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### Quarterly Session of Grand Division.

YARMOUTH, January 28th, 1852.

The Grand Division opened in due form.
In the absence of the G. W. P., G. W. A. Edwin Sterns presided.

Present-G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. T., G. Chaplain.

Absent-G. W. P., G. Con., G. Sent.

Brother John Tooker appointed G. W. A. pro tem.

" C. White, " G. Con. "
" Starr, " G. Sent. "

G. W. P. read a communication from G. W. P. Brown. G. W. P. appointed Brothers Thomas Dane, Heman Gard-

ner, and Joseph Rodgers, as Committee on Credentials.

Committee on Credentials reported favourably of the following Brethren, as Representatives to the G. D.

Milton Division, No. 4. Central Division, No. 2, W. P. Robert Smith, W. P. W. R. Sanders. P. W. P. James B. Dane, P. W. P. Robert Gibbons, James McMullin. Edward Huestis, 11 Wm. Burrill. " Samuel Flint, 16 Joseph Shaw, .. James Starr. 44 Thomas Dane " Edwin Sterns, 46 Wilson Corning, . Laban Balkum. Zachariah Corning, .. 46 Robert Brown, " Isaac R. Chute, F. W. Redding, " Joseph Burrill, 11 Nelson Gardner, " W C. Williams, W. K Dudman, " 46 Wm. Bancroft, 46 John C. Moulton, .. James Hopkirk. 11 Wm. Heustis, .. Rev. Thomas Brady. 66 Heman Gardner. Rev. W. Burton. Acadia Division, No. 1. W. P. Peter Fraser. Concord Division, No. 5, P. W. P. John Tooker, W. P. Isaac Hopkins, Banj. Rogers, P. W. P. James D. Coffin, Joseph B. Bond, 46 James Cox. " Nathaniel Lewis. Prince McLaren. 44 Israel Horton, .. Wm. Rogers. Young Men's Division, No. 101. .. John Smith, P. W. P. Charles White, •1 W. R. Alden, W. P. Heman Crowell. .. William Lorrey, \*\* Robert Hunter, Hebron Division, No. 19. 66 Thos. M. Bond, W. P. John Tedford. .. Robert Guest, P. W. P. Thomas Wringstaff, 16 B. V. Harley. Stephen Patten, " Rev. Geo. Christie. 23 Jacob Tedford, Henry Sanders, 44 46 Joseph Rodgers,

Cheboque Division, No. 17. P. W. P. Thos. Crowell.

A. Robbins. A. Gowins.

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

Union Division, No. 6. W. P. Charles Pinkney. Signed,

THOMAS DANE, JOSEPH RODGERS, Committee. HEMAN GARDNER,

Josiah Crosby,

R. T. Crosby,

J. H. Saunders,

John Saunders.

James Crosby.

Nathaniel Patten,

Committee Room, Yarmouth, 28th January, 1852,

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G. W. P. made the following appointments:-

Committee on Appeals—Brothers P. McLaren, Joseph Shaw and Edward Huestis.

Committee on Bye Laws—Brothers Heman Gardner, Robt. Hunter, Robt. Brown.

Auditing Committee—Brothers W.v.R. Dudman, J. C. Moulton, J. B. Dane.

Committee on Communications—Thos. Dane, Chas. Pink-

ney, Jno. Sunders.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following Brethren

The Grand Conductor introduced the following Brethren, who were duly initiated:—

W. P.'s, P. Fraser, R. A. Sanders, R. Smith, J. Hopkins, C. Pink-

ney, J. Tedford, H. Crowell.

P. W. P.'s, J. Smith, Robt. Hunter, R. W. Gibbons, J. C, Moulton, W. Burton, L. S. Balkum, W. C. Huestis, W. K. Dudman, Thos. Brady, Zachariah Corning, W. Bancroft, W. C. Williams, J, A. Cossin, Prince McLaren, F. Crowell, A. Robbins, Alex. Gowens. S. Patten, A. Patten, J. H. Tedford.

The following Resolution was moved by Bro. F. W. Red-

ding:--

Resolved, That all Brothers present, who are not provided with Red Regalia, be and are hereby allowed to speak and vote on all subjects that may be brought before the Grand Division, during this quarterly session.

The following amendment was moved by Brother C. White: Resolved, That this G. D. adhere strictly to the constitution and rules laid down.

Which amendment passed.

G. W. P. submitted the following Report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Session to investigate the financial affairs of the G. D., and report at this Quarterly Session.

The Committee appointed to investigate and report on the Financial affairs of the Grand Division, beg leave to Report as follows:

Your Committee, Brethren, find the financial affairs of the body to be in a deplorable condition. The books were satisfactorily kept and the money properly accounted for, until the period when the last. G. S. took office in October, 1849. Since then there have been very few entries made in the books, and it is utterly impossible to ascertain what amounts have passed through his hands, or how much he is now in arrears to the Grand Division. Your Committee beg leave to refer the Grand Division to the correspondence on the subject with the late Grand Scribe, in which he professes a willingness.

to pay One Hundred Pounds on condition of his receiving a moral and legal clearance; but up to this hour your Committee have not received any promise as to when this sum is to be forthcoming, although they have sought to be informed by him with reference to

this part of the subject.

Your Committee feel it to be their duty to express to the Grand Division their conviction of a most unjustifiable neglect and misappropriation of funds on the part of the late Grand Scribe, which in an office of his rank in the Order, and one who was conspicuous as a Temperance advocate, is calculated to affect its interests very injuriously. They are moreover, surprised to find, that more perfect statements were not from time to time demanded from him by the Grand Division, so as to have prevented his putting the body in so humiliating a position as it now stands, relative to the claim of the National Division. Your Committee, however, can easily understand, how one in whom all the Brethren had perfect confidence, could prevent or defer any enquiry that would tend to implicate himself.

Your Committee would state, that their Chairman, finding there was not a probability of obtaining a satisfactory settlement of the claim against the Grand Scribe, called a Special Session of Grand Division, when the matter was fairly laid before the members and their advice sought. Mr. Hichborn was present by invitation, but failed to make any satisfactory statement or explanation, and the Grand Division approved of your Committee's procedure.

In hopes of ascertaining somewhat accurately the amount due by the late Grand Scribe, your Committee addressed a circular to those who had been Deputies for the last two years, soliciting a statement of their several accounts for that time, but those accounts, so far as they have come to hand, have failed to show any thing that would

make matters appear more favourable.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend to your favourable consideration the arduous labours of the present Grand Scribe, which have been caused by his predecessor's neglect of duty. His bill for extra services, amounting to £9 2s. your committee think is a very

moderate one.

Your Committee would suggest the propriety of an enquiry respecting the two items referred to by the Most Worthy Scribe in his letter of 17th Novr, 1851,—and in conclusion, having no plan to propose, save a course of strict economy, whereby a liquidation of the debt may be accomplished in a year or two, your Committee beg leave to close this Report.

W. M. Brown, Chairman, Charles E. Naylor, Wm. Ackhurst, John McMurray, Edwin Sterns. Statement of Property on hand belonging to the G. D., 1st Nov. 1851.
Blue Books, 11; Travelling Cards, 445; Charters, 13; Revised Rules, old ed., 22; Officer's Cards, sets, 11; Letter Press, 1.

Voted, That the sum of £9 2s. be paid the present G. Scribe for extra services performed.

Resolved that the expenses of the Officers attending this Grand Division be paid out of the funds of the G. D.

On motion, resolved that the Report be taken up for discussion at the afternoon session.

On motion to adjourn till 21 P. M.,

Prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The G. D. closed in due form.

EDWARD G. W. GREENWOOD, G. Scribe.

YARMOUTH, January 28th. Afternoon, Session.

The G. D. opened in due form, G. W. P. pro tem. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. A., G. S., G. Chap.

Absent-G, W. P., G. T., G. Con., G. Sent.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Read Report of Committee on the financial affairs of the G. D., and accounts and correspondence relative thereto.

On motion of Bro. Rev. Geo. Christie, seconded by Bro. John Tooker,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be adopted, and their filigence approved.

On motion of Brother Christie, seconded by Brother John Sanders,

Resolved, That the same Committee be requested to centinue their labours, with instructions to take such steps, either by compromise or legal action, as they may consider the circumstances warrant—passed.

On motion of Brother Gardner,

Resolved, That the Grand Division have no public meeting this ression—passed.

Brother Dane offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Robt. Hunter,

Resolved, That this Grand Division now discuss the propriety of having another Grand Division organized, to include certain of the southern and western Counties of the Province of Nova Scotia.

On Motion, Resolved, That when the G. D. do adjourn, they do adjourn till 9 A. M. to-morrow—passed.

Resolved, That Bro. Dane's Resolution be the first subject of discussion to-morrow—passed.

On motion of Bro. Hunter,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to ascertain the best mode of paying the debt now due to the National Division.

Committee—Brothers Hunter, Robt. Brown, F. W. Redding, Rev George Christie and John Tooker.

On motion to adjourn till 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow,

Prayer by the G. Chaplain, The G. D, closed in due form.

EDWARD G. W. GREENWOOD, G. Scribe.

YARMOUTH, January 29th.

G. D. opened in due form.

G. W. P. pro tem. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present-G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Treas., G. Chaplain.

Absent-G. W. P., G. Con., G. Sent.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee on Credentials—Brothers Dudman, Richards, and Coffin—appointed to act pro tem.

Committee on the State of the Order, Bros. Morse, Tooker,

and Christie. \*

Committee on Credentials reported favourably of Brothers, Representatives of Clements Arch Division.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as follows:—
That they have examined the Credentials of Brothers W. P. Israel Balcomb, P. W. P.'s Moses Shaw, G. F. Ditmars, Geo. Whitman, J. H. Ditmars, W. H. Ray, of Clements Arch Division, No.
86, and find they are correct—all of which is respectfully submitted
in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

W. R. DUDMAN, John Richards, J. D. Coffin

Farmouth, 29th January, 1852:

Grand Conductor introduced Brothers Horton, Lorry, and Balcomb, who were duly initiated.

Committee on Bye Laws reported as follows:-

The Committee on Bye Laws this quarterly session now holden in Yarmouth, Jan'v. 28th, 1852, beg to report as follows:—

On examination of Bye Laws submitted by Young Men's Divi-

sion, No. 101, they find the same correct.

Also, that Roseway Division, No. 25, located in Shelburne, be allowed to make the alteration desired, with the exception of dues to Division, which cannot according to the Constitution be less than than three pence per week. Also this Committee would recommend that that they do adhere to the latter clause of Art. IV., Sect. 3, of their Bye Laws, in reference to the duty of the Worthy Patriarch.

Your Committee would also report the Bye Laws submitted by Acadia Division, No. 1, as being in accordance to Constitution, with the exception of the article submitted under the head of Sect. 8 of Art. I., reading thus—That seven members shall constitute a quo-

rum for the transaction of business.

HEMAN GARDNER, ROBERT BROWN, ROBERT HUNTER,

On motion of Brother Hunter.

Resolved, That the Report on Bye Laws be reconsidered. Passed.

On motion of Brother Brady.

Resolved, That seven be a quorum for the transaction of business in Subordinate Divisions,

The following Resolution was moved by Brother J. B. Bond, and seconded by Brother Rogers—

Resolved, It is the avowed determination of the Order to maintain a strict neutrality in politics, and to work our way through all difficulties by moral force of example and precept.

Resolved, That it is incompatible with these principles, and very dangerous to the welfare of our cause, to attempt through Legislative enactments to prevent the consumption of strong drink.

Moved by Brother J. B. Bond, and seconded by Brother Williams→

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Division, that the Almighty never intended, in creating mankind, that any human being should be debarred any benefits arising from social compact, and therefore that no fellow being should be excluded from the Order on account of the shade of the colour of his skin.

Moved by Brother J. B. Bond, and seconded by Brother C. White-

1st. Resolved, That the action of the Grand Division in removing said G. D. entirely from Yarmouth was a breach of good faith, for which we have no precedent in the Order, or in any other deliberative assembly.

2nd. Resolved, That the Act of the G.D. making that alteration be reconsidered at the next annual meeting.

The Grand Division proceeded to the discussion of Brother Dane's resolution.

Brother Dr. Bond offered the following amendment-

Resolved, That there be three Grand Divisions, one to the Eastward, one to the Westward, and a middle one to comprise the County of Halifax, and that the Central Grand Division have the sole. property and control of the funds of the G. D. now in hand, and also be liable for any debts which may be due from the present G. D.

Brother John Tooker offered in unendment to the amendment—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and report at the next quarterly session. Which last amendment passed.

On the discussion of Brother Bond's resolution relative to the liquor traffic—

Brother P. McLarrin offered the following amendment-

Resolved, That as the subject of Legislative interference in preventing the Liquor traffic has already been discussed and decided upon at the last Annual Session of this G. D., it is inexpedient to bring it up again at this present session.

On motion to adjourn till 2 P. M., Prayer by the G. Chaplain. The G. D. closed in due form.

EDWARD G. W. GREENWOOD, G. Scribe.

YARMOUTH, January 28th.

Afternoon, Session.

The G. D. opened in due form, G. W. P. pro tem. in the Chair. P. G. W. P. Burrill in the P. W. P.'s Chair. Roll of Officers called, Present—G. W. A., G. S., G. T., G. Chap. Absent—G. W. P., G. Con., G. Sent.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

G. S. read his Report.

The Grand Scribe hows leave most respectfully to submit to the

Grand Division the following brief Report.

In consequence of the returns not being yet received from several of the Subordinate Divisions, although your G. S. had in his Circuiar to the several Divisions carnestly solicited that they should be forwarded as early after the installation of Officers as possible, the Grand Scribe cannot give as correct a statistical report as would be desirable.

There were in October last 91 Divisions in the Province holding

unforfeited charters.

Since then four Divisions have forfeited or surrendered their Charters, viz.:—Roseway, No. 25, at Shelburne; Albert, No. 11, at Milton; Bridgewater, No. 55, at Bridgewater; and Acadia, No. 81, at Musquodoboit.

Four new charters have been forwarded, viz., to Yarmouth, where the Young Men's Division has been opened, to Shelburne, to Can-

so, and to Aylesford.

And of the 91 Divisions referred to, six Divisions are not working, viz.:—Mariners, St. Margaret's Bay; Rock, Maitland; Prince William, Sandy Cove: Douglasville, Douglasville; Rising Sun, Newport; Harmony, Harmony.

According to the best possible information to be arrived at, there were in the Province in October last, 4262 contributing members of the Order, and the whole amount of funds (available) was £3282

1s. 6d.

The Grand Scribe regrets to inform the G. D. that during the last quarter a great number have been expelled in the several Divisions, mostly for non-payment of dues. From the 62 Divisions reported from, 164 have been expelled; but we have this pleasing fact to communicate, that in the said Divisions there were but seven deaths

during the last quarter.

There are evident marks of improvement and advancement in the Order, almost throughout the Province, evidenced by Temperance Halls being erected, and Libraries and Reading Rooms instituted in many localities; and these mostly by, or through the instrumentality of the Sons of Temperance; and although many expulsions have taken place, yet on the whole, the Order appears in a healthy and improving condition, but it cannot but be admitted that much good would result not only to the Order, but to the Province at large, did the financial affairs of the G. D. admit of the employment of a good and efficient Temperance Lecturer—one, who could also art

in the capacity of an agent for the purpose of visiting Subordinate Divisions.

Submitted in L., P. & F.

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

On motion, Report adopted.

Brother White offered the following Resolution-

Resolved, That the Grand Division continue in permanent session until the business of the quarterly session be finished.

Which on being put was lost.

Brother Dudman\*from the Auditing Committee, handed in the Report—

The Auditing Committee beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe, for the past quarter, and find them correct. They find in the hands of the G. T. a balance of £23 11s. 2d., and in the hands of the G. S. a balance of 17s., making in all a balance of £24 9s. 2d.

Your Committee find in the returns one from Grand Pre Division, No. 47, who have 30 contributing members, and £30 11s. 3d. on hand, and no per centage to G. D., nor any receipts for the past quarter. Also that there is due the Grand Division the sum of £4 7s. 3d. from the saveral Subordinate Divisions who have not remitted the amount of dues due to the Grand Division as per their returns sent to the G. S.

Submitted in L., P. & F.

W. K. Dudman, James B. Dane, John C. Moulton.

Committee Room, Yarmouth, 29th January, 1852. Which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to report on the state of the Order presented the following Report:—

During the last quarter there has not been any extraordinary change, either favourable or unfavourable. But on the whole, we feel warranted to say that there has been progress. In some cases it does not appear that there has been any increase of zeal. We rather fear that in a few cases there has been lukewarmness. This we infer partly from the fact that during the quarter a few divisions have surrendered their charters, and farther, that of those still reported as holding their charter, in a few instances they do not even appear to be paying up their "Quarterly Dues."

In other cases, however, we see much that is encouraging. Some of the Divisions that have had serious difficulties to encounter seem

to have arisen in their might as men conscious of the power of truth, and by the skilful use of moral weapons have vanquished the enemy. They have also added considerably to their numbers, which of course is to be viewed as a token of success.

A number of new Divisions have also been formed within the

quarter.

There appears to be in general a pleasing harmony existing in Subordinate Divisions—a proof of which we have in the fact that there has not been a single reference by appeal to the G. D. this Session.

Your Committee feel assured that as the principles of our Order are understood, they will command the respect of the good and virtuous in society. It is therefore desirable that the friends of temperance should lose no opportunity of appealing to the understanding and the heart of those who we hope may be influenced by such means.

Were it possible for the G. D. to support a popular lecturer in the Province, we believe that the effects would be most valuable. In the mean time let all the friends of temperance labour as they have opportunity and wait patiently. The result will be a satisfactory

reward.

Submitted in L., P. & F.,

S. L. Morse, George Christie, John Tooker.

On Brother Bond's Resolution on the liquor traffic being taken up, Brother McLarren's amendment was withdrawn; and the following amendment offered by Brother Christie—

Resolved, That this G. D. see no reason to change their opinions, relative to petitioning the Legislature for the abolition of the liquor traffic.

On names being called for, there appeared,

For Brother Christic's amendment—Brothers E. Sterns, S. L. Morse, E. Huestis, N. Corning, Gibbons, Harley, R. Brown, H. Gardner, T. Dane, J. R. Chute, R. Smith, F. W. Redding, John Tooker, P. McLaren, W. C. Williams, W. Burrill, James Starr, Jas. Cox, Joseph Shaw, John Richards, Jas. Rogers, H. Crowell, Brady, Hopkins, Rev. G. Christic, James Dane, J. Coffin, J. C. Moulton, C. Pinkney, Greenwood, C. White.—31.

Against the amendment-Brothers Bond, Alden, Hunter, W.

Rogers, W. K. Dudman-5.

The amendment was therefore carried.

On the Resolution of Brother Bond on the Negro question, Brother S. L. Morse offered the following amendment—

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be deferred.

Which amendment passed.

On Motion, resolved that 500 copies of the Minutes of the Session be printed and circulated.

On Motion, Resolved that this Quarterly Session do now eluse.

Grand Division closed in due form. '

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