suggest that under Art. 8, Sec. 11, the words "gross and immoral conduct," be inserted instead of "disgraceful crimes, &c." The Committee also recommend the non-insertion of Sec. 20 of the same Article.

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

P. J. FILLUEL, *Chairman*.  
J. JOS. RUDOLF,  
ROBERT NOBLE.

On motion, voted to receive and adopt the above reports.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of New Caledonia Division, and the subject of petitioning the House of Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, reported as follows:—

The Committee appointed to draft a Petition to the Legislature, praying for an Act of Incorporation of the G. D. of the Order of the S. of T. of N. S., beg leave to report the following draft of such

**PETITION:**

*To the Honorable, the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, in General Assembly convened. The Petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, of the Province of Nova Scotia, in Quarterly Session assembled.*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That three thousand nine hundred and four persons are now embraced within their jurisdiction in this Province, as members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, whose funds amount according to the last returns to the sum of £2211 10 6.

That in addition to the grand object of promoting habits of sobriety and morality throughout the land, it is one purpose of the organization to which your Petitioners belong, to raise and secure a fund for the mutual assistance and benefit of the members thereof, and of their families, in case of sickness, disability or death.

That in the opinion of your Petitioners, there is wanting, for the purpose of properly managing the pecuniary affairs of the Order, and for no other, some Legislative enactments, in addition to their own Constitution and Bye-Laws.

And that your Petitioners therefore respectfully request that your Honble. House will be pleased to grant an Act of Incorporation to the G. D. of the Order, &c., for the more effectual security of the funds and other property that may from time to time come under their control.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, &c.

J. C. COCHRAN,  
THOMAS BRYDEN,  
GILBERT WILLETT,  
J. O. MORSE,  
E. M. COWLING.

On motion, voted to accept and adopt the above report.  
The Auditing Committee submitted the following

**REPORT:**

The Auditing Committee respectfully report, that they have examined the following accounts against the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, and finding the same correct recommend that they be paid:—

No. 1.	Br. L. Van Buskirk, Travelling Expenses,	£3 0 0
" 2.	Br. Benj. Zwicker, ditto	1 11 5
" 3.	J. Bower & Son, Printing Journals, &c.,	2 19 0
" 4.	Br. Cowling, Travelling Expenses,	2 10 0
" 5.	Br. McMurray, Grand Worthy Patriarch,	22 15 0

Your Committee have also examined the reports and accounts of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

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

LAWRENCE N. YOUNG, *Chairman.*  
JOHN BLAIR,  
JAMES P. MILWARD.

On motion, voted to adopt the above report.

On motion, voted to adjourn.

G. D. closed in due form.



*Evening Session, Jan. 31.*

G. D. opened in due form.

Prayer by *Grand Chaplain*.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

The Committee on Communications made the following additional

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Br. Chas. Blanchard of Truro, disclosing therein certain services he has undertaken to perform as D. G. W. P., in the absence of Br. Waddle, already appointed to that office, are of opinion that as Br. Blanchard has not altogether acted constitutionally in installing the officers of Truro Division, it would be injurious to the Order and create confusion in that Division to annul his proceedings. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the G. D. confirm the services of Br. Blanchard, acting in the capacity he assumed in this instance; and that this Division entertain a sense of the labors of Brother Blanchard. Your Committee also recommend that a D. G. W. P. be appointed for the district of Stewacke.

CHAS. E. W. SCHMIDT,  
DAVID POWELL,  
GILBERT WILLETT.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Bro. J. C. Cochran.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Delegates who are to attend the National Division of the United States, at the ensuing session in June, to oppose the abolition of Benefits, as a part of the system of the Order, if such measure should be proposed.

On motion, voted, that the above lie over for consideration at the next quarterly session.

On motion, voted that the travelling expenses of the Officers of the Grand Division be paid.

On motion, voted that the Grand Scribe be authorised to obtain a copying press for the use of the Grand Division.

On motion, voted that the sum of thirty shillings be appropriated for the purchase of a tract published by the Grand Division of New Brunswick.

On motion, voted that the thanks of this G. D., be extended to the brethren, and people of Lunenburg for their hospitality and kindness during this quarterly session.

On motion, voted to instruct the G. S. to obtain 350 copies of the journal of the proceedings of this session printed.

On motion, voted that this G. D. now adjourn.

Grand Division closed in due form.

ALEX. HICHBORN,  
Grand Scribe.

*Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Account with John Campbell, Grand Treasurer.*

1849.	DR.
Octr. 26—To Cash paid James Bowes & Son,	£0 16 3
To Cash paid Br. T. Budd,	3 10 0
To Cash paid C. Wyman,	0 12 6
To Cash paid Robert P. Haskill,	0 5 0
To Cash paid Br. F. W. Redding,	2 10 0
To Cash paid Br. Wm. Burrill,	1 10 0
To Cash paid Thomas B. Dane,	0 5 0
To Cash paid Br. A. M. Gidney,	1 0 0
To Cash paid Br. John Tooker, G. S.,	30 0 0
Novr. 1—To Cash paid Br. A. Hichborn,	5 0 0
1850.	
Jan'y 29—To Balance on hand this day,	26 13 0
	£72 1 9

1849.	CR.
Octr. 26—By Cash from Br. Dane, G. T.,	£19 6 7
By Cash from Br. Hichborn, G. S.,	1 12 1
By Cash from Br. Tooker, G. S.,	51 3 1
	£72 1 9

1850.	
Jan'y 29—By Balance brought down,	£26 13 0

JOHN CAMPBELL, G. T.

Lunenburg, 29th Jan'y, 1850.

## APPENDIX.

### A.

*To John McMurray, G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.*

SIR,—

As the head of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, I beg to inform you that I feel myself aggrieved by the late action of Albert Division, S. of T., in the following matter, and claim the constitutional privilege of appealing therefrom (of which regular notice has been given,) to the Grand Division, about to meet in Lunenburg, and of having the same brought fully under review, and decided upon during the session referred to.

From the position in which I now stand, I am precluded from access to the records of Albert Division, and am therefore unable to give the dates of the circumstances and facts of the case, in the order in which they arose; but am in hopes that I shall be enabled to give such a detail of the leading facts as will enable you to lay the matter fully and properly before the Division, and trust that no informality or unintentional mistatement will be the means of preventing a full and proper investigation of a matter of not only great importance to myself, but I apprehend of great consequence to the Order.

Some time during the past summer, a question arose between myself and Messrs. S. & S. Kempton of Milton, in this County, one of whom is a member of Albert Division, relative to my liability to pay a debt incurred some three or four years previous by one John Sheffer. I wholly denied and do still deny my liability either in law or equity to pay the debt in question. A portion of the Division considering the Division a proper tribunal to decide the question, a charge was preferred against me in which it was alleged that I had refused to pay an honest debt, if I mistake not. I as a matter of course protested against the right of the Division to call me to account, or interfere in a matter in which my private business was concerned,—a committee however was appointed to investigate the matter, who reported that I should pay the sum of twenty pounds to the Messrs. Kempton or be expelled. This report not being acted upon, the Division appointed another committee in the matter who reported that I should consent to leave the difference to arbitration. Although protesting against the right of the Division to insist upon

such a course, yet with a desire not to come into collision with any one brother of the Order, and to avoid disturbance, I consented to leave the matter to competent persons to be subsequently chosen for the purpose. This arrangement however became ineffectual, on account of the difficulty which subsequently arose in getting persons to act in the matter. At this time many of the brethren, having become impressed with the belief that it was an infraction of the Constitution to introduce such matters into the Division, determined to oppose its further interference in the matter. The majority of the Division claiming the right to settle the question, subsequently however appointed another committee for that purpose. The W. P. who then occupied the Chair, finding himself overruled in this and other matters, and finding that he could not acquiesce with the decision of the majority and fulfil the duty he conceived he owed the Order, was constrained to leave the Chair. Another W. P. was then chosen, the matter again taken up and the result was my expulsion from the Division.

Such was, shortly, the action of Albert Division in relation to myself, and against which I claim the privilege of appealing to the Grand Division, to which body I look for a constitutional investigation and action in the matter.

I remain your obedient servant,

THOMAS KNOWLES.

## B.

*To the G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.*

RESPECTED BROTHER,—

We, the Agricola Division, No. 72, have heard it reported that the National Division lately passed a resolution, to the effect that Subordinate Divisions might have the power of lowering the amounts of the benefits and monthly dues. If this be the case, we wish to avail ourselves of the liberty of reducing our weekly benefits to a sum not less than 7s. 6d., our Funeral benefits half the amount now received, and our monthly dues to a sum not less than 8d.

And I write by the command of the Division, respectfully requesting to be informed by the Grand Division, if we will be permitted to make said alteration in our rate of payments.

Very respectfully yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

WILLIAM FULTON,

*R. S. of the Agricola Division, No. 72.*

Stewiacke, December 10th, 1849.

## C.

KENTVILLE, 29th November, 1849.

*To Oak Division, No. 43, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.*

The Committee appointed upon the general state of the Order, having met and carefully perused the journals of the annual session of the National Division for the present year, and having given our

deliberate consideration, beg leave to report, and do report as follows:—

That upon the opening of our Division, it was urged upon us with regard to the beneficial feature of the Order, that the same must be accepted, and that the Grand Division of Nova Scotia and National Division of the United States, had guaranteed to assist every Subordinate Division in case of difficulty or embarrassment.

That upon the foregoing matter being represented to the Grand Division of this Province, they stated that in case of the funds of a Subordinate Division being expended by a legitimate appropriation and the monthly dues not being sufficient to support the Division, the only means of replenishment was by voluntary assessment. See page 3rd journal of G. D., July 25th, 1849.

That by the journals of the National Division of North America for the present year, before referred to, we find that many innovations and fundamental changes are introduced. That the beneficial system after having been used as a "means" for the purpose of increasing the numbers, has come to a sudden "end," or in other words is rendered almost if not altogether nugatory.

That by the same journal, your Committee perceive that the expenditure of the National Division is exceedingly extravagant, and that the National Division finding the present per centage will not support them in their expenditure, propose that the same shall be augmented to six times the present amount, that is to thirty per cent.

That in the opinion of your Committee, the proceedings of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, in not properly and promptly dealing with the several matters proposed to them by this Division, have not acted in good faith.

That your Committee are of opinion that the National Division of North America and the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, have not in their proceedings kept in view the well-being and interests of the Order, but that their proceedings are calculated to mar the harmony, good faith, and benevolence with which the Order was formerly inspired.

That your Committee entertain the opinion, that if the objects professed by the Order of the Sons of Temperance were carried out in good faith, a great moral reform would eventually take place, but that from the reasons before given, your Committee are convinced that upon the present footing the Order cannot stand.

That as the Subordinate Divisions cannot (from having been misled, from the innovations made, and from the action of the National and Grand Divisions) carry out the principles of Temperance and Benevolence, for which they were united, and that they must very shortly become bankrupt and prostrate, and that as no notice has been taken of their complaints in the Grand Division, the obligation to remain together for the purposes for which they were united has ceased.

They therefore state that they consider that each member acting upon his own responsibility, has the right to withdraw from the Division, and that the only reason your Committee do not recommend

a return of the Charter, is that they wish each member of this Division to act on independent principles.

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

A. TUPPER, Chairman,	} Committee.
WM. H. CHIPMAN,	
B. B. COGSWELL,	
THOS. W. HARRIS,	

PROTEST :

The undersigned protest against the foregoing report, upon the following grounds:—

*First*, Because it would be highly improper and altogether premature, to resort to such extremes as are therein recommended, before trying for once the constitutional means of sending a delegate to represent our interests in the Grand Division.

*Secondly*, Because we deem it preposterous to recommend a dissolution of the Division, without suggesting any plan whereby individuals, who have paid money into the Treasury, are to be secured from pecuniary loss and gross injustice.

*And thirdly*, Because to abandon the good work in which we are engaged, without more resolute and persevering efforts, than have hitherto been made to remove existing abuses, would manifest weakness of mind and pusillanimity, quite unworthy of a body of men like Oak Division.

AUGUSTUS TUPPER,  
JAMES E. DEWOLF,

*Resolved*, That the report, made by the Committee to whom the matter relative to the beneficial feature of our Order, and other matters were referred, be adopted as being true and correct. But it being the opinion of this Division, that it is more advisable to postpone further action at present, in hopes that some satisfactory change may take place in the National and Grand Divisions, therefore it is agreed that this Division continue and proceed for the ensuing three months under the present Constitution, and that a copy of the report with the above resolution annexed, be forwarded to the Grand Division.

(A true copy).

JOHN MILLS, R. S.

D.

*To the Grand Division of the Province of Nova Scotia, in Session now assembled.*

GREETING,—

We, the members of Chester Division, No. 32. Sons of Temperance, respectfully beg leave to lay before your Grand Division the following case, for your consideration and decision:—

On the 20th January, 1849, information was given in open Division, that Br. Hume, who was initiated into Chester Division, on the 18th November, 1848, was severely injured, having fallen from a scaffold and dislocated his shoulder. the Sick Committee was immediately organized, waited on the sick Brother and at the succeeding meeting reported accordingly, when it was resolved unanimously "as the Brother was not constitutionally entitled to benefits, it being