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 OF THE  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA-SCOTIA,**



At the Quarterly Session, held at Liverpool, on the  
 25th and 26th July, 1855.

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QUARTERLY SESSION.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, July 25th, 1855.

THE Grand Division met pursuant to appointment at 10 A.M. and opened in due form, the G.W.P. John S. Thompson, in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

*Present*—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer.

*Absent*—G.W.A., G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sent, P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled as follows: Brother Campbell, G.W.A., Charles Bill, G. Chap., Ackhurst, G. Con., Gray, G. Sent., Barss, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

The Standing Committee on Credentials reported those of the following Representatives correct, viz.:

W.P. James Drake, No. 8. W.P. James Tracey, P. W. P. John McDonald, No. 26. W.P. Henry B. Mitchell, P. W. P. Enos W. Moreland, No. 32. W.P. John McCurdy Archibald, No. 41. P.W.P. William Roach, No. 46. P.W.P. Xerxes Z. Chipman, Martin Ringon, No. 48. W.P. John Linglay, No. 50. W. P. Joshua Hirtle, P. W. P. J. W. Dauphine. John Myra, John Cronin, Robert Lindsay, No. 60. P. W. P. G. B. Sandford, D. W. Faulkner, W. Holmes, No. 62. P. W. P. J. D. Campbell, No. 85. P. W. P. Robert Rollison, No. 92. P.W.P. Wm. Cronin, Wm. Thompson, No. 97. W.P. Reuben Reid, No. 112. P. W. P. H. C. Mills, D. J. Taylor, No. 117. W. P. Enoch Dimock, No. 119.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz.: Andrew Gold, Henry Whitman, Rev. S. N. Bentley, Nathan D. West, Alex. G. West, Moses Crossland.

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

*On State of the Order.*—Brothers Bentley, Gray and Blewitt.

*On Appeals.*—Bros. Aberdeen, Motton and Gold.

*On Communications.*—Bros. Bill, Barss and Ackhurst.

*On Auditing.*—Bros. Patillo, Telfer and Douglas.

Brothers Bill, Blewitt and Motton, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for holding a Public Meeting on this and to-morrow evenings.

The G. Chaplain, Rev. P. G. McGregor, entered and took his seat.

A Communication from Westport Division in reference to withdrawn members was read, and the G. Scribe directed to reply to it.

A Communication from Brother T. Angus was read, and deferred to the Annual Session.

The Public Meeting Committee reported that they had made the necessary arrangements for holding the same.

The G. W. P. read his Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

Our cause continues to attract the attention of a great part of the civilized world,—its enemies and its friends evince that zeal and anxiety, which denote the increasing appreciation of the importance of the subject, and the claims which it has on public attention.

The agitation grows apace in England and Scotland, and opponents are driven from nearly all their old entrenchments, confining themselves, for the most part, now, to a concentration of effort against what we believe to be the crowning and great achievement, Legal Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. Temperance is admitted to be a righteous principle,—efforts of Tectotallers are applauded,—Moral Suasion is highly eulogized and recommended,—but sophistry and slander, and witticism, are brought to bear against the national, legal rebuke and abolition of the traffic.

By aiming well in advance,—by seeking for all that they ought to obtain, the friends of Temperance have gained several points formerly disputed, and have greatly narrowed the field of controversy. No longer is the bad nature of that which we oppose controverted,—no longer are persuasive efforts for the reform discountenanced,—but opponents say, in effect, touch not an unhallowed source of gain, prevent not cruel temptations, seek not a thorough remedy, by means of law, cleanse yourselves if you wish, cleanse those whom you may morally influence, from the vice: but seek not to cleanse the nation, from that which has cruelly afflicted many generations, and will so continue if not extirpated.

Brethren, it is for you to determine, for yourselves and your country, on what basis the question of legal Temperance reform rests, and how it may best be advanced, and soonest achieved;—and how also moral suasion shall be promoted and established, as an enduring means of winning from the ranks of vice or danger, to those of virtue and safety.

Recollect, brethren, in all our consultations and efforts, that our best confidence is in Divine strength,—that our highest honour, and surest ground of hope, consist in, our being aiders of religion, and co-operators with those who in any legitimate way, seek for the glory of the Deity and the good of humanity.

The questions of business, to be laid before you this session, may not be numerous, but one set of considerations should occupy more time and attention than they have generally received; I refer to the inquiries,—In what state is the Order, and the general Temperance Cause? What plan of action should be determined on, respecting the present and approximate period? How may that plan be best carried out? In reference to these questions, we may bear in mind, the means which are furnished, by Tracts, Lectures, Agency, legislative Appeals, Conventions. Some of these have been heretofore thought of, but scarcely tried,—others have not been sustained with the consistency which leads to success. An original Tract for Nova Scotia, was suggested some time since, but was not realized;—a well prepared and extensively published essay, historical, statistical, and argumentative, on our cause, might be variously beneficial. The other particulars require a better basis than we have hitherto arranged.

The report on Lectureship and Agency, will bring that topic under your notice. An agent and lecturer of the right description, would probably cause the office to be self-sustaining, or nearly

so ;—the difficulty is in obtaining such an officer, but the G. D. may be able to devise a remedy and plan, by which this very important service may, as it should, be well established.

The revival of the prohibitory Liquor Bill, and how its advocacy may be promoted, and its triumph advanced, form enquiries which demand earnest attention ?

Since our April Session, the General Election for representatives of Assembly, has taken place. Some unpleasant experiences are connected with that event. It caused disputes and dissensions,—our objects and principles received damage in places where better was to be expected, and Temperance or Legal Prohibition was scarcely made a leading question in any part of the country. While we regret that the better and more reasonable experience has not to be recorded, we should freely admit, that in some places, where intemperance notably prevailed formerly on such occasions, there was a marked abstaining from the worst features of the vice at last election. Our cause has won and kept a wide influence in society, among many who do not rank as avowed adherents.

The effect of the elections, on the fate of the Bill deferred from last session, has yet to be seen. Let us hope that the great moral reform is not placed in a worse condition by that exercise of popular privilege ; and let us act as if we had faith in the consummation which we wish. I am aware that some are impatient concerning the progress of legislative action, and express disinclination to renew the efforts of last year, as regards petitioning. A slackening of exertion now, however, in this respect, would argue fickleness, mistake, or perhaps want of reflection concerning other perseverance by which other great national changes were effected. In reference to this matter, the word should be, let us agitate, petition, vote, as if we duly appreciated the hoped for reform, and were willing to practise self-denial and other virtues, requisite for the accomplishing of a worthy object.

I have to regret the absence of several returns from the Deputies. I am aware that those officers perform duties that may sometimes be burthensome, but they should recollect the honour and satisfaction which result from benevolent effort, and be ready to add to their other Temperance contributions, that accuracy in making returns and giving stated periodical advice, which are so requisite for the well-being of our organization.

Brethren, the Order is well calculated to be a great and glorious Institution ; it would be so if all its avowed friends and

members were thoroughly true and faithful;—but we should recollect that there is no institution under heaven, which may not be damaged or prostrated, by apathy or treachery, except indeed a special interposition of Providence prevent. Let me exhort the fraternity, by means of this address, to more fidelity, and charity, and purity, and zeal and perseverance, in the cause, and not to allow that which should be so dear to them, to be cruelly injured by their mistakes or unconcern.

To this intent, brothers, we should seek to remove and keep away causes of discord. Let us not look to those points on which we differ, so much as on those on which we may enthusiastically agree;—let us exercise mutual forbearance and courtesy, thankful to the merciful “Giver of peace, and Lover of Concord,” that so many elements of harmony remain to us, and that we may have so much usefulness and happiness thereby.

In judging from the returns, and what may be expected concerning Divisions which have not transmitted returns, we have the pleasure of knowing that considerable increase in the Order has taken place, during the present term. What might have been realized, if we were all zealous as we should have been, and if we had those measures of advance in operation, which are requisite for the healthy sustainment of every generally diffused institution?

The meeting of the National Division, recently held in South Carolina, and over which our respected fellow Colonist, brother Hon. S. L. Tilly, M. W. P., presided, appears to have been an occasion of great cheerfulness and harmony, and from which much good is expected to result.

I have to continue the opinion expressed in the Report of the April Session, that the Divisions generally, in the city, are more active, more earnest, more safely circumstanced, than on former occasions. Room for much improvement, in many particulars, appears,—but that so much has to be reported is cause of congratulation and thankfulness.

Experience mentioned in a former report, respecting the courtesy of brother officers and of Subordinate Divisions, during my visits, and on other occasions, has been continued, and calls now, as then, for acknowledgement and thanks.

Brethren, as the eras of commencement, and protracted routine, and discussion of form and detail, have, to a great degree passed away, opportunity occurs for introducing some additional features at the weekly meetings of Divisions. Allow me



to suggest; that the regular introduction and friendly discussion of General Temperance subjects, and those of a more abstract intellectual and Educational character, connected with useful and elegant knowledge, and science, might have various good consequences. The mode would give increased interest to the Division room; it might be expected to promote steady attendance, and to give the meetings somewhat of the character of mutual-improvement reunions, to the effect of initiating the more youthful members in such paths of profitable advance, and of benefitting all ages and classes of the Order.

I congratulate the Divisions of Liverpool on their successful adoption of the arrangement by which Daughters of Temperance are admitted to the Division room during the stated proceedings.

It is a most interesting feature; I hope that it will recommend itself by experience, and probably Divisions generally, will become prepared for similar privilege.

In conclusion, brothers, let me renew my suggestions, respecting plan of Temperance progress,—concerning the Lecture and Agency question,—the promotion of harmony, the growth of brotherly principles,—and the more intellectual addition to the employments of weekly meetings.

Remember, brothers, the confidence in Divine Beneficence, which at the present term is more particularly called to the attention of Divisions. As a ground work of that confidence, we should take good heed to our motive and objects, and to the worthy exertions which a worthy cause demands. With these elements influencing the organization, our Order would never fall, would grow brighter and brighter, to the more perfect day; the day when individuals generally,—and communities and states and nations, as such, will express solemn testimony against Intemperance and its temptations, against its streams and its reservoirs,—and Legal Prohibition become the reasonable result of moral suasion, and of the wise exercise of legitimate moral influence.

Finally, brothers, may our motto be the rallying word for righteous struggle and abundant triumph, so that kindness, sincerity, and truth may prevail, preparing the way, and forming a part, of that religion whose announcement was, glory to the Deity,—to the Earth peace and good will.

The G. Scribe read his Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

*Office of Grand Scribe, Liverpool,  
July 25th, 1855.*

G. W. P. OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—

In again presenting my quarterly report to this Grand Division, I would express the pleasure I feel in meeting with the brethren in this locality, which has so many tried and staunch friends of Temperance, and where a Division was formed in the early part of the history of the Order in this Province, bearing the name of our beloved Queen. The very great prosperity which attends the inhabitants of this beautiful little town, and neighbouring districts, I have much reason to believe, flows from the early hold which the Temperance Reform took here, and is a great incentive for other places equally, nay more, blest with natural resources, to follow the good example set them; and when we reflect upon how much evil has followed an opposite course of action, it should nerve us onward to fresh and more strenuous exertions to accomplish that which has united us together, and must ever be our aim, utter extermination of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages, except for mechanical and medicinal purposes. We must agitate the question, and keep it constantly before the people, for no good or great object was ever gained without constant agitation; and although appearances may be for the moment against us, we must rest our hopes on aid from on high for success, if we but pursue a straight forward and manly course in endeavouring to reclaim the victim of intemperance, and clothe him in his right mind again.

Out of the eighty-two Divisions supposed to be in working order, fifty-eight have made returns to this office; and although the expulsions and withdrawals from the Order are very great there is a slight increase on the quarter, and if the whole of the returns were in, I am satisfied they would show a considerable gain; and when the satisfaction to be derived from a full and correct report is considered, I cannot account for the continued neglect manifested by some in not forwarding the quarterly returns, especially when it deprives me of the time necessary to prepare such a report for this Grand Division, as I should wish, having had to close up many matters since my coming here previous to writing my report,—I wish some plan could be devised by which this negligence would be prevented, but fear that unless the parties upon whom the duty devolves, feel convinced of the importance of punctuality in this case, it

would be fruitless to take any measures for its accomplishment  
The following is a synopsis of the returns received by me:—

Initiated during the Quarter	-	196	
Admitted by Card	- - -	9	
“ by Dispensation	- - -	13	— 218
Withdrawn by Card	- - -	23	
Do from the Order	- - -	13	— 36
Rejected	- - - - -		3
Suspended	- - - - -		25
Reinstated	- - - - -		40
Expelled for Violation of Article 2	- - - - -		67
do non-payment of dues	- - - - -	89	— 156
Violated pledge 1st time	- - - - -		61
Signed over	- - - - -		30
Violated the pledge 2d time	- - - - -		17
Deaths	- - - - -		5
Temperance Meetings held	- - - - -		35
Tracts distributed by 1 Division	- - - - -		39
Contributing Members	- - - - -		2618
Cash received during quarter	£358	5	7
Paid for Benefits	- - -	153	7 11
Expenses exclusive of Benefits	- - -	163	1 4
Cash on hand	- - - -	2016	18 1
per Capita Tax	- - - -	30	17 6

Returns for the quarter ending 31st March, have been received from the following Divisions, since my last report, viz.: Rising Sun, Salem, Kellogg, Archangel, Cape Breton, Lunenburg. Evening Star, Phoenix, Pugwash, Columbia, Flowing Fountain, Iron Age, Paradise, Wilmot, Aurora, Invincible, Roseway. Cumberland, Friendship, Southampton. There are seven Divisions still holding Charters, which have not been working for nearly two years: something should be done in reference to these Divisions, to compel them to work, or call for their Charters. Having thus given as much information as the returns sent in will permit of, it would be useless for me to trespass upon the time of this Grand Division with any remarks of mine, on the great subject of moral reform, which we are endeavouring to advance, especially after the able report of the G. W. P., which touches upon all the important matters in connection with the cause.

The resolution passed by the Grand Division, at its quarterly session in April, in reference to the Athenæum Paper, has been

fulfilled, by paying the sum therein named to the Proprietor of that Paper, a small portion of which had to be advanced from the funds of the Grand Division, but this I hope to have considerably reduced, if not replaced by further contributions from Divisions and brethren to the Paper fund; and I feel it my duty to urge upon the brethren the necessity of supporting the Athenæum Paper, by extending the circulation of that Paper, especially when it is now considered both by friends and foes, as the *only* family Paper in the Province; and being the official organ of this body, I trust that brethren and the friends of Temperance throughout the Province will come forward to sustain it, by doubling its present subscription list; for any one conversant with these matters, must feel quite convinced, that to give such a paper to the public, involves great outlay; and to allow its usefulness to be marred for want of proper support, would be a stigma upon the Temperance body. A new Division was opened by the G. W. P. at Hammond's Plains, assisted by a number of brethren from the city, called the June Rose, which, if it prove but half as fruitful in the Temperance cause, as the Rose is fragrant with sweet perfume, will be a very powerful auxiliary to the cause in that neighbourhood.

Nothing official has been received from the M. W. Scribe as to the business transacted by the National Division at its Annual Session in June last, but from the various published accounts of its proceedings, it must have been one of the greatest efforts ever put forth by our head, to impress upon the minds of the people, the powerful influence Temperance is now exerting on the moral world. Trusting that our visit to Liverpool at this time will be productive of much good,

I remain in L. P. & F.

WM. SCOTT, *Grand Scribe.*

The Standing Committee on Bye-Laws reported as follows:

HALIFAX, July 18, 1855.

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws would Report that they have examined the Bye-Laws of Salem Division, No. 116, and find that they do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules of the Order.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,  
JOHN HEENAN.

Adopted.

The G. Scribe's and G. Treasurer's Accounts were read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That during this Quarterly Session of G.D. we adjourn at 1 o'clock until half-past 2 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock until 10 o'clock next morning.

The Agency question was decided to be the first subject to be taken up at the afternoon Session.

Adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G.D. opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

*Present*—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Trea., G. Chaplain.

*Absent*—G.W.A., G. Con., G. Sent., P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled by Brothers Campbell, G.W.A. Ackhurst, G. Con., O'Brien, G. Sent., Barss, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

The Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

An Appeal from members of Port Royal Division, No. 46, was read, and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Chairman of the Agency Committee reported as follows :

The Committee on Agency, re-appointed at the April Session of the G. D. have to report as follows :

Your Committee did not feel themselves very free, as regarded command of funds, in making any prompt efforts, on a general scale, for the employment of a travelling lecturer and agent. An opportunity occurred, however, by which they could obtain the services of a brother, as agent to visit the Divisions, for the purpose of confirming or improving the organization, and of arranging means whereby a regular lectureship and agency might be sustained. They accordingly engaged brother Robert M. Barratt, as a preparatory visiting agent, in conjunction with other business, at the rate of £26 a year. Brother Barratt, the Committee believe, will render efficient service in this department, and they consider the circumstances by which the engagement was made, very favorable for the objects which the G. D. had in view.

Subsequently the Committee understood, that the services of brother Rev. John Cameron, G.W.A. might be secured, as lecturer and agent, for a period of three months or longer,— and believing that he was eminently fitted for the work, and that collections made by him would go far to meet expenses, they made the brother what they considered a suitable offer. Up to the time of the delegates to this G. D. leaving Halifax, the Secretary of the Committee had not received an answer from brother Cameron. The Committee submit these particulars, and seek additional advice from the G. Division.

L. P. and F.

J. S. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Brother Barratt's Journal, giving an account of his visits to several Divisions, was read.

On motion, the Agency Committee was re-appointed.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

James Bowes & Sons,	-	£6	2	6
A. J. Ritchie,	-	1	0	0

On motion, *Resolved*, That brothers Charles Robson, J. S. Thompson, Honble. J. W. Johnston, Rev. P. G. McGregor and Judge Marshall be a Committee to consider the action necessary to be taken by this G. D. in reference to the Prohibitory Bill, and report the same at the next Annual Session.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this G. D. deem it highly desirable to issue a series of Tracts containing 4 pages; that the following brethren be requested to prepare the same: J. S. Thompson, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. S. N. Bentley and Charles Robson, and that the G.W.P. and G. Scribe be appointed a Committee to attend to the printing and circulation of them.

Adjourned.

## MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, July 26th, 1855.

The G.D. opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the Chair  
Roll of Officers called.

*Present*—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Trea., G. Chaplain.

*Absent*—G.W.A., G. Con., G. Sent., P.G.W.P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G.D. declared open.

The vacancies were filled by Brothers Campbell, G. W. A.; Ackhurst, G. Con.; Gray, G. Sent.; Barss, P.G.W.P.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats. viz.: James DeWolf, Samuel T. Eldridge, 49.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following Report:

*Grand Division Room,  
Liverpool, July, 26th, 1855.*

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the Appeal of brother Welcom Wheelock and others against the action of Port Royal Division, No. 46, on refusing to grant a "funeral benefit" to the widow of a deceased brother,—beg to report as follows:

That from the papers handed your Committee it appears that the late brother S. W. Riley had been a member of the Division in good standing for several years; that on the 26th May last, he fell sick and on that day he paid into the Division the sum of five shillings, *leaving a balance of 3s. 9d. still due the Division.* On the 3rd June a donation of 10s. was granted the brother, deducting 3s. 9d. for dues; and on July 6th the brother died.

Your Committee being clear that brother S. W. Riley was not a beneficial member at the time of his death, for, under Article 3, Section 1 of Bye-Laws, the period of *Two Months* had not elapsed between the 26th May (when the brother was *more than 6 months in arrears*) and the time of his decease. They are of the opinion that his widow was not entitled to the "funeral benefit" as the deceased brother was not a *benefit member.* The action of the Division should therefore be

sustained, and the Appeal dismissed, and in accordance therewith we beg to submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Appeal of brothers Welcom Wheelock, W. H. Roach, A. Purdy, Jacob Smith and Andrew Davidson be dismissed, and the action of Port Royal Division, No. 46, therein be sustained.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

JOHN ABERDEEN,  
ANDREW GOLD,  
ROBT. MOTTON, Junr.

Adopted.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows, which was adopted :

The Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts and Books of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty and find the accounts correct.

Submitted in I. P. and F.

T. R. PATILLO,  
JOHN DOUGLAS,  
R. TELFER, Senr.

LIVERPOOL, July 26th, 1855.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the G. D. that the extensive agitation of the Temperance subject by Lectures and Speeches, would be of great utility in informing the minds of the young and preparing the public mind for carrying out a Prohibitory Law so soon as such may be enacted, and therefore recommend that the Subordinate Divisions, and friends of Temperance generally, be requested to give extensive notice of Judge Marshall's Lectures in the localities yet to be visited, and to make greater exertions for holding meetings throughout the Province for the full discussion of the subject.

*Whereas* it is a matter of great importance that this agitation should be carried out into the smaller villages and settlements of Counties. *Therefore Resolved*, That a Committee be now appointed to devise a plan for the accomplishment of this object and report at the afternoon Session, and the following brethren be the Committee : Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. S. N. Bentley and Judge Marshall.



The Committee on the State of the Order reported as follows :

Your committee have examined the lucid and able Reports of the G. W. P., and G. S., and beg to commend the facts and suggestions therein contained to the earnest attention of the Grand Division.

The postponement of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and the recurrence of the general elections in this Province have proved an ordeal to the friends of Temperance ; and we could scarcely expect the present to be a time for unmingled congratulations. That the "Order," according to the statistics of the G. S., fully retains its wonted health and is probably on the increase, affords ground of both thankfulness and hope. With the G. S., your committee deplore the existence of seven corpses holding charters ; and if they cannot be resuscitated, we recommend that their obsequies be forthwith attended. We sincerely sympathize with the G. S. in his severe trials respecting those twenty-five tardy Divisions. We do not wonder that he is growing short-tempered on account of their remissness in making the quarterly returns ; and we would like if we could, to ring an alarm bell in the ears of every dilatory Deputy, and every drowsy "Son" of Temperance, in order if possible, either to entice or scare them into punctuality. Do they not know that *promptness* is the very soul of business, and the antecedent of success ? Wherefore have they assumed the name and put on the garb of the "Order" if not to displace apathy and weakness and sloth ? Wherefore was the *Order* instituted, if not to combine and drill scattered forces, and bring a mighty compact and thoroughly disciplined host into the field of danger and of victory ? Some worthy sons, we are aware, have to struggle almost alone : they are oppressed by the murky, lethargic atmosphere about them ; they have to breast many an angry billow, and many a scornful crest. To such, we would reach out the hand of sympathy and say, "Row brothers row," our cause advances, our flag will yet float in the ports of all nations.

Your committee regret, with the G. W. P. that, electors have not hitherto generally manifested a consistent zeal for Total Abstinence, on the day of polling. Nova Scotians have as yet, to learn to *carry out a principle* unitedly and firmly to its legitimate results. So long as in any section of the Province, it is only necessary for a candidate, in order to secure his election, to make in substance the speech, "If you return my

opponent, you will *get no more grog*," Sons of Temperance, and all friends of the cause should "arm themselves with the power of combination." Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that all Temperance voters should aid in sending *good temperance men*, and only temperance men to the P. Parliament. We believe that our noble cause deserves to lead the van in preference to all the minor issues of the time; and we are confident of its capability to survive the decline and fall, and even the death and burial of ten thousands of merely local or political schemes. And we must be pardoned for cherishing the humble expectation that soon the fraternity of venerable Rumsellers will hear the scream of the Steam-Whistle, and be obliged to clear the track once and forever before the coming engine of *Prohibition*.

The remarks of our G. W. P. respecting harmony and co-operation within our ranks are worthy of the best consideration. It is only to be expected that differences in politics, religious views &c., will continue. Sons of Temperance never contemplated the extinction of such differences. We have *one thing to do*, one object to effect, and this can be effected, let other things sink or swim, jar or jingle as they may.

As a means of certain progress and benefit to our Order, we heartily commend the excellent suggestions of the G. W. P. as to introducing more of the intellectual element in the meetings of Divisions. We recommend the establishment of good Reading Rooms, of select Libraries and discussions on topics of general interest, as far as practicable.

We regard the "*Athenæum*" newspaper, as worthy of a most liberal patronage. The grandeur of the theme it advocates, the industry and skill with which it is edited and printed, form recommendations beyond our power to enhance. We highly approve of the *Tract Enterprise* upon which the Grand Division is now entering and wish it all success.

An agent of good business habits, should be always employed. He might labor with advantage a month or more at a time in most of the counties. A highly talented and popular lecturer is very *desirable*; but it is difficult to secure the services of that Prince of Lecturers J. B. Gough, or of any full-blooded brother of his. And in fact we have excellent men in Nova Scotia, and we ought to do our own work.

Submitted in L. P. & F.

S. N. BENTLEY.

G. G. GRAY.

W. A. S. BLEWETT.

Adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That as the Athenæum Newspaper has fully answered the expectation of the friends of Temperance and of the literary Public generally, the G. Division would renew its recommendations to the Divisions and the friends of human improvement to shew their approval by affording it a prompt support.

Adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G.D. opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the Chair.  
Roll of Officers called.

*Present*—G.W.P. G. Scribe, G. Trea., G. Chaplain.

*Absent*—G.W.A., G. Con., G. Sent., P.G.W.P.

The vacancies filled same as at Morning Session, brother Eldridge, acting G. Sentinel.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The Special Committee reported as follows, which was taken up clause by clause and adopted :

G. W. PATRIARCH,

The Committee appointed to prepare and submit a plan for carrying into effect the Temperance agitation which has been resolved upon, having met, have agreed to submit the following report :

FIRST.—That the division of the Province into Counties be adopted as a basis for making the necessary arrangements, and that an effort be made to effect a thorough visitation of every County between this and the assembling of the Provincial Legislature.

SECONDLY.—That three or more persons shall be named for each County on whose zeal, prudence and activity the G.D. can safely depend, either for doing this work themselves, or for making arrangements for accomplishing it, in part, by the voluntary labour of others, who may be willing to co-operate, with power to add to their numbers.

THIRDLY.—That as soon as possible the Grand Scribe shall forward a copy of the minutes of the present Session of the

G. D. to each individual named, and also address a letter to the first named in each county, requesting him to call the others together, as soon as possible, for mutual consultation and for making all necessary arrangements by a division of labour to effect the end desired.

FOURTHLY.—That the necessary expenses of all parties requested to give their time and labour be paid from the funds of the G. D. and that before any sum is paid to any party not named below it shall have the sanction of the Committee named in each County.

FIFTHLY.—That inasmuch as the necessity of this arrangement arises out of the past want of a Lecturer and from the continued uncertainty on that subject, Subordinate Divisions be requested in the mean time to appropriate to this object the sums voted toward the Agency Fund; and recommend that collections be made at the meetings held, and paid into the general fund.

LASTLY.—The Committee recommend the formation of Total Abstinence Societies where practicable; that copies of the Pledge be provided, and that at all meetings, an opportunity of signing should be afforded, and a record of such signatures carefully preserved.

*Yarmouth*, Rev. G. Christie, Rev. J. Davies, P.G.W.P. Burill and Heman Crowell. *Digby*, Rev. J. C. Morse, Charles Randall, Henry Stewart and William Nicol. *Annapolis*, T. W. Chesley, *Granville*; A. W. Corbet, *Annapolis*; G. F. Ditmars, *Clements Port*; S. L. Morse, *Bridgetown*; Avard Longley, *Paradise*. *King's*, Rev. Dr. Cramp, G. A. Blanchard, Dr. Hamilton and David Chipman, *Pleasant Valley*. *Hants*, Rev. J. Cameron, S. Caldwell, J. G. Burgess, *Cheveree*. *Shelburne*, Rev. G. Clark, Dr. Geddes, R. McIntosh, Dr. Snyder and J. T. Eldridge. *Liverpool*, Rev. Mr. Bentley, J. Campbell, Esq., R. Telford and Rev. J. Parker. *Lunenburg*, Rev. Mr. Tabor, J. P. Milward, B. Zwickler and J. W. Dauphiney. *Halifax*, G. G. Gray, The G. W. P., Wm. M. Brown, Robert Noble and Alex. James. *Colchester*, Adams G. Archibald, George Reading, C. Blanchard, Rev. Messrs. McCulloch, Ross and Dimock. *Pictou*, *Sydney*, *Guy'sborough* and *St. Mary's*, J. D. B. Fraser, Rev. A. McArthur, and Roderick McGregor, Judge Marshall, E. H. Harrington, Jas. A. Tory, E. H. Franchville, Hugh McDonald and Rev. J. Campbell. *Sydney*, C. H. Harrington, D. N. McQueen, and T. S. Bowen. *Inverness*, Hiram Blanchard, Esq. and Rev. Mr. McLean. *Richmond*.

Charles F. Harrington. *Musquodoboit*, Rev. R. Sedgewick, and  
 Rev. J. Sprott. *Musquodoboit Harbour*, Mr. Farquhar, Teacher.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. G. MCGREGOR,

J. G. MARSHALL,

S. N. BENTLEY.

LIVERPOOL, July 26th, 1855.

On motion of G. Scribe, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this G.D. be given to Victoria and Queen's Own Divisions for the use of their Room during this Quarterly Session.

On motion of G. Chap., *Resolved*, That three hundred copies of the Journal of the present Session be printed.

On motion of Brother Gray, *Resolved*, That the expenses of the Officers in attending this Session be paid.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

The G. D. then closed to meet at Halifax, on Wednesday, 31st October next, at 10 a.m.

WM. SCOTT. *G. Scribe.*

#### REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

J. S. Thompson, D. O'Brien,	} No. 7.	G. G. Gray, Wm. Scott, R. Motton, Junr.	} No. 26.
G. J. Creed, No. 8.		T. R. Patillo, James Barss, John Campbell,	
Charles Bill, W. A. S. Blewitt, Joseph Burnaby, Rev. S. N. Bentley.	} No. 10.	Wm. Jackson, G. J. South, John W. Cobb,	} No. 67.
Alex. G. West, Nathan D. West, Andrew L. Gold, Moses Crossland, Henry Whitman, George L. Parker,		Judge Marshall, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Wm. Ackhurst.	

VISITOR. — Brother Logan James Finney, Neptune Division,  
 No. 2, of Liverpool, G. B.

*Grand Division Sons of Temperance in Account with Grand Treasurer.*

1855	DR.	£	s.	d.
May 1.	To amount paid G. Scribe's expenses to Truro	2	17	6
	Do. Do. Do. G. W. A's. do. do	1	1	3
	Do. Do. Do. G. W. P's. do. do.	3	0	0
	Do. Do. Do. Wm. Scott, as for per account	1	3	6
	Do. Do. Do. A. J. Ritchie do	1	10	0
July 21.	Do. Do. Do. Bowes & Son do	5	17	6
" "	Do. Do. Do. W. Willoughby per order	20	0	0
" 25.	Do. Balance in hand	18	15	9
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		£54	5	6

1855.	CR.	£	s.	d.
May 1.	By Balance in hand	21	1	9
July 10.	Amount received from Grand Scribe	13	0	0
" 21.	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	20	3	9
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		£54	5	6

July 25. By Balance in hand 18 15 9

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LIVERPOOL, N. S., July 25th, 1855.

*Grand Division Agency Fund, in Account with Grand Treasurer.*

1855.	DR.	£	s.	d.
May 1.	To Balance	2	3	7½
	To Amount paid Bro. Cooper, to April 27th.	24	0	0
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		£26	3	7½

July 25. To Balance, £5 3 10½

1855.	CR.	£	s.	d.
July 21.	By amount received from G. Scribe,	20	19	9
" 25.	By Balance,	5	3	10½
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		£26	3	7½

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LIVERPOOL, N. S., July 25th, 1855.

WM. SCOTT. *Grand Scribe, in account with the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.*

1855.		Dr.	£	s.	d.
April 27.	To Balance per account rendered	- - - -	11	1	3
	Per Capita Tax for quarter ending 31st March, } received from following Divisions after report: }				
	Rising Sun, 9s. 6d.; Salem, 9s. 9d.; Kellogg, 6s. 9d.;		1	6	0
	Archangel, 6s. 9d.; Cape Breton, 8s.; Lunenburg,		0	14	9
	8s. 3d.; Evening Star, 6s.; Phoenix, 7s.; Pugwash,		1	1	3
	3s. 9d.; Columbia, 2s. 6d.; Flowing Fountain, 12s.		0	18	3
	Iron Age, 11s. 9d.; Paradise, 4s. 6d.; Wilmot,		0	16	3
	5s. 6d.; Aurora, 10s. 6d.; Invincible, 10s. 6d.;		1	6	6
	Roseway, 8s. 9d.; Chester, 6d.; Mainmast, 9d.;		0	10	0
	Cumberland, 8s.; Friendship, 4s.; Southampton, 7s.		0	19	0
May 2.	Charter Fee from Inkerman Division, 25s.	-	1	5	0
	New Ritual, Inkerman, 7s. 6d.; Blue Book, 5s.	- -	0	12	6
	Abridged Ritual,	- - -	0	10	0
15.	D.G.W.P. Heman Crowell, on account,	- - -	2	0	6
17.	Dispensation fees, Chebucto Division,	- - -	0	1	3
	Do. Mainmast,	- - -	0	3	9
	Clements Arch, over remitted,	- - -	0	12	0
	Charles D. Roach, balance,	- - -	0	1	0
17.	Chebucto Division, on account of Agency,	- - -	10	0	0
June 19.	Rising Sun Division, 20s.; Pugwash Division, 40s.	- - -	3	0	0
	Collections by Brother Cooper,	- - -	6	2	6
July 10.	Aurora Division, No. 68. 31s.; Morning Star, 6s. 3d.	- - -	1	17	3
19.	T. Graham, Junr.	- - -	1	5	0
July 25.	Blank Returns sold,	- - -	0	7	0
	Travelling Cards,	- - -	0	12	6
	Odcs,	- - -	0	2	6
	Cards for Initiation of Females,	- - -	0	5	0
	D.G.W.P. James A. Tory, on account	- - -	1	0	0
25.	Per Capita Tax as per Returns	- - -	30	17	6
			£79	8	6

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May 1.	By James Drysdale,	- - - -	0	1	0
July 10.	Cash paid G. Treasurer,	- - - -	13	0	0
14.	Port Royal Division, balance,	- - - -	0	1	9
16.	New Caledonia, balance,	- - - -	0	0	9
21.	Cash paid G. Treasurer, on account Agency	- - - -	20	19	9
	Do. G. Treasurer, General Account,	- - - -	20	3	9
25.	Postages, &c. paid during the quarter.	- - - -	1	9	10
25.	Grand Scribe's Salary, 1 quarter,	- - - -	10	0	0
			£65	16	10
Balance due G. D.			£13	11	0

Liverpool, 25th July, 1855.