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QUARTERLY SESSION.

Division Room, Mill Village, Parrsborough, Cumberland Co., July 27, 1864.

THE Grand Division was opened in due form, at 8 o'clock, P.M., the Grand Worthy Patriarch in the chair.
Roll of Officers called:

PRESENT.

Rev. I. J. Skinner, G. W. P. Edward Morrison, G. W. A. Patrick Monaghan, G. Scribe. Henry A. Taylor, G. Treasurer. Francis Beattie, G. Sentinel.

ABSENT.

Rev. John Lathern, G. Chaplain. Charles E. Church, G. Conductor. Avard Longley, P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by bros. G. G. Gray, G. Chap.; Dr. W. E. McRobert, G. Con.; R. M. Barratt, P.G.W.P. pro tem.

The following report was read and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Credentials; beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of the undermentioned representatives, and find them correct:

CENTRAL, No. 2.-W. P., Fredk. Cain.

Union, No. 6.-W.P., Ansel B. Holdsworth.

Спевисто, No. 7.—W.P., James C. Hills.

MICMAC, No. 8 .- P.W.P., R. M. Barratt.

MAYFLOWER, No. 9.—W.P., Robert Murray.

Avon, No. 12.-W.P., John K. Martin.

Hebron, No. 19.—W.P., Joseph H. Sanders.

ROSEWAY, No. 25. W.P., Jas. McGill; P.W.P.'s, G. W. Bell, Alex. Swansbery.

Howard, No. 26.—W.P., Jno. B. Naylor.

MORNING STAR, No. 38.—W. P., Burzilla Malcom; P. W. P.'s, John Burgess, senr., Thos. A. Malcom, J. G. Burgess, C. D. Burgess, G. A. Burgess, Donald McCallum, Frederick Grant, Lewis M. Smith.

STAR, No. 49.-W. P., Martin Ringor.

WALLACE, No. 75.—W. P., D. J. McLeod.

Iron Age, No. 82.—W. P., Charles Hill; P. W. P.'s, Rev. Jas. E. Balcom, Wm. McKim.

ATHENEUM, No. 96.—W. P., Thos. C. Chambers.

Evening Star, No. 97.—W. P., Stephen Lovitt; P.W.P.'s, Wm. J. Dauphine, Jas. Eisenhaur.

NORTH, No. 99.-W. P., Joseph Graves.

FRIENDSHIP, No. 106.—W. P., John E. Roach; P. W. P.'s, Chas. R. Casey, J. S. Blenkhorn.

VICTORIA MINES, No. 108.—W. P., Abner Saunders; P. W. P., George Parker.

PARRSBORO', No. 110.—W. P., Rev. Wm. B. King, A.M.; P. W. P.'s, E. D. W. Ratchford, Silas H. Newcomb, George Roberts.

Wolfville, No. 112.-W. P., W. J. Higgins.

PHGNIX, No. 115.—W. P., S. R. Manning; P. W. P., Andrew Gow.

VESPER, No. 124.—W. P., John Cochran.

· Emblem, No. 126.—W. P., Leasm Baker.

PITTACUS, No. 132.-W. P., W. H. Goudey.

Arctic, No. 140.—W. P., A. C. Bates; F. W. P., Charles S. Durning.

WHITE ROSE, No. 142.—W. P., Jos. Atkinson; P. W. P., Jno. S. Taylor.

Tyro, No. 145.-W. P., Charles Titus; P. W. P.'s, George

Welch, Jas. Milberry.

Hope, No. 154.—W. P., Leslie W. Craig.

Cobequid, No. 155.—W. P., Isaac Reid; P. W. P., D. S. Davidson.

CLYDE, No. 157.-W. P., Alfred Vidito.

LIFE-BOAT, No. 158 .- W. P., Austen F. Eaton.

WESTERN STAR, No. 161.-W. P., Robt. Haines; P.W. P., James Parry.

OLIVER, No. 165.-W. P., Thos. Brown; P. W. P.'s, Wm.

Reeves, Alex. Anderson.

NORTH SYDNEY, No. 167.—W. P., John Forbes; P. W. P., John Morgan.

ISLAND HOME, No. 170.—W. P., Cyrus Broderick; P.W.P.,

Joseph Atkinson.

BROUGHAM, No. 175 .- W. P., Donald McKinnon. NEW ERA, No. 179.-W. P., Jno. B. Geldert.

GREEN TREE, No. 180 .- W. P , Edwd. H. Froeman; P.W. P., Stewart F. Hunt.

AMMERST, No. 182.—W.P., Chas. E. Ratchford; P.W.P.'s,

Webber Dimmock, Jas. Layton. Prince Albert, No. 185.—W. P., Isaac N. Mack; P. W.

P., Henry Meister.

RAY OF HOPE, No. 186 .- W. P., Jas. Burke.

Reid, No. 192.—W. P., Chas. W. B. Tozard. Tangier, No. 194.—W. P., S. S. Forrest.

PORT WILLIAMS, No. 195.—W. P., Joseph Petty. PORT WILLIAMS, No. 196.—W. P., S. R. Tupper; P.W.P., Daniel Cox.

Scots Bay, No. 198 .- W. P., Bernard Harvey; P. W. P., Chas. W. Lovelace.

RESCUE. No. 199.-W. P., Jno. S. Blinkhorn; P. W. P.'s, Archibald McLellan, Jas. McCabe, Jas. Nichols.

Rosignol, No. 200.—W. P., Robert A. Carter.

Brooklyn, No. 202.-W. P., Hiram Smith.

Bachelor, No. 203.—W. P., Samuel Freeman, jr.

RAY OF LIGHT, No. 208 .- P. W. P.'s, Solomon Dolliver, Z. P. Armstrong.

Bethesda, No. 209.—W. P., Israel Hendry.

LIVING OAK, No. 211 .- W. P., Edwin Dennison.

ARCADIA, No. 213.—W. P., Rev. Jacob Whitman; P.W.P., Abijah Hurd.

PEREAUX, No. 214.—W. P., Elijah C. West; P. W. P., B. S. Dimock.

ANNAPOLIS, No. 215.—W. P., Rev. J. J. Ritchie; P.W.P., A. W. Corbett.

Submitted in L., P., and F.,

R. M. BARRATT, John Lanigan, James C. Merlin.

Grand Division, July 27, 1864.

Representative Rev. Gco. F. Miles, of Amherst Division, No. 182, and late a member of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, being present, signed the roll, and took his seat as a member of this Grand Division.

On motion of bro. R. M. Barratt, seconded by the Grand Treasurer, it was

Voted, That members of Subordinate Divisions, and lady visitors, be admitted to the sittings of this session, as spectators.

Bro. George Mason, of Parrsborough Division, No. 110, was appointed and obligated as Assistant Grand Sentinel.

Bro. Rev. Geo. F. Miles was appointed Grand Chaplain, pro tem., bro. Gray wishing to be relieved from duties of that office.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following named Representatives, who were duly initiated and assigned seats in the Grand Division: Amos A. Blenkhorn, Thomas Roach, John S. Blenkhorn, of No. 106; E. Vickery, Hy. C. Thompson, George Roberts, E. D. W. Ratchford, Silas H. Newcomb, George F. Corbett, James McKeown, A. P. Bradley, Rev. Wm. B. King, A. M., Richard Clarke, J. S. McAloney, Frederick Yorke, of No. 110; John D. McCart, Thomas F. McKenzic, of No. 140; Fones Holmes, D. J. Taylor, J. A. Fulton, Caleb Lewis, of No. 142; Cyrus C. Broderick, Wm. J. Corbett, Joseph Atkinson, of No.

170; R. B. Huestis, A. Robb, Jr., J. Hiram Black, J. Albert Black, C. E. Ratchford, A. S. Blenkhorn, Chandler Crane, M.D., of No. 182; James McCabe, John Blenkhorn, of No. 199.

The G. W. P. appointed following Committees:

On State of the Order—R. M. Barratt, D. J. Taylor, Dr. W. E. McRobert, Rev. Wm. B. King, A.M., A. S. Blenkhorn.

On Communications—John Watson, A. P. Bradley, J. H. Black.

On Enrollment of Names of Representatives present at Session—Robinson Thompson, Wm. Murray.

Grand Scribe read communications from Chebucto Division, No. 7, and Athenaum, No. 96, cancelling Credentials of Representatives. Communications placed on file, and names of Representatives ordered to be erased from list

Read communication from Z. Pope Vose, of Rockland, Maine, in reference to a Temperance publication he intends issuing from the press. Referred to Committee on Communications.

On motion, the hours for meeting and adjourning during the Session were fixed as follows: meet at 9 o'clock, A.M., adjourn at 12, noon, meet at 1.30, P.M.,

adjourn at 6 P.M.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by bro. H. B. Mitchell, bros. H. B. Mitchell, Rich. Clarke, Edwd. Vickery, and John Watson, were appointed to co-operate with a Committee of Parrsborough Division, in making arrangements for a Public Meeting, to be held to-morrow evening.

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

To the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Officers and Representatives .-

Once more, after another quarter's campaign in the great temperance battle, we are drawn together for purposes of review and deliberation for the future. And the important fact, that while we have been impelled onward by the ceaseless march of time, a just and impartial record of our acts has been kept by the recording angel on high, is calculated to produce reflections in our minds, at once fearful and pleasant: fearful in view of the final report we shall be called to make, and the account we shall have to give at the close of our earthly career; and pleasant, from the fact that whatever may have been done by us for the relief of suffering humanity, the comfort of the wretched and friendless and for the clevation of the fallen and depraved, will be recognized and rewarded in the day of final reckoning, by him who has said that the giver of even "a cup of cold water shall in nowise lose his reward." May it be ours to share largely in the promised recompense, and may our cup of happiness, be made doubly sweet by many acts of benevolence toward our fallen fellow men.

In view of the past, however, it becomes a question of serious and weighty import, whether more might not have been done; whether in all our doings we have been governed by true and pure motives, and whether, considering the overwhelming importance of the work, we have earnestly sought the aid of divine power and influence by which alone we could be fully qualified for the successful prosecution of the labor in which we have been engaged. These questions are to be answered before the bar of conscience in the sight of the searcher of hearts. God grant that they may be so faithfully answered by us as to dispel all indifference and lethargy, and nerve us to more energetic endeavours in future.

It is very gratifying on the present occasion to be able to state that, so far as information has been obtained, the order throughout this jurisdiction presents a favourable aspect. And although the past quarter has not been the best season of the year for advancement, especially in many country localities, yet we are making substantial progress; three new Divisions have been instituted and two old ones revived, and moreover there seems to be a commendable stedfastness and zeal pervading the Order generally which augurs favourably for the future. May our future grow brighter and brighter.

Since we last met in quarterly session, the National Division of North America has held its annual meeting in Cleveland Ohio. And it is pleasing to learn that notwithstanding the continuation of these unhappy difficulties which had existed for some time past, the representation was larger than at any previous session except one, and that more than one fifth of the number

were from the British Provinces. The Grand Division of Nova Scotia was represented by P. G. W. P. Rev. Dr. Cramp, the Grand Scribe, and P. G. W. A. John Heenan. Full particulars of their visit will doubtless be given in their official report.

One of the most delightful features of the Temperance organization is the feeling of reciprocity existing between the mother country and our American neighbors. The visit of the M. W. P. of the National Division to England and other places on the continent of Europe; the cordial welcome, and many tokens of respect and brotherly regard received by him, illustrate most beautifully those broad and generous principles on which our institution rests, and which encircle this great brotherhood, sinking all differences of opinion on other subjects, and blending together in happy union the hearts of all true Sons of Temperance. May those heaven-born principles extend, until the entire brotherhood of man shall be brought under their hallowed influence and control.

I have noticed with much pleasure the introduction of Bands of Hope for the young. This should be highly valued by our Divisions as a training school from which our ranks are to be replenished in the future. The prohibition of tobacco and the use of profane language in their constitution, is a step in advance of the Sons. A Division composed of men who have been trained from hoyhood in such a school would wield an influence which must tell most powerfully upon any community where they might be situated. It is a day most devoutly to be longed for when the sinful as well as filthy habit of Tobacco using, and the God-dishonoring practice of profane swearing shall be once and forever abandoned by all Sons of Temperance; nay, by every man, woman, and child, throughout the world.

It is with regret that I have to report that no agents have been engaged during the past quarter. The success that has heretofore crowned such labor is sufficient evidence of its practicability and importance. I hope however, that the Agency Committee are gathering funds and preparing to sustain two or

more agents during the coming winter.

In the absence of brother Boak, one of the Auditing Committee, and in consequence of brother Wilson ceasing to be a member of the Grand Division, I have requested the brothers J. L. Whytal and Roderick Fraser (who were members of the committee during last year) to act with brother R. H. Wetmore in examining the accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, for the quarter just ended.

The Abstainer continues to hold a place second in importance to no part of the machinery of our institution. A proposal is about to be made by its present editor, the Grand Scribe, which will demand your serious attention. To devise the best means of sustaining the paper is the grand question. To adequately increase its circulation will solve the difficulty; and to make it larger and more interesting will doubtless insure its extended circulation. This is what the Grand Scribe proposes to do. I hope the united wisdom of this body will mature some plan whereby this already excellent and interesting sheet may be largely increased in size and circulation, so that its influence and power, as the organ of this Grand Division may be more widely felt and acknowledged.

I am not in possession of the requisite information to enable me to give a full statistical report of the State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe will give you the facts and figures.

In conclusion, worthy brothers, while with joyous hearts we hail each other and exchange fraternal congratulations, let us give to our Father in Heaven the tribute of grateful hearts for His continued favor in the bestowment of Providential blessings, and in permitting us to labor for the benefit of our fellow creatures. Let us consider the solemnity and importance of our work as having to do with the soul as well as the body-with eternity as well as time. Let us equip ourselves and go forth to battle with the foes of Temperance, remembering that it is a life struggle, presenting a bold and invincible front,-determined to press onward and "conquer or die,"-and finally let us humbly and fervently pray to the Great Patriarch above for wisdom to guide, courage to persevere, and strength to overcome—that the duties we owe to Him and our fellows, may be performed with all that promptitude and determination which the eause demands, and in a manner creditable to ourselves and beneficial to those by whom we are surrounded.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

I. J. SKINNER, G. W. P.

Parrsboro', July 27th, 1864.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The following Report was read:

The Standing Committee on Charters and Institution of new Divisions, beg to report, that since the last quarterly meeting of Grand Division, they have recommended the granting of Charters for two new Divisions, viz.:

- 1. To Rev. J. J. Ritchie and nine others, residents of Annapolis, Annapolis County, for Annapolis Division, No. 215.
- 2. To Robert Rice and nineteen others, residents of Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton county, for Alexandra Division, No. 216.

Submitted in L., P., and F.

PATK. MONAGHAN, GEORGE MATHISON, JAMES SPIKE.

Halifax, N. S., July 25, 1864.

Approved and placed on file.

The following Report was presented:

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws beg to report that they have had submitted to them for examination, the Bye-Laws of Micmae Division, No. 8; Columbia, No. 24; Rescue, 199; Waverly, 205; Bethesda, 209; St. Andrews, 212; Annapolis, 215, upon which they beg to report as follows:

MICMAC, No. 8.—In Bye-Laws of this Division, your committee do not find anything to conflict with Constitution.

COLUMBIA, No. 24.—Sec. 3 of Article 4, omit the words "constitution and".

Sec. 7 of Art. 4—add at end of section the words "after

one week's previous notice has been given."

RESCUE, No. 199.—Sec. 6, Art. 4—add at end of section the words, after action has been taken, as laid down in Chap. 7, Code of Laws.

WAVERLY, No. 205 .- No part of the Bye-Laws of this

Division conflict with the Constitution.

Bethesda, No. 209.—Your committee do not find anything in the Bye-Laws of this Division conflicting with the Constitution or Code of Laws.

St. Andrews, No. 212.—Sec. 2, Art. 3—the words "no member over six months in arrears shall be eligible to any office" conflict with the Constitution. Your committee would suggest to Divisions, however, that they have the power of excluding such members from office by means of the ballot.

Sec. 10, Art. 5—the words as laid down in Chapter 7, Code of Laws, to be added at end of section.

Annapolis, No. 215.—Your committee have had to make but a few verbal alterations in the Bye-Laws of this Division.

Submitted in L., P., and F.,

PATK. MONAGHAN, WM. MURRAY, JOHN HEENAN.

Halifax, July 25, 1864.

Adopted.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report:

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

Worthy Brothers,—The Grand Scribe congratulates the representatives now assembled, on the very favourable circumstances under which they meet.

NEW DIVISIONS.

Since the last quarterly meeting three new Divisions have been organized, viz.:

1. Pereaux, No. 214, at Pereaux, King's County, on

May 5, by P. G. W. P., Rev. Dr. Cramp.

2. Annapolis, No. 215, at Annapolis, Annapolis County,

by D. G. W. P., John R. Currell, on May 12.

3. ALEXANDRA, No. 216, at Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton County, on June 11, by P. G. W. A. Donald Johnston, County Deputy.

DIVISIONS RESUSCITATED.

It is with much satisfaction I have to report that on 16th May I received a letter from bro. George Frieze, of Maitland, Hants County, in which was conveyed the pleasing intelligence that *Rock Division*, No. 63, resumed operations on 11th of the month.

Since the last quarterly session (on May 31st) I received a communication from bro. Abram Clark, of Durham, Pictor County, in which he informed me that Flowing Fountain Division, No. 118, had been working during the previous quarter, resuming operations on January 6th. Since date mentioned, I have received returns from the Division, for term ending March 31. The fact of the Division being in working order was not known to me when my last quarterly

report was presented. Had I been made acquainted with the fact in time, the number of Divisions on the Roll of Grand Division would have been stated as 124, instead of 123; and 109 working divisions, instead of 108.

ANNAPOLIS AND TRURO.

At the last quarterly meeting a resolution was adopted, providing for the appointment of committees to visit the towns of Truro and Annapolis, with the view of resuscitating the Order in those places. As stated in the commencement of this report, a new division was organized in Annapolis, shortly after the April session. With reference to Truro, I have to report that correspondence has been opened with friends in that town; but up to the present time no satisfactory answer, as to our prospects there, has been received. The committee provided for by resolution of last session, will be appointed to visit Trure as soon as practicable.

INOPERATIVE DIVISIONS.

The following named divisions are not working:—Aurora, No. 68; Garland, 105; Rocklin, 129; Temple, 131; Water-loo, 143; Coxheath, 148; Ohio, 150; Onward, 164; Inverness, 172; Guthrie, 174; Malou, 176; Hart, 177; Ainslie, 187; Sunnyside, 197.

I have endeavored to obtain information respecting the prospects of resuscitating those divisions, but tailed in reference to the majority, while answers received from the others were not satisfactory. It may become necessary for the Grand Division, at the next annual session, to declare the Charters of these divisions forfeited, unless they resume operations before that time.

Returns not having been received for several quarters from Agricola, No. 72, and Port George, No. 87, they must be classed with those not working. I have failed in getting replies to communications respecting them.

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS.

The No. of Divisions on the roll is	129
No. not working16	
No. of working Divisions113	

This gives four working Divisions more than was report-

ed at last session, including Flowing Fountain in last report.

Returns for the quarter ended June 30, have been received from ninety-two Divisions, giving in the aggregate the following

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

No. of members admitted 675
Rejected14
Members Withdrawn69
" violated Pledge 1st time139
reinstated61
" suspended83
violated Pledge 2d time48
** expelled200
" died3
Whole number on F. S.'s books5,086
No. of lady visitors admitted in 45 Divisions266
" withdrawn, died, &c58
Whole number of lady visitors in 69 Divs2,717
No. public temperance meetings held40
No. temperance documents distributed1,226
Receipts \$1,806.15
Expenses, exclusive of benefits 1,417.99
Paid for benefits, by 16 divisions 236.99
Cash on hand and invested 7,322.04
Per Capita Tax to G. D 287.70

By the foregoing it will be perceived that after deducting the number of members who have withdrawn, died, and

been expelled, there is a gain of 403.

Another gratifying fact for which we should express thankfulness to the Almighty is, that in the returns received, but three deaths in our membership, during the past quarter, have been reported.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The returns received from divisions for quarter ending June 30, exhibit the Order in this jurisdiction in excellent working condition; in fact, the divisions appear more active than could be expected at this season, when compared with previous years.

MEMBERSHIP IN PREVIOUS QUARTER.

The returns received from 107 divisions for the quarter ended March 31, report a membership, on that date, of 5,362. The number of members admitted during the quarter, by 96 divisions, was 1221.

RETURNS DUE.

Returns for the quarterly term ended March 31, are still due from the following named working divisions:—Nos. 89, and 95.

And for quarter ended June 30, from Nos. 5, 14, 36, 37, 38, 62, 89, 93, 95, 97, 99, 100, 112, 118, 125, 134, 144, 151, 163, 169, 183.

FINANCES.

The receipts and disbursements of this office, to 25th inst., were as follows:

Receipts.

Receive	d for per Capita Tax	\$268.76
44	towards expenses of representative	
	to National Division	69.00
"	towards Agency Fund	21.94
66	for Stock, &c	
Balance	from previous quarter	
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Disbursements.

Paid Grand Treasurer, per receipts	398.823
Balance in hands of Grand Scribe	11.00

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It will be gratifying to you to learn that the Grand Division is still free from debt, the only account against the body being for printing of Journals of last session. It will be seen by the Grand Treasurer's statement that there is a balance in the Treasury to the amount of \$290.62\frac{1}{2}. Of this sum the Grand Treasurer has invested \$250 in the Savings' Bank. He has also in his hands to credit of the Agency Fund, \$19.71.

DIVISIONS INCORPORATED.

The following named divisions having availed themselves of the Act incorporating the Grand Division, and the subordinate divisions in Nova Scotia, the necessary documents, under seal of the Grand Division, and signatures of the G. W. P. and G. Scribe, have been duly filed in the Provincial Secretary's office, viz.:—

- 1. Iron Age Division, No. 82, on April 29.
- 2. Green Vale, No. 193, on May 6.
- 3. Cobequid, No. 155, on July 22.

RETURNED CHARTER.

The Charter of late Glace Bay Division, No. 184, was returned to this office on July 2d.

STOCK FROM NATIONAL DIVISION.

Since last quarterly meeting a supply of stock (T. & W. Cards, Rituals, Visitors' Rituals, &c.) has been received from the National Division, at a cost of \$14.52\frac{1}{2}.

I have procured from the M. W. Scribe, a complete sett of the Journals (less Journal 11th annual session) of proceedings of the National Division, for the use of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, at a cost of \$3. The first six Journals are bound up in one volume. So soon as copy of 11th Journal can be procured the others will be bound up.

NATIONAL DIVISION.

Since we last met, the National Division held its twentieth annual session, in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, commencing on 16th and ending on 20th days of June. This Grand Division was represented at that meeting by P. G. W. P. Rev. Dr. Cramp, P. G. W. A. John Heenan, and your Grand Scribe. There was not much new business before the meeting, and but one alteration made in the Constitution of the Order, viz.: the words "within one year" stricken out of sec. 5. chap. 7, Code of Laws.

A resolution was adopted providing for the organization

of the young into temperance associations.

A proposition to admit ladies to full membership in the Order, was rejected. The returns from the various Grand Divisions on this subject gave a majority vote against the granting of further privileges to lady visitors for the present.

The report of the Most Worthy Scribe presents the pleasing fact that this Grand Division occupies a favourable position on the records of the National Division. According to the report of that officer, "The most marked changes have been an increase in membership 10 per cent. in Nova Scotia, 15 per cent. in New Jersey, 20 per cent. in Michigan, 25 per cent. in Illinois, and the same in New Hampshire, 33 per cent. in Pennsylvania, 50 per cent. in Connecticut, 60 per cent. in Prince Edward Island, 100 per cent. in Kentucky, and 300 per cent. in Nevada Territory. The Grand Division of District of Columbia returns nearly 800 members, and the Grand Division of South Kentucky which has been revived during the year, returns over 50, and Scott

Division of Davenport, Iowa, has 100 members. The greatest losses have been 25 per cent. in California, 35 per cent. in Maine, and 50 per cent in Indiana."

As respects membership and number of divisions, Nova Scotia ranks as fourth in order, as per returns for year 1863,

and as the following figures will show:

	No. Divisions.	Admitted during year.	No. members.
Canada West	$\dots 280$	4,417	7,014
Massachusetts	$\dots 151$	3,844	10,864
Maine	106	1,659	5,101
Nova Scotia	100	2,105	4,361
New Brunswick	100	1,423	$4,\!271$

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at New Haven, Connecticut, on 14th June, 1865. It is to be hoped that this Grand Division will be well represented on that occasion.

Your representatives were hospitably entertained during their stay in Cleveland; and through the kindness of brother B. E. Gantt, P. G. W. P. of Maryland, enjoyed the privilege of travelling over the Baltimore and Ohio railway, as also the railway from Baltimore to Washington and return, tree of charge. They also experienced kind courtesies at the hands of several of the grand officers and members of the Grand Divisions of Maryland and District of Columbia.

VISIT TO GRAND DIVISION OF CANADA WEST.

P. G. W. A. Heenan, and your Grand Scribe, had the pleasure, in company with a number of other members of the National Division, of visiting the Grand Division of Canada West, in semi-annual session at Drummondville, on 22d June. Your representatives received a hearty welcome from our Canadian brethren, and a brief account of the position of the Order in this jurisdiction was listened to with interest, and called forth congratulations from the assembled representatives.

Respectfully submitted in L., P., and F.

PATK. MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe.

Mill Village, Parrsborough, July 27, 1864.

Referred to Committee on State of Order.

Grand Division adjourned.

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FORENOON SITTING.

THURSDAY, July 28, 1864.

Grand Division opened in due form at 9 o'clock, A.M.. G. W. A. Morrison in the chair.

Roll of officers called:

Present—G.W. A., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer.

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

Vacancies were filled by bros. Wm. Murray, G. W.A.; Rev. W. B. King, G. Chap.; Dr. W. E. McRobert, G. Con.; J. D. McCart, G. Sent.; R. M. Barratt, P. G. W. P.

Grand Division was declared ready for business.

G. W. P. entered and took his seat.

The Grand Conductor introduced representative Samuel Thompson of No. 140, who was duly initiated.

Bro. Henry Thompson, of Parrsborough Division, was appointed, and obligated as assistant to Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Sentinel entered and took his place.

Minutes of last evening's sitting were read and approved.

The following report was read and referred to Committee on State of the Order:

HALIFAX, July 25, 1864.

The Agency Committee beg to report that they have been unable, from the want of funds, to do anything in the way of employing a lecturer during the past quarter, the employment of brother Beattie, up to the last session of the Grand Division, having exhausted the amount placed at our disposal.

Brother McArthur has made a proposal to your committee, which they have gladly accepted, and they are expecting him to enter upon a tour for the purpose of lecturing on Temperance and visiting the Divisions. Shortly your committee will be prepared to state more fully their arrangements on making the announcements of his lectures in the Abstainer.

Your committee are glad to learn that some of the divisions are taking up collections each night of meeting, for the purpose of adding to the Agency Fund. This we think deserving of commendation, and would invite the other divisions to follow the same good example, and do the same, if not every night of meeting, at certain appointed times.

The Treasurer reports that he has \$19.71 in hand.

Respectfully submitted in L., P., and F.

S. Selden, Robt. Noble, H. A. Taylor.

The following report was read and referred to the same committee:

Your committee have learned that the present publisher of the Abstainer has intimated to the Grand Scribe that the patronage extended to your organ since it has been issued weekly, has not been such as he had anticipated, and that he therefore declines to continue the responsibility of its publication longer than the close of the current volume—the end of September ensuing.

For many reasons we should deeply regret any suspension of the Abstainer. We beg to inform the Grand Division that the present editor, the Grand Scribe, has offered to assume the responsibility of its publication for one year, provided the Grand Division will continue the appropriation for the payment of editorial services, together with the same

patronage as heretofore.

Your committee recommend that the offer of the Grand Scribe be accepted, for the present, under the circumstances.

The fact of the Abstainer being the only temperance paper in British North America, should be a strong inducement to the brethren and friends of the Order to use every effort for sustaining it and rendering it as efficient as possible.

All which is respectfully submitted in 1 "3, purity, and

fidelity.

S. Selden, A. J. Ritchie.

Halifax, July 26, 1864.

The Grand Scribe read report from P. G.W. P., Rev. Dr. Jramp, in reference to recent meeting of National Division at Cleveland, Ohio. Referred to Committee on State of the Order. (See report, Appendix page 112.)

Grand Scribe presented an appeal from Richard S. Blois, against action of Vesper Division, No. 124. Referred to Standing Committee on Appeals.

Also, an appeal from J. Albert Black, against action of Amherst Division, No. 182. Referred to same committee.

The Financial statements of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read and ordered on file.

The following report was read and adopted:

The Auditing and Finance Committee report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer, all of which they find correct.

The committee have also examined the following account,

which they recommend for payment:

James Bowes, & Sons......\$31.00

JOHN L. WHYTAL, R. H. WETMORE.

Halifax, N. S., July 25, 1864.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed bro. John L. Whytal, of No. 8, on the Standing Auditing and Finance Committee, in place of Wm. Wilson, who had ceased to be a member of the Grand Division.

On motion of bro. R. M. Barratt, seconded by bro.

R. J. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made, this Grand Division will authorise the holding of a public temperance meeting, under its auspices, at Diligent River, to-morrow evening.

Programme submitted by committee of arrangements

for public meeting this evening was approved of.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

July 28, 1864.

Grand Division opened at 1.30 p.m., the G. W. P. in the chair.

, Roll of officers called:

Present—G.W. P., G.W. A., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Sentinel.

Absent—G. Chap., G. Con., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by bros. G. G. Gray, G. Chap.; Wm. Murray, G. Con.; A. P. Bradley, P. G. W. P.

Bro. John G. Holmes, of Parrsborough division, was

obligated as assistant to Grand Sentinel.

Minutes of forenoon sitting were read and approved. Bro. A. Y. Corbitt, of Island Home Division, No. 170, being announced in waiting for initiation, he was obligated in the ante room by the P. G. W. P., signed the Constitution, and took his seat as a member of the Grand Division.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following report:

The Committee on Appeals have had submitted to them the appeal of J. Albert Black, vs. Amherst Division:

CASE.—The F. S. tendered his resignation, and a motion was duly tabled that such resignation be accepted. The W. P. refused to put the motion or accept the resignation; hence

the appeal.

The committee would report that inasmuch as an officer has a right at any time to tender his resignation, and it being the duty of the W. P. to put every resolution offered, that does not conflict with the Constitution, they deem that officer was wrong in not putting the motion in the present case, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal he dismissed, and the action of

the Amherst Division sustained.

Submitted in L., P., and F.

R. M. Barratt, Wm. Murray, Patk. Monaghan.

G. D. Room, July 28, 1864.
Adopted.

Bro. Watson presented the following report from the Committee on Communications:

Your committee beg leave to report that the prospectus of the "Text Book of Temperance," by Dr. F. R. Lees, and proposed to be published by Mr. Z. Pope Vose, has been

laid before them. And while they agree in opinion with the committee who reported at last quarterly session, that our own temperance publication, the Abstainer, requires, and we may add, is worthy of all the efforts that we can make for its support; still, your committee cannot but regret that no steps have been taken by this Grand Division to aid or encourage the publication of such a work. A healthy vigorous literature has been of much service in all questions of reform, that have from time to time engaged the publicmind, and the publication of the "Text Book" would materially aid in spreading a knowledge of the principle we profess, and at the same time foster a taste for temperance literature, and thus ultimately tend to create a more extended patronage for the Abstainer. Your committee would further remark, that the name of the author is a sufficient pledge for the excellence of the work, believing that he is well qualified to do ample justice to the historical, biblical, physiological, experimental, and philosophical bearings of the great subject that he proposes to write upon. Your committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend that each division in our jurisdiction take such steps as may seem to them best adapted to secure a large subscription list, and forward it direct to the publisher; or, if divisions prefer, they may send through the Grand Scribe, who will procure them upon the most favourable terms.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John Watson, A. P. Bradley, J. Heram Black.

Adopted.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following report:

The Committee on Appeals have had before them the appeal of Richard S. Bleis is. Vesper Division. The case is as follows:

A motion was made to change the meetings of the division from weekly to formightly, and on the question being taken it was adopted on a vote of five to three, while the Bye-Laws require that there shall be a two-third vote, after two weeks noticehad been given, to change a Bye-Law; hence the appeal.

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. The committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved. That the appeal be sustained, and the action of the

division reversed.

Submitted in L., P., and F.

R. M. BARRATT, Wm. Murray, Pat. Monagnan.

Parrsborough, July 28, 1864. Adopted.

The following report from Committee on State of the Order was considered by clauses and adopted:

The Committee on the State of the Order have great pleasure in reporting the Order in a very healthy condition, there being a steady increase in its membership, as well as in the number of divisions.

The reviving of old divisions which have long remained inactive, affords another proof of its vitality, while the fact that the Grand Division has got out of debt speaks well for those who

have had the manageme nt of its affairs.

The subject of "Bands of Hope," as referred to in the report of the G. W. P., is deserving the attention of this body, and your committee would arge most carnestly upon the representatives present, the importance of forming such organisations in the several localities.

Your committee regret to learn that no agent has been employed during the past quarter, and would urge upon brothers the duty of seeing that the Agency Committee are put in a position to place one or more agents in the field. They are pleased to learn that bro Rev. A. McArthur is about to occupy a portion of the field for a limited time. The suggestions in the report of the Agency Committee, respecting collections in the divisions, are deserving of their attention.

The report of the Publication Committee has again been such as to prove that the Order is not yet doing its duty, as regards

the Abstainer.

The committee would recommend to the favourable consideration of this Grand Division, the recommendation of the Publication Committee; and would further urge upon the members the duty of using greater diligence in procuring additional subscribors for the paper; and they would further suggest that the Grand Division be requested at the annual session to continue the pre-

sent grant.

The committee are pleased to learn that at the recent meeting of the National Division this Grand Division was not only ably represented, but at the same time that it continues to held a high place among the other Grand Divisions.

Submitted in L., P., and F.

R. M. BARRATT, D. J. TAYLOR, W. B. KING, W. E. McROBERT.

Parrsborough, July 28, 1864.

Bro. Barratt moved the following, which was seconded by the G. W. A.:

With a view to furnish full information respecting those members of the Grand Division, whose credentials are from time to time cancelled,

Therefore Resolved, That in future the Grand Scribe insert in the printed journals, the names of brothers whose credentials have been cancelled.

On motion of bro. G. G. Gray, seconded by bro. R. J. Wilson, the resolution was laid on the table until the annual meeting in October next.

Bro. Wm. Murray moved the following resolution, which was seconded by brother H. B. Mitchell, and

adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to convey to Bro. B. E. Gantt, P. G. W. P. of Maryland, the thanks of this Grand Division for his kindness and courtesy in making arrangements whereby members of the National Division residing in the British Provinces, and in attendance at the recent meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio, were afforded the opportunity of travelling free by railway, over some beautiful portions of the States, including a visit to Washington city, D. C., and in which privilege the representatives from Nova Scotia participated.

On motion of bro. Wm. Murray, seconded by bro. R. Thompson, it was ordered that 350 copies of the Journal

of Proceedings of this Session be printed, and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion of bro. R. M. Barratt, seconded by bro. Wm. Murray, a vote of thanks was passed to the friends in Parrsborough for their hospitality to members of the Grand Division.

On motion of bro. Wm. Murray, seconded by the Grand Treasurer, a vote of thanks was passed to James McDonald, Esq., Railway Commissioner, for affording representatives the privilege of travelling over the Windsor Railway at reduced fare; also to Mr. James King, for the accommodation afforded representatives and ladies accompanying them in coming to Parrsborough and returning to Windsor by the steamer Emperor.

On motion of bro. R. Thompson, seconded by bro. John Watson, a vote of thanks was passed to Parrsborough Division, No. 110, for the use of their Division Room during the session; also to the trustees of Baptist

church for the use of their melodian.

Bro. R. M. Barratt, on behalf of a committee representing the divisions in the city of Halifax, presented the following resolutions (as adopted by the city divisions), with a request that the Grand Division would take action thereon:

Resolved, 1st — That while we regard the liquor traffic with abhorrence, and while we cannot but feel indignant at the state of the law which permits the dealers in intoxicating drinks to destroy countless numbers of their fellow men, and entail misery and suffering on numerous families, we look with deep compassion on the poor drunkard who has become the slave of habits which his own unassisted efforts can seldom break.

2nd.—That the experience of the friends of total abstinence has deeply impressed them with the conviction, that the reformation of the drunkard is well nigh hopeless so long as he is beset wherever he goes by innumerable rum shops; equally deep is their conviction that our young men must continue to be destroyed by intemperance so long as the law sanctions and encourages the sale of strong drink.

3rd.—That while we never can consider our work accom-

plished till the trade in intoxicating liquors is abolished, we are prepared to ask for and to accept any measure, which shall tend to reclaim the intemperate. Believing therefore that a reformatory for confirmed drunkards would be the means of reclaiming many whose case must otherwise be hopeless, we feel it to be our duty to do all in our power for the establishment of such an institution.

4th.—That a petition to be signed by all who approve of the measure be presented to the Legislature, praying them to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a provincial Reformatory for confirmed drunkards, vesting its management in a suitable Board and enacting such a law as may be necessary to place the property of confirmed drunkards beyond their own control, and empowering their relatives to place them in the Reformatory as is now done in the case of lunatics.

5th.—That as dealers in intoxicating liquors are the only class who derive pecuniary advantage by the drinking habits; and as it would be unfair that the province at large which derives no benefit but suffers unmitigated loss and injury from the prevalence of intemperance, should have to bear the cost of such an institution:

Resolved, therefore. That the Legislature be requested to lay a suitable annual tax on every licensed dealer in intoxicating liquors in the Province to be collected with the payments for license, and also on every wholesale dealer in such liquors in the Province, and that the fund so collected be devoted to the maintenance of the aforesaid institution.

On motion, consideration of the resolutions was deferred until annual meeting in October next.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by Rev.

bro. King, the Grand Scribe was instructed to have 350 copies of the resolutions printed, and forwarded to the subordinate divisions, with the request that they take action thereon, and communicate result to the Grand Division in time for the annual session.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch made some very appropriate remarks previous to closing the session.

The minutes of this sitting were read and approved. Grand Division closed in due form.

Patrick Monaghan, G. S.

Halifax, N. S., August 1, 1864.

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PATK. MONACHAR,
Grand Scribe.

Examined and found correct.

R. II. WETMORE, JOHN L. WHYTAL

Halifax, N. S., July 25, 1864.

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Henry A. Taylor, Grand Treas.

MEMORANDUM.—The Grand Treasurer has much pleasure in approuncing—that he has the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars invested in the Savings' Bank, and the Balance, Forty Dollars and Sixty-two and a half cents, on hand for contingencies.

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REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING SESSION.

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No. 8. Robt. M. Barratt, D. G. W. P.

No. 9. William Murray.

No. 16. Francis Beattie, G. Sent.

No. 26. Edward Morrison, G. W. A.

No. 32. Rev. I. J. Skinner, G. W. P. H. B. Mitchell

No. 82. W. E. McRobert, M. D. B. Fullerton, No. 96.

George G. Gray.

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Amos A. Blenkhorn. Thomas Revel. John S. Blenkhorn.

No. 110.

A. P. Bradley, D. G. W. P. E. Vickery.
H. C. Thompson.
George Roberts.
E. D. W. Ratchford.
Silas H. Newcomb.
George F. Corbitt.
James McKeen.
Rev. Wm. B. King, A. M.
Richard Clarke.
J. S. McAloney.

Frederick Yorke.

No. 140. Robinson Thompson, D.G.W.P. A. K. Moore. John D. McCart. Thos. F. McKenzie. Samuel Thompson.

No. 142. David J. Taylor, D. G. W. P. Fones Holmes. J. A. Fulton. Caleb Lewis. Joseph Atkinson.

No. 170. A. Y. Corbitt, B. G. W. P. Cyrus C Broderick. Wm. J. Corbitt. No. 182.
Chand. Crane, M. D., p.g.w.p.
J. A. Black.
R. B. Huestis.
A. S. Blenkhorn.
Rev. G. F. Miles.
A. Robb, jr.
C. F. Ratchford.

No. 199. James McCabe. John Blenkhorn.

VISITOR. C. Edgar DeWolfe, G.D. of Me.

LADY VISITORS.

No. 16. Miss Mary Anne Beattie.

No. 32. Mrs. C. E. Mitchell.

No. 82. Mrs. W. E. McRobert. Miss Agnes Fullerton. "Metcy Ryan.

No. 106. Miss M. E. Blenkhorn. " E. Blenkhorn.

No. 110.

Miss A. Leake. " R. Gibson.

" Jane McAloney.

" C. Campbell.
" S. Aikens.
" G. Vickery.
" S. Canuing.

Miss L. Spencer. Mrs. Mary Clarke. " Abby Spell.

" Abby Snell.

No. 142.
Miss C. Holmes.

"Julia Holmes.

"M. J. Fullerton.

M. H. Fullerton.

M. S. Taylor.

Emma Lewis.

M. E. Dayley.

Elizabeth Holmes.

No. 182. Miss B. Elderkin.

No. 199.

Miss S. Ward.
" Hannah Duff.
" Maria Allen.

APPENDIX.

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

Worthy Brothers,—In pursuance of the commission with which you honoured me, I left home on the 8th ult. to attend the annual session of the National Division at Cleveland, Ohio. The brethren P. Monaghan, G. S., and J. Heenan, P. G. W. A.,

accompanied me. This was a very pleasant arrangement.

Brother Gantt, of Maryland, having procured for us free tickets on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, a distance of 379 miles, and also from Baltimore to Washington and back—eighty miles more—we travelled by that route, and enjoyed the journey exceedingly. The day we spent at Washington will not be soon forgotten. The passage over the Alleghany mountains introduced us to the beautiful and the sublime in scenery. Fatigue was banished by excitement and pleasure.

During the five days we spent at Cleveland we were hospitably entertained by kind friends, who were indefatigable in their en-

deavours to promote our comfort.

The Session of the National Division was attended by ninetysix representatives. The districts not represented were Delaware, South Kentucky, California, Oregon, Nevada Territory, and Newfoundland. Eighteen of the representatives present were from the British provinces, viz.: New Brunswick, six; Canada West, five; Canada East, three; Nova Scotia, three;

Prince Edward Island, one.

As the Journal of the Session will soon be in your hands it is not needful to enter into detail respecting the business transacted. Suffice it to say that good feeling and harmony prevailed; that the discussions, though sometimes earnest, were characterised by brotherly kindness, and that no important changes were made in the constitution or government of the Order. The permission to grant clearance cards after the lapse of a year, may be regarded as an exception; but it will be in the power of the Grand Divisions to prevent any injurious consequences likely to result from that alteration.

The Grand Division will, doubtless, learn with satisfaction, that no change has been made in the position of lady visitors. That useful branch of our Order will continue to be governed as heretofore.

It might have been expected that the trouble in the United States would have caused a serious diminution of our numbers. I have to state, therefore, with great pleasure, that the falling-off during the year amounts to only fifty-two members; and the Grand Division will unquestionably observe, with gratitude, that in the numerical returns, Nova Scotia stands fourth on the list; in regard to number of members, and third in regard to admissions, during last year.

The condition of affairs in the United States, and the aspects and prospects of the war in that country, were adverted to by the speakers in the public meetings held at Cleveland, as well as during the sittings of the National Division, with great warmth of feeling. Some of our brethren seemed to have forgotten that all present were not republicans, and that the Order of the Sons of Temperance recognizes no political, no religious peculiarities, but embraces North and South, and East and West, without regard to forms of government or denominational distinctions. Nevertheless, we could all heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the concluding paragraph of the report of the committee on the Most Worthy Patriarch's report: "The committee call upon the members of this National Division to congratulate each other, and to give thanks to Almighty God, that the progress of the Order during the past year has been so little affected by the war which still unhappily prevails in a portion of its juris-They earnestly hope that before the next session of the National Division peace and freedom will flourish in every part of this northern continent."

In conclusion, I beg to thank the Grand Division for giving me the opportunity of enjoying a very agreeable tour. I trust that the Grand Division of Nova Scotia will be always hereafter represented at the annual sessions of the National Division.

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

J. M. CRAMP.

Montreal, July 18, 1864.

GRAND DIVISION AGENCY FUND.

Amounts received by Grand Division. 1864.	Scribe since April meeting of Grand
May 2. From Bro. Beattie, Le Port Williams I Royal Brilliant Star Hope	9ivision
New Era Division, quality Rev. J. McLeod, Bro	\$10.62 a, collection in Atheneum Div\$6.84 u'ly. subs. 1½ ct. on 82 members. 1.23 oklyn, Hants Co
	\$21.94
July 25. By paid Grand Treas	Cr. surer
July 25, 1864.	(See G. S. acct.)
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July 25. By paid G. Treasure	Cr.

GRAND SCRIBE'S OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Halifax, N. S., August 1, 1864.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA will be held in the Division Room, Temperance Hall, Halifax City, in October next, commencing on Tuesday, 25th day of the month, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

It is hoped that every Subordinate Division in the Province will be represented on that occasion. An effort will be made to get a reduction of Railway fares for the week in which the G. D.

will meet.

Divisional Deputies are requested to send in full Reports of the condition and prospects of the Order, in their respective localities to the County Deputies by the 10th day of October; and County Deputies will please forward their Reports to the Grand Scribe by the 15th day of October. Where there are no County Deputies Divisional D. G. W. P's. will forward their reports direct to the Grand Scribe.

Returns and Per Capita Tax to be forwarded to the Grand

Scribe direct, by the 15th day of October.

The Grand Scribe requests that Returns due from the following Divisions for quarter ended June 30, 1864, be sent in immediately: Nos. 5, 14, 36, 37, 38, 62, 89 (also March quar.), 93, 95 (also March quar.), 97, 99, 100, 112, 118, 134, 144, 163, 169, 183.

D. G. W. Ps. and R. Ss. are particularly requested to examine Returns and Credentials from Divisions before forwarding them to the Grand Scribe, in order that proper dates may be inserted, and blanks carefully filled up. In order to do this correctly, it would be well to compare Returns with those of previous quarter.

On the face of Returns Recording Scribes will please report the number of members suspended during the quarter, and the

whole number of suspended members.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe.

The address of the Grand Worthy Patriarch is Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester.

The address of the Grand Scribe is PATRICK MONAGHAN, Box 87, Post Office, Halifax.

For the information of Divisions the Grand Scribe would intimate that he cannot become responsible for articles named below, when ordered through him. In future it will be necessary to forward with the articles required the amount placed opposite to each, being the lowest prices at which they can be obtained, viz:—

Full Sett of Officer's Emblems \$18.00,

do. with velvet or ribbon trimming, &c., \$20.50.

A single Emblem for Officers Regalia, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

D. G. W. P's. Emblem, \$3.00.

Regalias for Subordinate Divisions (without Tassels), \$7.20. per doz.

Seal Wood cuts for Divisions, \$6.00 to \$8.00-according to

design.

Expenses by Parcel Post or Express charged in addition.

