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JOURNAL
 OF THE
 PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 Grand Division of Nova Scotia.



AT THE
 Quarterly Session, held at Shubenacadie, in April, 1856.

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BY JAMES BOWES AND SONS, BARRINGTON STREET,
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31st March, 1856.
 Returns to the Grand Division for the Quarter ending

No. of Division.	Names of Divisions	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Deaths.	Violated the Pledge.	Reinstated.	Violated Pledge at time.	Signed over.	Withdrawn.	Rejected.	Representatives to G.D.	Counting Members.	Cash received.	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per Capita Tax
1	Acadia	Yarmouth	8										21	£2 7 6		£32 11 14	£0 5 3
2	Central	Yarmouth	11										38	3 4 3		1 12 9½	0 9 6
3	Milton	Yarmouth	12										30	6 15 1½		1 7 10	0 7 6
4	Concord	Barrington															
5	Union	Digby															
6	Chubucto	Halifax	9	15		7 8	1	6 4	27				173	41 12 7½	17 5 0	325 16 7½	2 3 3
7	Micmac	Halifax	15	7		5							144	35 2 6	3 15 0	110 0 0	1 16 0
8	Mayflower	Halifax	17			5 5		3 1 1	116				75	4 12 7	3 15 0	39 5 7½	1 9 0
9	Victoria	Liverpool	6	4									59	14 2 6	1 2 6	47 10 0	0 18 9
10	Avondale	Newport	2	8									54	8 6 10½	10 10 0	54 11 3½	0 13 3
11	New Cafedonia	Granville	1	8		1							70	12 0 0	1 10 0	21 10 6	0 13 6
12	Westport	Westport														97 14 6	0 17 6
13	Oriental	Pictou															
14	New Glasgow	New Glasgow	26	3							1		677	13 17 2	7 10 0	48 15 4	0 17 3
15	Hebron	Yarmouth	2	1		1 1							32	3 13 9½		25 7 6	0 8 0
16	Columbia	Weymouth											91				0 2 3
17	Roseway	Shelburne											20	2 1 6	16 10 0	13 5 10	0 5 0
18	Howard	Halifax	8	10	1	2							65	21 9 4	2 0 0	24 16 0	0 16 3
19	Cape Breton	N. Sydney	18	1		1 1							44	11 16 5	2 0 0	24 16 1	0 11 0
20	Wilberforce	Nictaux	2	6									36	2 0 0	2 0 0	1 10 0	0 9 0
21	Chester	Chester	12	12	2	5 5 2	3						51	6 9 5½		75 17 3½	0 13 6
22	Mechanics	Dayton															
23	Cumberland	Amherst	1	22									36			189 15 7½	1 7 6
24	Pugwash	Pugwash	2	1									44	1 3 9	4 10 0	24 18 8½	0 11 0
25	Royal	Elisborough	7	1		2							67	11 14 7	3 18 9	24 8 9	0 16 9
26	Morning Star	Chiveroe	1	1	2								45	3 19 3	3 18 9	24 8 9	0 11 3
27	Archangel	Sydney Mines	1	1									27	4 0 0	3 0 0	75 0 0	0 6 9
28	Truro	Truro															
29	Olive Branch	Bridgetown	4										22	1 16 3			0 5 6
30	Paradise	Wilmet															
31	Port Royal	Annapolis			1								17	10 13 9	6 0 0	8 5 5	0 4 3
32	Star	Ragged Islands	3			2							26	4 19 3	32 15 0	4 3 3	0 6 6
33	Canard	Cornwallis	13	23	2	4 1 3	1						128	30 15 3		55 0 0	0 12 0
34	Rising Sun	Musquodobit	3	1		1							39	2 14 10		9 10 6½	0 9 9
35	Queen's Own	Liverpool															
36	Mainmast	Riv. John, Pictou	1	7		7 1							15	2 6 3	0 10 0	54 16 1	0 3 9
37	Lunenburg	Lunenburg	14			1 1							32	7 16 0	0 10 0	26 0 4	0 8 0
38	Star in the East	Sydney, C. B.	26										70	15 7 1	6 10 0	43 3 0	0 17 6
39	Hantsport	Hantsport	8										47	4 0 7½	3 0 0	31 10 0	0 11 9
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42	Aurora	Cornwallis			4												
43	Aurora	Antigonish			4												
44	Lake	Cornwallis	10	2		4							13	0 1 1	2 13 10	2 13 10	0 3 3
45	Wallace	Sewiacke	1	1		1							56	4 7 11	0 11 0	42 12 0	0 11 0
46	Wallace	Sewiacke	3	7		1							36	3 5 4		0 7 0	0 7 0
47	Albion Mines	Albion Mines	12	5		18 18	2	1 3 1					50	12 8 1½	0 15 0	0 7 0½	0 9 0
48	Margaretville	Wilmet	3	2	4	2							28	6 2 9	2 10 0	2 6 4	0 7 9
49	Iron Age	Londonerry															
50	Father Matthew	L. Siewiacke	2	3	1	2							18	0 17 6	0 14 4	5 0 0	0 4 6
51	Clements Arch	Clements Port	2	1		2							32	3 2 0		21 1 10	0 8 0
52	Wilmet	Sewiacke	2										33	3 3 3		5 18 2	0 8 3
53	Beithiehem	North Sydney		9									17	1 7 0		0 13 0½	0 4 3
54	Kellogg	Douglas	1	6		1							92	4 2 4		2 0 0	0 5 6
55	Chedabucto	Guysborough	6	15	6	9							61	11 11 11½	4 17 6	115 0 0	0 13 3
56	Athenium	Halifax	9			1 3							36	6 10 0		7 10 4½	0 9 0
57	Evening Star	Lunenburg	10	1		1							36	2 10 0	2 10 0	7 16 3	0 6 0
58	Invincible	Aylesford	1	2		1							24	3 11 3	3 10 0	0 10 0	0 10 0
59	Garland	Cornwallis	4										42	2 14 6		2 11 6	0 6 0
60	Victoria Mines	Nictaux		2									15	0 6 7		2 11 6	0 3 9
61	Wellingtore	Sherbrook		2		1 3 5½							28	1 15 4½		3 4 4½	0 5 6
62	Parrsboro'	Parrsboro'	2			3 2 6							40	3 2 6		19 7 5½	0 7 0
63	Railway	Shubenacadie	1	1		1 5 4½							23	1 5 4½	4 10 0	54 19 4½	0 10 0
64	Wolville	Shubenacadie	2	2		5 1 5							37			20 7 5	0 9 3
65	Exeter	Upper Rawdon															
66	Maine Law	LaHave															
67	Phenix	LaHave															
68	Salem	U. Musquodoboit															
69	Southampton	Maccan															
70	Flowing Fount'n	Durham Village															
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73	Alma	Kennetcook, Do.															
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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

SHUBENACADIE, Wednesday, May 14th, 1856.

THE Grand Division met pursuant to appointment at 10 A. M. in the Railway Division Room, and was opened in due form, the G.W.P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D.D., in the Chair. Roll of Officers called:

Present—G.W.P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; G. T., Wm. Lippencott.

Absent—G.W.A., W. A. S. Blewett; G. Scribe, Wm. Scott, *deceased*; G. Chap., Rev. A. McArthur; G. Con., George B. Sandford; G. Sen., R. Baker; P. G. W. P., John S. Thompson.

The vacancies were filled by the appointment of brothers C. Blanchard as G.W.A.; P. Monaghan, G. Scribe; Rev. J. Cameron, G. Chap.; R. McMillan, G. Con.; I. McCurdy, G. Sen.; G. Creed, P.G.W.P.

The Grand Division was declared open.

Brothers Monaghan and Creed were appointed a special committee on Credentials.

The special committee reported the credentials of the undermentioned representatives as correct:—

W.P., Enos Cook—CENTRAL DIVISION, No. 2.

W.P., Joseph Shaw—MILTON, No. 4.

W.P., James Marshall; P.W.P., Roderick Fraser, W. A. S. Blewett, CHEBUCTO—No. 7.

W.P., Jacob Lunn—HEBRON, No. 19.

P.W.P., Benjamin Bradshaw, Joseph Masters, Richard W. Card—MORNING STAR, No. 38.

P.W.P., James F. Lecain, Richardson Harris—PORT ROYAL, No. 46.

W.P., Robert Starr—CANARD, No. 50.

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

P.W.P., William Biggs—LUNENBURG, No. 60.

P.W.P., Rev. W. Burton, Thos. Young—HANTSPORT, No. 62.

P.W.P., John Wright—KELLOGG, No. 92.

P.W.P., George Daury—EVENING STAR, No. 97.

W.P., Samuel Frame—RAILWAY, No. 111.

W.P., James McAloney; P.W.P., Wm. Lodge—SOUTH-AMPTON, No. 117.

W.P., Joshua Knowles—RECHAB, No. 119.

W.P., Richard Gill—ALMA, No. 121.

W.P., James Cochran—VESPER, No. 124.

P.W.P., Thomas Bezanson—JUNE ROSE, No. 125.

P.W.P., George W. Freeman, R. G. Freeman—HERO OF KARS, No. 127.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undermentioned representatives who were duly initiated and took their seats: Robert E. Roulston, David Moore, Peter Etter, James R. McHeffy, Alex. Frame, Joseph J. Blackburn, John W. Allison and Joshua Knowles.

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

On State of the Order.—Brothers George Creed, J. J. Blackburn, Rev. J. Cameron.

On Communications and Appeals.—Brothers Lippencott, McMillen, Knowles.

Auditing.—Brothers Blanchard and Moore.

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 Brethren,—

It is my painful duty to inform you that our excellent brother, William Scott, late Grand Scribe of this Grand Division, has been removed from us. He died at his residence in Halifax on the 27th of February last. The following paper, prepared for the *Athenæum*, and inserted in that journal the week after his death, expresses, I feel persuaded, not my own sentiments only, but those of our brethren throughout the Province:—

“Our deceased friend was well known throughout the Province as an intelligent, warm-hearted, and consistent advocate of Temperance. Having studied the subject in all its bearings, his adhesion was the result of conviction, and it was nobly sustained. He gave his whole soul to the Cause, and never flinched from the duties which it required of him. If any work was to be done, he was ready to do it. If inconveniences were to be endured, he cheerfully submitted to them. If pecuniary aid was called for, he never withheld his share. While the zeal of some might be symbolized by the flickering taper, his was a steady light. Death only could extinguish it.

“He was elected to the office of Grand Scribe at the Annual Session of 1852, and re-elected at each Annual Session afterwards. His qualifications for that office were of a high order. Familiar with business in all its details, accustomed to systematic correctness of accounts, thoroughly acquainted with the principles, laws, and regulations of the Order, and well fitted for intercourse with men of various talents and habits, he quickly won the confidence of his brethren. He was at once courteous, impartial and firm. In his correspondence with the Divisions, he furnished continual proofs of promptitude and prudence. While he was ever ready to give information or advice, he set his face determinately against irregularity in all its forms. His quarterly reports manifested accuracy and anxiety—accuracy in his statements, and anxiety for the welfare of the Order, expressed, not infrequently, in glowing and impassioned terms, and evincing the deep earnestness of the writer.

“Of the faults of our departed friend (for who is without faults?) we have no wish to speak. Whatever they were, let the recollection of them be buried with him. On one imperfection only will we offer an observation. We refer to his proneness to despondency. When he saw many, who ought to be active in the Cause, cold-hearted and indifferent—when important measures failed of success, because the excitement under which they had been resolved on had died away—and especially when any (if we may accommodate the words to a Temperance application) “made shipwreck of faith and a good conscience,” his heart sank within him, and he was disposed to prophesy decay and disaster. We acknowledge that this was a failing, and we know that it interfered with his happiness. Would that there had been no just occasion for the gloom which sometimes overshadowed him!

“His work is done. He is gone to the spirit-world. His

memory will be dear to the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia. May many more rise up among us, eager to follow our departed brother in all that was good and praiseworthy, and even to surpass him, if possible, in zeal and self-denying labour!"

As soon as I was informed of the event I requested the G.W.A. to take charge of the books and papers connected with the office. Subsequently, in compliance with my solicitation he consented to discharge the duties of the Grand Scribe till the quarterly session of the Grand Division. This has been done, I believe, to the entire satisfaction of all parties.

It will now devolve on you to take such measures as you may deem necessary in consequence of our lamented brother Scott's death. Should you judge it best to proceed immediately to the choice of a successor, you will no doubt seriously consider what qualifications should be sought for;—what acquaintance with the principles, laws, and usages of our Order—what devotedness to its interests—what reputation among the brethren—what urbanity of disposition—what courtesy of demeanour—what firmness of purpose—what dauntless integrity. I trust that you will be able to find a brother well fitted for the office, in whose appointment there may be a good degree of unanimity, and whose subsequent career will justify your choice, proving that the "right man" is put in the "right place."

The Provincial Convention which met at Halifax on the 20th of February last, though it was not so numerously attended as the former one, two years before, comprised a large number of the most devoted advocates of total abstinence. The proceedings were marked by energy and determination, and friends of temperance entertained sanguine hopes that the Legislature, influenced by such a demonstration of public sentiment, would at length pass the long-desired Prohibitory Liquor Law. It was thought, too, that the Representatives were bound to show due respect to the petitions of the people. Those petitions contained 36,468 signatures. The principle of Prohibitionism is therefore maintained by a large proportion of the population of Nova Scotia. But our expectations have been sadly disappointed. The second reading of the bill was carried by a majority of seven, the numbers being, for it, 28—against it, 21. But when it went into committee a resolution was proposed, of which the following is a copy:

"Whereas, An Act containing similar provisions to those in the bill now under consideration, came into operation in the Province of New Brunswick on the first day of January last, and the success or failure of the experiment tried in that Prov-

ince will exercise a large influence on public opinion among our own constituents, and it is therefore prudent to suspend the further action of this House until the beginning of the next session : — Resolved, therefore, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until next session.”

On a division, this resolution was carried by a majority of nine, which was duly reported to the House. It was then moved, that the report be not received, which motion was lost, the numbers being, for, 21 ; against, 28. The motion that the resolution do pass the House was then carried : for, 28 ; against, 21. So the Prohibitory Liquor Bill stands postponed till next session.

The following is a list of the members who voted for and against the postponement :

For the postponement.

W. Annand,
 H. Bailey,
 F. Bourneuf,
 W. Chambers,
 Hon. S. Chipman, F. S.
 E. D. Davidson,
 Ichabod Dimock,
 J. Esson,
 T. H. Fuller,
 George Geldert,
 Hon. W. A. Henry, S. G.
 Hon. John Locke,
 H. Martell,
 George McKenzie,
 J. McKinnon,
 Hugh Munro,
 F. R. Parker,
 B. Reinard,
 R. Robertson.
 M. Robicheau,
 P. Smyth,
 John Tobin,
 J. C. Wade,
 Dr. Webster,
 Hon. B. Wier,
 Hon. L. M. Wilkins, P. S.
 M. I. Wilkins,
 Hon. W. Young, A. G.—28.

Against it.

A. G. Archibald,
 W. W. Bent.
 C. R. Bill,
 Dr. Brown,
 C. J. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 E. Churchill,
 H. Hyde,
 Hon. J. W. Johnston,
 Thomas Killam,
 J. J. Marshall,
 A. C. McDonald,
 J. McKeagney,
 M. McLearn,
 G. W. McLennan,
 T. T. Morrison,
 J. Ryder,
 J. J. Thorne,
 Dr. Tupper,
 C. White,
 A. Whitman.—21.

Mr. Moses, who voted for the bill, and Mr. McFarlane, who voted against it, were both absent at the final division.

I have inserted the names in this report, because it appears to me desirable that they should be placed on permanent record, since there may be occasion to refer to them at some future time. It may be further stated, that the following gentlemen, who voted for the postponement, had previously voted for the second reading of the bill, viz. :— W. Chambers, Hon. S. Chipman, Ichabod Dimock, F. R. Parker, and Dr. Webster.

Brethren ! this result annoys and distresses you. It tends to weaken your confidence in public men. You look upon it as an untoward event, which cannot but exert an unfavorable influence on the cause in which we are embarked. But let us not be discouraged. Great and beneficial reforms are seldom attained without hard struggling, and not unfrequently successive repulses try the mettle of the combatants and discipline them for victory. Our work has to be recommenced. Be it so. We will not flinch from it. Ours is no selfish aim. Our object is purely benevolent. We seek the well-being of our fellow-creatures, their moral emancipation, their highest happiness. Engaged in such an enterprise, and confidently anticipating ultimate success, we will not be disheartened by occasional reverses. We will begin again, and we will persevere till the work is done.

But we are deprived of the Press ! I report to you, with deep regret, the discontinuance of the *Athenæum* newspaper, the accredited organ of this Grand Division. Mr. Willoughby, the proprietor, has been compelled to relinquish the undertaking, partly for want of capital, and partly because the circulation was not extensive enough to be remunerative. This is a calamity of no small magnitude, and it has occurred at a most inopportune period. We were never so much in need of a vigorous, fearless temperance paper as at the present time. I beg to commend this subject to your most earnest consideration, and trust that you will not separate without devising some means by which our cause may be faithfully and regularly brought before the public, and that, if possible, in a publication of our own, or under our control.

The directions of the Grand Division respecting correspondence with the other Grand Divisions of British North America, on the subject of a separate National Division, were duly carried into effect by the late Grand Scribe. Some communications which have been received since his death will be laid before you.

From the reports which have been transmitted to me by the Deputies, I gather that upon the whole, notwithstanding some drawbacks, the Order holds on its way in Nova Scotia, and continues to shed a beneficial influence on society. The counties in which the most favorable indications are observable are Halifax, Hants, King's and Queen's. The Divisions in Pictou, Lunenburg, Digby and Annapolis counties have probably greater difficulties to contend with, on which account it is not surprising that their progress is slower; but the brethren evince commendable zeal and patience, and their efforts will not be unrewarded. The intelligence from Cape Breton is encouraging. I have received no information from the Deputies in the other counties of the Province, and can only express my hope that the Divisions in these counties are working satisfactorily.

I congratulate you on the successful results of the Prohibitory Liquor Law in New Brunswick, and on the defeat of the attempt to procure its repeal.

The business of the present session will be of a highly important character. We shall have to consider what the cause now requires, in what way we may most effectively promote its welfare, and how we may meet existing difficulties and discouragements. We shall need wisdom, earnestness, and steadfast enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. M. CRAMP,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

SHUBENACADIE, May 14th, 1856.

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

The Grand Treasurer moved the following resolutions, which were seconded by Rev. J. Cameron, and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from us by death brother William Scott, late G. S. of this Grand Division:

Resolved—1. That this Grand Division do hereby testify the high esteem in which our late brother was held, for his steadfastness in the advocacy of Temperance principles, his unremitting assiduity in promoting the interests of the Order, his earnest zeal, his strict integrity.

2. That the death of our brother cannot but be regarded as a severe affliction, especially in the present crisis of Temperance affairs, when energetic, consistent and enterprising men are so much needed, and so much remains to be done in order to secure the accomplishment of our wishes, in the deliverance of the land from a destroying curse.

3. That we deeply sympathise with the widow and family of our deceased brother; and that the G. S. be directed to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions, with the assurance of the earnest desire and prayer of the Grand Division; that God may grant them abundant support and consolation under their sorrow.

The Rev. J. Cameron moved the following, which was seconded by the Grand Treasurer, and passed unanimously:—

The Grand Worthy Patriarch having informed the Grand Division of the death of brother Edwin Sterns, P.G.W.A.:

Resolved, That brother Sterns was a tried and trusty member of the Temperance organization, and a useful officer of this Grand Division; and that his death is justly lamented as a loss to our Order as well as to the community with which he was connected.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded by the G. S. to the widow of our deceased brother, assuring her of our sympathy and best wishes.

The Temperance Committee of Cape Breton, appointed at the July Session of 1855, reported, through the chairman, C. H. Harrington. Report placed on file.

After the reading of the above report, bro. Blanchard moved the following resolution which was seconded by the Grand Treasurer, and passed:—

Resolved, That this Grand Division cannot too highly commend the ability, zeal and assiduity with which the committee have discharged the duties imposed upon them, and that the committee for the ensuing year consist of brothers C. H. Harrington, J. S. Hill, John Richardson, T. S. Bowen, Alex. Musgrove, D. Johnson, and Peter Andrews, as recommended.

The standing committee on Constitutions and By-laws reported as follows:—

The standing committee on Constitutions and By-laws have had submitted to them for examination, the By-laws of Mayflower,

Cape Breton and Chester Divisions, on which they would report as follows, viz :

MAYFLOWER DIVISION, No. 9.—Your committee would recommend that the words “in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution and Article 2 of the Revised Rules” be added to Section 2, of Article 6, in order that it may agree with the Constitution.

CAPE BRETON DIVISION, No. 27.—Section 1 of Article 2, conflicts with the Constitution, as the Rules of the Order do not recognise the term “*non-beneficial members.*” Your committee would recommend this section to be stricken out, and the following substituted instead thereof:—

Persons of old age or under disability, may be admitted (in accordance with Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution) for the sum of five shillings, Initiation fee, and seven shillings and six pence yearly dues, but shall not have the privilege of voting on money questions.

The words “Constitution and” in Section 2 of Article 4 to be erased, as Divisions have no power to remit penalties imposed by the Constitution.

The words “after one week’s previous notice has been given” to be added to Section 6 of Article 4, (see Section 2 of Article 4, Revised Rules.)

The word “in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution and Article 2 of the Revised Rules” to be added to Section 2 of Article 5.

As Subordinate Divisions have the right of granting Withdrawal Cards only, and not Clearance Cards, which power is invested in the Grand Division alone, and as Section 9 of Article 5 of the By-laws now reads, unpleasant feelings would likely be created between the brothers withdrawing and the Division, particularly if they should be in good standing on the books of the F. S., your committee would recommend the Division to substitute the following for the above named Section, viz :—

“When a member claims a Card of Withdrawal, at a regular meeting, he shall be entitled to, and receive the same from the F. S. upon payment of all monies due by him to the Division; and the further sum of 7½d. for such Withdrawal Card. (See Section 4, Article 7, Revised Rules.)

CHESTER DIVISION, No. 32.—The words “no person above the age of sixty to be admitted as a benefit member” in Section 1 of Article 2 to be erased, and the following substituted: “Persons over sixty years of age may be admitted in accordance with Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution.”

The words “Constitution and” in Section 3 of Article 5, to be erased, as Divisions have no power to remit penalties imposed by the Constitution.

The words "after one week's previous notice has been given" to be added to Section 6 of Article 5. (See Sect. 2 of Article 4, Revised Rules.)

The word "eleven" to be inserted instead of "nine," in Sect. 2 of Article 6, and the words "in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution and Article 2 of the Revised Rules" to be added to the same Section.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN.

Halifax, N. S., May 12th, 1856.

Adopted.

A Communication from the W. P. of New Caledonia Division, requesting information on the Constitution, was read, and, on motion referred to standing committee on Constitutions and By-laws, to report at next session.

An Appeal from J. B. Colter, against the action of Exeter Division was read, and on motion referred to committee on Communications and Appeals.

An Appeal from Isaac McCurdy against the decision of Rising Sun Division was also read, and referred to the same committee.

A Communication received from Micmac Division containing a copy of resolutions passed by that Division was read, and placed on file.

A Communication received from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Division of Kentucky, in reference to the meeting of the National Division at Lexington in June next, was read and placed on file.

The G. W. P. read letters he had received from the Grand Scribes of the Grand Divisions of Canada West, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, in answer to communications from this Grand Division, in reference to the formation of a National Division for the Colonies of British North America.

The following accounts were submitted, and ordered to be paid:—

James Bowes & Sons, printing Journals	£6	5	0
Richard Nugent, advertising	-	0	7 6
R. H. Willoughby, printing	-	3	7 6
A. J. Ritchie, do.		0	10 0

On motion, the Grand Division adjourned, to meet at half-past 2 o'clock, p. m.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Acting Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Present—G. W. P., G. T.

Absent—G. W. A., G. S., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sen., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled as in morning session.

Grand Division was declared open.

The Grand Conductor introduced representatives John McKinnon, John Cook, Samuel Frame and Peter McDonald, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

The Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Chaplain entered and took his seat.

The report of the Acting Grand Scribe (W.A.S. Blewett) was read as follows :—

OFFICE OF GRAND SCRIBE,

Halifax, May 13th, 1856.

Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers,

In presenting this report to the Grand Division now assembled in quarterly session, it is with most painful feelings that I have to announce the recent loss this Grand Division has sustained, in the death of William Scott, Esquire, of this city, who for a number of years filled this office with honour to himself, and credit to the Order at large. We have lost a sterling, upright and conscientious Officer, and we have all reason to deplore the vacancy caused by his removal, whilst at the same time, it is our duty as christians, meekly to submit with resignation to the will of our Divine Lord.

In consequence therefore of this afflictive event, I was immediately requested by our beloved G.W.P. to assume the duties of this office, which I have accordingly done to the best of my humble ability, to the present, and I trust my brothers will take the "*will for the deed,*" if in any instance I have come short of my duty; my best desires and abilities have been freely given in the discharge of the onerous duties so unexpectedly pressed upon me.

We are, dear brothers, wading through deep waters at the present, and we are required to use every energy imparted unto us, to stem the torrent seemingly turned against us. The Cause is not in a

prosperous state, some scheme should be devised to cause a reaction in our favour. Amongst other discouragements, that of the defeat of the Prohibitory Bill and Athenæum—will be the two prominent questions, no doubt, that will be brought under your notice. With respect to the former, the action of the Legislature at their late session calls forth our just indignation, at the unprincipled conduct of several of the representatives there assembled, who notwithstanding the pledges made to their constituents at the hustings, were from the pressure somewhere, induced to absent themselves on a division, or in other cases, to recant their votes previously given in favour of the measure.

The subject of the Athenæum requires immediate action. During the interval between the last session and present, Mr. Willoughby, the proprietor, was, in consequence of pecuniary embarrassments, compelled to relinquish its publication in *toto*—and up to now the press remains in charge of the Committee who are held liable, as you are aware, for the amount of the same. It remains therefore for this Grand Division to adopt such measures as will place the paper on a solid basis.

The want of an active energetic Agent is much required to visit Divisions and instruct them in their duties, as there are instances where Divisions get into difficulties for want of information on Constitutional questions—and a qualified person, in my opinion, would be well received throughout this Province, and no doubt his visitations attended with beneficial results. The Divisions of course would be expected to assist by pecuniary means, in the attainment of such measures.

I am sorry to inform you that from the returns, I find many of the Divisions in a most languishing condition, and unless some such impetus be adopted as I have recommended, I fear they may die out altogether.

I regret to inform you that from a letter received from brother Payson at Westport, the Westport Division has ceased operations altogether. The Charter has not been received. The following Divisions have not sent in their returns for past quarter: Concord, No. 5; Union, 6; Westport, 15; Oriental, 16; Mechanics, 34; Truro, 41; Paradise, 45; Queen's Own, 54; Rock, 63; Aurora, 68; Iron Age, 82; Exeter, 113; Maine Law, 114; Phoenix, 115; Salem, 116; Inkermann, 123.

Of the 78 Divisions supposed to be working 62 have made returns to this office, as follows:—

No. Admitted during the quarter ending 31st March,	349
Suspended, - - - - -	94
Expelled, - - - - -	166
Violated Pledge, - - - - -	74
Reinstated, - - - - -	35
Violated Pledge second time, - - - - -	10
Signed over, - - - - -	21

Withdrawn, - - - - -	20
Rejected, - - - - -	3
Deaths, - - - - -	7
Representatives to G. D. - - - - -	32
Contributing Members, - - - - -	2651
Receipts of Quarter, - - - - -	£403 18 9½
Paid for Benefits, - - - - -	141 13 1
Cash on hand, - - - - -	1957 13 2
Per Capita Tax, - - - - -	43 1 0

Several of the Divisions have not forwarded their per centage—intending to forward them per private conveyance for safety.

I have received returns and per centage from Cumberland, Iron Age, and Union Divisions for quarter ending 31st December, 1855; the amounts will be found credited in my cash statements herewith forwarded.

Regretting my inability to share with you in the labours and pleasures of this session.

Believe me to be yours faithfully in L. P. and F.

W. A. S. BLEWETT,
Acting Grand Scribe.

On motion, the report was referred to the committee on State of the Order.

The Accounts of the Acting Grand Scribe and the Grand Treasurer were read, and referred to the Auditing committee.

On motion it was resolved, that the sum of five pounds be paid to the widow of brother Scott, late Grand Scribe, for his services to the time of his death.

On motion it was resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Division be given to brother Blewett, G. W. A., for his attention to the duties of the Grand Scribe's office since the death of brother Scott; and that he be paid for two and a half month's services.

On motion it was resolved, that 500 copies of the Journal of the proceedings of this session be printed.

On motion it was resolved, that the expences of the Officers in attending this quarterly session be paid.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was adopted :—

The undersigned committee to whom the Accounts of the Acting Grand Scribe and Treasurer were referred, beg leave to report that in consequence of the absence of the books and vouchers of these

officers, they are unable to do so satisfactorily—they have no doubt however of their correctness.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

CHARLES BLANCHARD, Chairman.
DAVID MOORE.

The Committee on Communications and Appeals. presented the following report, which was adopted :—

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, 14th May, 1856.

The undersigned committee to whom the Appeal from the decision of Rising Sun Division, No. 52, by brother Isaac McCurdy was referred, beg leave to report as follows :—

That in their opinion the whole was merely a matter of order, and that the W. P. was right in the decision he gave. They would recommend the decision of the Division to be reversed, and the W. P. sustained.

WILLIAM LIPPENCOTT,
RONALD R. McMILLAN,
JOSHUA KNOWLES.

Brother Creed, as chairman, presented the following report from the committee on State of the Order :—

The Committee appointed to report on the state of the Order, beg leave to state that they have carefully perused the reports of the G.W.P. and Acting G. Scribe.

While these documents bring under your consideration much that is unpleasant and painful, they also afford matter of encouragement.

Owing to the death of the Grand Scribe, respecting whom a series of suitable resolutions have already been prepared by the Grand Division, it becomes your duty to appoint one of your members to act in that capacity, till the next annual meeting in October. Your Committee only hope that the Grand Division may be successful in finding a brother equally well qualified to the work.

The grand end to which our labours have of late been directed (the obtaining of a Prohibitory Liquor Law,) has not been gained, owing to the opposition of its enemies and the vacillating and unmanly conduct of some of its professed friends. While on this account no friend of the Law should be discouraged so as to relax his efforts, it should arouse every member of our Order to adopt such steps as are consistent with our principles, to secure to the next General Assembly men upon whose integrity we can rely.

Your Committee cannot but deplore the negligence of deputies in not forwarding their quarterly reports to the G.W.P. inasmuch as his report must necessarily be imperfect, and would take this opportunity of urging them to greater zeal and regularity for the future.

The discontinuance of the *Athenæum* must be regarded as a serious loss to our cause, and it is to be feared it will be viewed as a triumph by our enemies. We cannot close our eyes against the conviction that it is chiefly owing to lukewarmness upon the part of temperance men. Were they as zealous in supporting a temperance periodical, as they are in supporting other periodicals hostile to our cause, an efficient paper could easily be sustained. What measures should be adopted by the Grand Division to resuscitate the *Athenæum*, or supply the deficiency, they would leave to the wisdom of the Grand Division to devise.

From the acting Grand Scribe's report, it is evident that many of the Subordinate Divisions are not in as good a condition as is desired, though, upon the whole, prosperity is visible. Your Committee can see no way of infusing new life into the subordinate Division but by the appointment of one or more active and zealous agents, who would visit said Divisions, and deliver temperance lectures throughout the country. Flooding the country with circulars will not effect the purpose. In many instances they are never read. That this is quite practicable is evident from the amount of funds in the possession of subordinate Divisions. Your Committee are of opinion that if a suitable man could be obtained, to do the work to the West, and another to the East, the funds would be forthcoming. New life would be infused into our Order, and the inhabitants of the Province generally would be educated up to their privileges and duty, so that when called upon to exercise their elective franchise, they may send to our General Assembly, men who fear God and regard the welfare of man.

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

GEORGE CREED.
JOHN CAMERON.
J. S. BLACKBURN.

The report was laid on the table till morning session of Thursday.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Acting Grand Scribe.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 15th, 1856.

The Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment, at half-past 8 o'clock, a. m., and was opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., G. Chaplain.

Absent—G. W. A., G. S., G. T., G. Con., G. Sentinel,
P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by brothers Rev. J. Cameron, G. W. A.; P. Monaghan, G. Scribe; P. Etter, G. T.; R. McMillan, G. Con.; I. McCurdy, G. Sen.; J. McKinnon, P. G. W. P.

The Grand Division was declared open.

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

The Grand Treasurer entered and took his seat.

A Communication from Canard Division, containing a copy of resolutions passed by that Division, was read and placed on file.

The report of the committee on State of the Order, laid on the table at yesterday afternoon's session, was taken up, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the Grand Division proceeded to the election of a Grand Scribe, in place of brother William Scott, deceased, whereupon brother Patrick Monaghan, P. W. P. of Chebucto Division, No. 7, was elected and installed into that office.

The committee on Communications and Appeals presented the following report, which was adopted:—

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, 15th May, 1856.

The undersigned committee to whom was referred the Appeal of brother Colter, D.G.W.P. would beg to report as follows:—

First, on examination of the paper containing the Appeal we find the action of the Division of which he disapproves has reference only to the duties of the Grand Worthy Patriarch. And further, the documents and vouchers necessary to sustain the Appeal not being placed in our hands, we decline entering on the merits of the case without further evidence; therefore would recommend that the Appeal be dismissed.

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

WILLIAM LIPPENCOTT,
JOSHUA KNOWLES,
R. R. McMILLAN.

The Grand Conductor introduced representative Francis R. Parker of Railway Division, No. 111; who was duly initiated and took his seat.

Rev. J. Cameron, moved the following, which was seconded by Rev. A. McArthur, and adopted:—

Whereas the connexion of the Grand Division with the Athenæum paper ceased on the 1st of February last, and the proprietor has failed to continue the publication of said paper, and no temperance paper is now published in the Province, *Therefore Resolved,*

That in the opinion of this Grand Division the publication of a monthly periodical at a cheap rate, wholly devoted to the Cause of Temperance, would materially promote the interests of that Cause in this Province; that the brethren heretofore acting as the Athenæum committee be now appointed a Publication committee, for the purpose of taking this subject into consideration; that if they should succeed in making satisfactory arrangements with any person for the publication of a monthly periodical, they be authorized to declare the same the Organ of the Grand Division, and to take such steps as they may judge advisable in order to procure for the said periodical the patronage and support of the Subordinate Divisions, and of the friends of Temperance throughout the Province.

The Publication committee consists of brothers R. McLearn, Charles Robson, Alex. James, Wm. M. Brown, A. J. Ritchie, and J. A. Bell.

Rev. A. McArthur moved the following, which was seconded by brother J. B. McDonald, and passed:—

Resolved, That the committee on Publication be requested to correspond with the Temperance Watchmen, requesting their co-operation with the committee in establishing a Temperance periodical in this Province.

Brother McKinnon moved, and brother McCurdy seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Publication committee be directed to issue a circular to the Subordinate Divisions, explanatory of the connexion between the Grand Division and the late Athenæum newspaper.

The Grand Treasurer moved the following, which was seconded by brother McCurdy:

Resolved, That a Delegate from the Grand Division of Nova Scotia be appointed to visit the Grand Division of New Brunswick, in July next, for the purpose of expressing the sympathy of this Grand Division with the Grand Division of New Brunswick, in the great cause of Prohibition; and that the expenses of said Delegates be paid.

Brother F. R. Parker moved the following in amendment, which was seconded by brother McMillan :

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be requested to open up a correspondence with the Grand Division of New Brunswick, for the purpose of getting such information as will strengthen their and our hands, with respect to the Prohibitory Law and Temperance principles.

On the amendment being put, there appeared for 6, against 8—amendment lost.

The original resolution was then put, when there appeared for the motion 7, against it 10—resolution lost.

Rev. A. McArthur moved that the Agency committee be empowered to employ two persons to visit the Divisions East and West, and that means be taken to raise funds for the accomplishment of that object.

The motion was seconded by Rev. J. Cameron and adopted.

It was moved by the Grand Scribe, seconded by the Grand Treasurer, and passed:—

That the thanks of this Grand Division be presented to Railway Division for the use of its Hall on the present occasion: and to Railway and Exeter Divisions for their hospitality to the members of the Grand Division.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The Grand Division was then declared closed, to meet at Yarmouth, on Wednesday, 23d of July next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

The Grand Division of Nova Scotia in account with Grand Treasurer.

1856.		DR.	£	s.	d.
	To Balance,	-	49	14	9
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			£49	14	9
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Jan'y. 19.	By Balance in hand,	-	16	0	9
May 12.	Amount received from Grand Scribe,	-	31	4	0
	Do. do. do.	-			
	Avon Division's donation to News-	-	2	10	0
	paper fund,	-			
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			£49	14	9
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Errors Excepted,

W. LIPPENCOTT,

PER W. M. BROWN.

May 14th, 1856.

The Agency Fund, Grand Division, in account with Grand Treasurer.

1856.		DR.	£	s.	d.
Jan'y. 21.	To amount as per account overpaid,	-	6	8	10½
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	By Balance,	-	6	8	10½
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Errors Excepted,

W. LIPPENCOTT,

PER WM. M. BROWN.

May 14th, 1856.

The Grand Division of Nova Scotia, in account with W. A. S. Blewett,
Acting Grand Scribe.

1856.	DR.	£	s.	d.
April 30.	To Poll Tax received for quarter ending 31st March:—			
	Acadia, 5s. 3d.; Central, 9s. 6d.; Milton, 7s. 6d.;	1	2	3
	Chebucto, 13s. 3d.; Micmac, 36s.; Mayflower, 29s.;	5	8	3
	Victoria, 18s. 9d.; Avon, 13s. 3d.; Avondale, 13s. 6d.;	2	5	6
	New Caledonia, 7s. 6d.; New Glasgow, 14s. 3d.;	1	1	9
	Hebron, 8s.; Roseway, 5s.; Howard, 16s. 3d.; Cape	1	9	3
	Breton, 11s.; Wilberforce, 9s.; Chester, 13s. 6d.;	1	13	6
	Wallace, 9s.; Pugwash, 11s.; Royal, 16s. 9d.;	1	16	9
	Morning Star, 11s. 3d.; Olive Branch, 5s. 6d.; Port Royal,	0	16	9
	4s. 3d.; Star, 6s. 6d.; Canard, 32s.; Mainmast, 3s. 9d.;	2	6	6
	Lunenburg, 8s.; Star in the East, 17s. 6d.; Hautsport,	1	5	6
	11s. 9d.; Harmony, 3s.; Aurora, 3s. 3d.; Agricola,	0	18	0
	7s. 6d.; Albion Mines, 12s. 6d.; Margaretville, 7s.;	1	7	0
	Clements Arch, 8s.; Wilmot, 8s. 3d.; Chedabucto,	0	16	3
	15s. 3d.; Athenæum, 9s.; Evening Star, 6s.; Invincible,	1	10	3
	10s. 6d.; Victoria Mines, 5s. 6d.; Parrshoro', 9s. 6d.;	1	5	6
	Wolfville, 9s. 3d.; Rechab, 5s.; Lower Horton, 11s. 9d.;	1	6	0
	June Rose, 12s.; Emblem, 7s. 3d.; Hero of Kars,	0	19	3
	11s. 6d.; Garland, 3s. 9d.;	0	15	3
	Received from Chebucto Division on account of Jour-	}	0	12
	nals, G. D.			
	Received for blank Returns, 4s. Traveling Cards, 12s.	0	16	0
	Do. from A. W. McLellan, 12s.; H. Stewart, 20s.	}	2	12
	A. W. Masters, 20s. Poll Tax to Dec. 31, 1855,			
	Do. from D. P. Allison, donation, from Avon Div.	}	2	10
	to Newspaper committee, - - - - -			
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		£35	4	0

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May 10.	By Postages paid during the quarter,	£0	17	6
	Advertising, 5s.; Stationery, 7s. 6d.	0	12	6
	Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	31	4	0
	Do. Do. - - - - -	2	10	0
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		£35	4	0

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W. A. S. BLEWETT,
Acting Grand Scribe.

Halifax, N. S., May 12th, 1856.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT SESSION.

P. Monaghan, No. 7.	}	P. Etter,	} No. 111.
R. R. McMillan, No. 8.		A. Frame,	
Rev. A. McArthur, No. 16.		J. McHeffey,	
Wm. Lippencott, No. 17.		D. Moore,	
C. Blanchard, No. 41.		Samuel Frame,	
I. McCurdy, } No. 52.		J. Cook,	
J. McKinnon, }		P. McDonald,	
J. Teas, No. 88.		F. R. Parker,	
Rev. J. Cameron, } No. 92.		Rev. Dr. Cramp, No. 112.	
Robert Roulston, }		J. J. Blackburn, } No. 113.	
	J. W. Allison, }		
	J. B. McDonald, No. 118.		
	G. Creed, } No. 119.		
	J. Knowles, }		

NOTICE.

All communications for the Office of Grand Scribe, will in future be addressed to Patrick Monaghan, 148 Albermarle Street, Halifax, N. S.

The D.G.W. Ps. will please forward to this office the names and numbers of the Divisions under their charge, also the names of the Divisions not working, together with their own address.

The G. S. will be in attendance at the Athenæum Room, Temperance Hall, every evening till 10 o'clock.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.