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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

TEMPERANCE HALL, HALIFAX, Wednesday,
October 28, 1857.

The Grand Division assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form, the Grand Worthy Patriarch in the Chair. Roll of officers called :

Present : G. W. P., Rev. Alex. McArthur,
G. W. A., James Mosher,
G. Scribe, Patrick Monaghan,
G. Con., Robert M. Barratt,
G. Sent., Wm. Murray,
P. G. W. P., Rev. John M. Cramp, D. D.

Absent : G. Treasurer, John A. Bell,
G. Chaplain, Rev. S. N. Bentley.

G. W. P. filled vacancies by appointing brothers J. W. Quinan, G. Treasurer, and Rev. J. McMurray, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*

Grand Division was declared open, and ready for business.

The Standing Committee on Credentials presented their report as follows, which was adopted :

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

CENTRAL, No. 2.—P. W. P., Robt. Brown, Enos Cook, Job H. Smith, Jas. M. Treat, Edw. Huestis, Thos. Crowell, Saml. Brown, Charles White, Chas. Pinkney, Jacob A. Flint, Nathan Moses, Rev. George Christic. W. P., Herman Gardner.

MILTON, No. 4.—P. W. P., Geo. Allen, James B. Dane, William Burrill, Jos. Burrill, Jos. Shaw, Wm. Bennett, Z. Corning, James G. Allen, John Hopkirk, Thos. Dane, Rev. Thos. Brady, Isaac R. Chute, Hen. Richards, Nelson Gardner. W. P., Wm. Law.

CONCORD, No. 5.—P. W. P., Thomas O. Geddes, J. R. Wilson, J. C. Crowell, Elisha Atwood, Samuel Westwood, Chas. Doane, Prince McLaren, Thos. Coffin, Jas. D. Coffin, John Cox, Rufus H. Crowell, S. O. Doane.

CHEBUCTO, No. 7.—W. P., Henry Morrissey. P. W. P., John W. Barss, Daniel Gallagher, Edward Jost, Robert H. Wetmore, Jos. W. Quinan, Thos. Wesley, Alex. J. Ritchie, Jno. S. Thompson, John Martin, Jno. Heenan, E. Creelman, Patrick Monaghan, Daniel O'Brien, Henry A. Taylor, Richd. Baker, George Butler, Wm. Brown, John A. Bell, Alexander Robinson, Chas. Underwood, Chas. Legg, Rodk. Fraser, Jas. Marshall, W. A. S. Blewett, Richard Anderson, George Thompson, John G. Wetmore, Rev. S. N. Bentley, Thomas Conron.

MICMAC, No. 8.—P. W. P., R. M. Barratt, J. L. Whytal, R. McMillan, Chas. Allen, Geo. J. Creed, Geo. W. Bowes, Benj. W. Cochran, Thos. Holder, Thos. Granville, John Reardon, P. J. Beurce, John B. Flowers, John Dunn, Geo. A. Sandford, John Uhlman, Edw. Joyce, E. Butler, Geo. Webb, S. Selde. W. P., R. Graham, E. R. Jost. W. P., Charles McLearn.

MAYFLOWER, No. 9.—W. P., Wm. Myers. P. W. P., James Jackson, Wm. Fenton, John Marvin, John Lanigan, F. F. Bacon, Wm. Murray, Richard Dyer, Jas. Gordon, John Coombs, John H. Willoughby, Alex. Robinson, Wm. Graham, G. Longeil, Thomas Cudihee, William Philips, David Neville, Michael Kersey, Robert Hughes.

AVON, No. 12.—W. P., Theodore S. Harding. P. W. P., David P. Allison, J. Parker Smith, Lawrence Laidlaw.

John K. Martin, Mark Curry, Monson H. Goudge, Edward Curry, John Willis, Thomas Teasdale, Wm. Curren, Daniel Mosher, William Proctor.

AVONDALE, No. 13. — Elkanah T. Harvie, Nicholas Mosher, Nicholas Mosher, 2d., Nicholas Mosher, 3rd., Nich. Mosher, 4th, Allen Mosher, James Mosher, Wm. A. Mosher, William Mounce, Chas. Mumford, Jas. W. Allison, John A. Mosher, John P. Dimock, George C. Harvie, John A. Harvie, Daniel Mosher, Weston Harvie. Edw. Dimock, Wm. Knowles, Wm. Forrest, Wm. H. Mosher.

NEW-CALEDONIA, No. 14. — Jas. E. Reed, Jos. Hall, Wm. Young, Whitman Armstrong, James Halliday, Stephen B. Troop, Danl. James, Isaiah Delap, Jos. D. Halfyard, Robert Delap, Samuel Pickup, Wm. H. Gilliatt, Samuel McCormick, Robert Mills, Walter Mills, Israel L. Troop, George L. Bingay.

ORIENTAL, No. 16. — Alex. McPhail, Benj. McLeod, Colin McKenzie, Jas. Munroe, Richard Tanner, James Alien, Alex. McArthur, William Brownrigg, Robert Beattie, James D. B. Fraser, Hugh McKinnon.

NEW-GLASGOW, No. 17. — Kenneth Forbes, William Lippincott, Donald Ross, Geo. McKay, John Oliver, Geo. F. McKay, Jas. W. Fraser, Duncan McLean, John Milne, Geo. Forbes, Thomas Fraser, Jas. Forbes.

HEBRON, No. 19. — J. Sanders, Nathan Patten, Joseph Rogers, Henry Sanders, Stephen Patten, John O'Brien, Jos. H. Sanders, Wm. Doty, Wm. Harris, Wm. Doty, jr., R. F. Crosby.

COLUMBIA, No. 24. — John Dahlgreen, William Payson, Christopher Payson, Rev. Chas. Randall, Patk. Condon, Jerc. Dahlgreen.

HOWARD, No. 26. — Geo. G. Gray, Robt. Motton, jr., John Metzler, Robt. W. Rees, Richard Curry, Jas. Tracey, James Spike, Richard Abbott, James W. Johnston, Robert Boak, Cuthbert C. Vaux, Wm. H. Neal, Saml. Tupper, Jas. Adams, Samuel Boak.

CAPE-BRETON, No. 27. — T. S. Bown, A. J. Babington, Wm. Leslie, James Lauley, J. A. Moore, H. Ross, Daniel Johnston, Alex. Musgrove, J. D. Meloney, William Peppitt, Alex. Logan, Wm. H. Moore, J. Nisbett, Andw. Nisbett, G. S. Brown, W. W. Bown.

WILBERFORCE, No. 28. — David C. Landers, Wm. Fowler,

Wm. Gates, Thomas C. Wheelock, Beniah Morse, Jonathan Woodbury, M. D., Manning McGregor, Rev. Jas. Robertson, D. C. L., Walter Hilton, Jas. Roland, Obadiah Taylor, Manard Wheelock, Henry Parker, Sampson Beals, Jetson Wood.

CHESTER, No. 32. — Jas. Mosher, John L. Corkum, Isaac Hume, Wm. Evans, Danl. Dimock, Jas. Bond, Chas. Church, Jos. Morgan, Amos P. Morgan, Henry B. Mitchell, Robt. A. Smith, John Reddin, William Reeves, John Stuart, Danl. J. McDonald.

ROYAL, No. 37. — Wm. Nichol, Andrew H. Harris, Wm. S. Purdy, Freeman McDormand, Chas. Peters, Edward Clark, Jas. D. Nichol, Wm. Dunn, Robt. Rice, Richd. Clark, John M. LeCain, Wm. F. Marshal, Alpheus Marshall, Israel Rice, Obed Parker, Nelson Miller, Wm. Hanley, Chas. R. Rice.

MORNING STAR, No. 38. — W. P., John Burgess. P. W. P., Charles D. Burgess, Thomas N. Malcom, John Caldwell, Donald McCullum, Benjm. Vaughan, Benjm. Bradshaw.

ARCHANGEL, No. 40. — John Edwards, Edward Burchell, William Crane, George Burchell, Charles Carmichael, Charles Campbell, jr.

TRURO, No. 41. — P. W. P., A. L. Archibald, Geo. Reading, Jas. J. Blanchard, Jas. K. Blair, Andw. Moore, S. B. McCully, Chas. Blanchard, S. K. Eaton, Charles D. Upham, S. G. W. Archibald, Wm. McCully, Alex. Miller, James Kent, Richard Craig, Rev. Jno. McMurray. W. P., David Wilson.

STAR, No. 49. — John Locke, Michael Shaw, Enos Locke, John Chadsey, David Eisenham, Samuel T. Eldridge, Martin Kingher, Jas. McDonald, X. Z. Chipman, Wm. Collins, Jas. Lloyd.

CANARD, No. 50. — Geo. T. Lockwood, J. B. Freeman, C. C. Hamilton, John Ellis, T. C. Woodworth, Robt. W. Starr, D. S. Thomas, Jas. Hardwicke, Rev. A. S. Hunt, J. P. Marsters, Richard Starr, J. B. Thomas, C. Dickey, D. Cogswell, W. A. Tupper.

RISING SUN, No. 52. — H. Archibald, J. Layton, W. Layton, M. J. Archibald, N. Layton, D. Clarke, T. McCurdy, J. McCurdy, S. Braden, R. Braden, A. McCurdy, J. Guild, M. J. McCurdy.

MAINMAST, No. 57. — P. W. P., John Gauld, Stewart Burns, John McQuarry, Jas. Perrin, Nelson Sutherland. W. P., Ebenezer McLeod.

STAR IN THE EAST, No. 61. — P. W. P., John A.

Richardson, Wm. Turnbull, John Kavannagh, Jos. Dobson, Geo. Bradley, Matthew Bradley, Nelson Dobson, Chas. Hill, Edward Liscombe.

HANTSPORT, No. 62. — Geo. Woolaver, J. B. North, Saml. West, Whitman Holmes, Edwd. Davison, Elisha Fuller, Thos. Young, Nathan T. Harris.

AURORA, No. 68. — G. W. Caldwell, H. C. Marsters, G. W. Fisher, Charles Norwood, J. H. Parker, James Morse, James Beckwith, W. C. Shaw, Isaac Shaw, Abel Parker, George Dimock.

AGRICOLA, No. 72. — Wm. Creelman, John Gammell, 2d., John McCurdy, Robt. Gammell, Hugh Dunlap, Wm. Bentley, Jas. S. Tupper, Prescott P. Archibald, Saml. Creelman.

WALLACE, No. 75. — Jas. Drysdale, B. S. Seaman, Joshua Huestis, Stephen Fulton, Henry Smith, D. F. Cameron, A. F. McKay, W. B. Huestis.

ALBION MINES, No. 79. — William McPherson, Hector Fraser, Duncan McKay, John Carr, Job Culton, Hector McKenzie, John Robertson.

MARGARETVILLE, No. 80. — Jos. Reagh, Nelson Stronach, James Roy, Gilbert Baker, Thos. Maplebeck, Alex. Donney, Thos. A. Downey, John McLaren, Jos. Harris, Chas. Baker, P. W. P's. James Hutton, W. P.

BETHLEHEM, No. 89. — Peter Andrews, John Grant, Alex. Grant, Wm. Jefferson, John H. Grant.

ATHENÆUM, No. 96. — Rev. Jas. C. Cochran, Reo. P. G. McGregor, Chas. Robson, M. G. Black, jr., Robt. Noble, M. Herbert, John Shean, Jas. D. Wallace, Wm. Howe, Wm. L. Bell, D. B. Clarke, Wm. M. Brown, Isaac Gammell, John Smith, W. C. Silver, Wm. Ackhurst, James Thomson, Alex. James, L. E. Van Buskirk.

TREMONT, No. 102. — George H. Parker, Ezekial C. Wheelock, John W. Ray, Jas. L. McKermer, Wm. A. Baker, Ansel F. Baker, P. W. P's. Nathan Saunders, W. P.

GARLAND, No. 105. — Wm. Lutz, jr., John H. Hall, Wm. Bridgio, Jos. Small, Henry Hall, Chas. Brown.

VICTORIA MINES, No. 108. — Saml. McKeown, Henry C. Beals, B. H. Parker, James Bent, S. B. Willett, John H. Barteaux, Thomas Banks, Abel Banks, J. W. H. Balcomb, Thos. Holland, W. G. Parker, James H. Parker, Israel H. Parker, A. J. McLeod, P. W. P's. Jas. Viditoe, W. P.

WELLINGTON, No. 109. — Donald McKenzie, Donald

McDonald, Daniel A. McDonald, John A. McDonald, Hugh McDonald, Angus Chisholm, Neil McDaniel, Alexander McDonald.

WOLFVILLE, No. 112.—P.W. P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., John Rounsefelle, Rev. Stephen W. DeBlois, Richard K. Angus, Andrew Johnson, Chas. Johnson, Chas. Corey, Jacob Bowser. W. P., Reuben Reed.

SOUTHAMPTON, No. 117.—P. W. P., Henry Harrison, Henry C. Mills, D. J. Taylor, Jos. Atkinson, 2nd., Wm. B. Lodge, Jas. McAloney, Wm. Adams, Geo. A. Dickenson, Jas. McGinney, John E. Dickenson, Matthew Lodge. W. P., Joseph Atkinson.

RECHAB, No. 119.—P.W. P., Geo. Creed, Josiah Wallace, John McLearn, Wm. Dimock, Chas. Dimock, Enoch Dimock, Jos. Hamilton, Joshua Knowles, Wm. B. Dimock.

LOWER HORTON, No. 122.—W. P., Geo. H. H. Gilmour, P. W. P.'s, J. Wm. Harris, Geo. W. McGregor, Wm. Gould, Jas. E. Rathbun, Jno. W. Taylor, Nathan F. Fuller, Otis Rathbun, Jno. J. King, Chas. E. Gould.

VESPER, No. 124.—Jno. T. Scott, Jas. A. Scott, Danl. Thompson, Isaac Scott, Geo. Fraser, Peter McDonald, Hugh McNeil, Geo. Grant, Jno. Fraser, Leonard Hamilton.

JUNE ROSE, No. 125.—P.W. P.'s, Rev. Theodore H. Porter, John Thomson, Jas. Manders, Geo. Richardson, Amos Bezanson, Saml. Thomson, David Thomson.

HERO OF KARS, No. 127.—Geo. W. Freeman, Reuben G. Freeman, Saml. Ford, Theodore Ford, Simeon L. Freeman, Jos. B. Freeman, Chas. E. Morton, Thos. Kingston.

NORTH AMERICAN, No. 128.—P. W. P.'s, Jacob J. Porter, Wm. H. Jenkins. W. P., Ira Raymond.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.,

R. M. BARRATT,
W A. S. BLEWETT.
JOHN LANIGAN.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undernamed Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats: James Marshall, Richard Anderson, George Thompson and John G. Wetmore, of No. 7.

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

On State of the Order: P. G. W. P., Rev. John McMurray, Joseph W. Quinan, Rev. T. H. Porter.

On Communications : P. G. W. P., John S. Thompson, Wm. Lippincott, G. W. A., James Mosher.

On Appeals : Robert M. Barratt, Michael Herbert, J. W. H. Balcomb.

A communication purporting to be an appeal from Chas. White, of Central Division, No. 2, Yarmouth, was read and referred to Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report, as follows :

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

Officers and Representatives.

WORTHY BRETHREN,—Having met again in Annual Session, permit me in submitting my last report to greet you in the name and spirit of our three cardinal principles.

It is with sincere satisfaction I have to state that the divisional year now closing has been one of cheering progress.

When you listen to the carefully prepared statistical tables presented in the Grand Scribe's report, you will ascertain for yourselves the pleasing fact, that since the year 1854 the Order in this Province has not been in a more healthy and prosperous condition. With but few exceptions the Subordinate Divisions are either steadily maintaining their ground or prosecuting the cause with vigor and success, weekly adding to their numbers. It may not seem invidious if honorable mention be made of some of these last.

From Yarmouth—the birthplace of the Order in this Province—Deputy Pinkney reports that the “prospects seem brightening” in some of the Divisions under his charge, while one, Milton No. 4, “is going at locomotive speed.”

From North Sydney—the other extreme of our jurisdiction—Deputy Bown reports that the Divisions under his charge “never were in better working order, or showing more zeal.”

In the same quarter of the moral sky “Star in the East” Division is in the ascendant.

Chester Division “is in a most healthy condition.” “Never since its formation did it present a more flattering appearance.” The Quarterly Session of the Grand Division held in Chester last summer created new life and vigor in their ranks. An Episcopal clergyman has joined this Division during the last quarter, who brings with him considerable influence.

"The enemy has hardly been seen within the bounds of Wellington Division, Sherbrooke, this summer." The Captain of the packet to that port steadily refuses to carry the accursed thing in his vessel. All hail! to the Captain of the Sherbrooke packet and to Wellington Division. Long may they prove worthy the name they have as invincible soldiers of temperance, and long may they be a flame of fire and a sword of terror in the eyes of their enemies.

"The Divisions at Wallace and Pugwash are in a healthy state. The Pugwash Division, which twelve months ago was in a very feeble condition, is advancing beyond all expectations."

The "June Rose" Division, Hammond's Plains, is in a more healthy state than formerly. The last quarter has been one of great activity and prosperity. They have a Hall in course of erection. The principles of the Order are loved and cherished. Their motto is "onward." May the "June Rose" long bloom and continue to "shed a more cheering fragrance," and may it never, like "the last rose of summer," be "left blooming alone."

Deputy Shean informs me that "in the city of Halifax, taking all things into consideration—the Order is progressing." This officer deserves special thanks for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties during the term.

The above extracts are presented as specimens of the letter and spirit of not a few of the reports that have come into my hands.

It gives me pleasure to state that nearly all the Deputies have made their reports for this quarter.

But though the picture has a *bright*, it has also a *dark* side. Notwithstanding that—with here and there a painful exception—the Subordinate Divisions are in good working order and increasing in numbers. I regret to be compelled to confess that intemperance is not correspondingly diminished, but rather on the increase. The existence of our Order, without doubt, prevents the evil from spreading more rapidly than it otherwise would; but it is melancholy to reflect that, after having expended large sums of money and years of laborious effort, we have been instrumental mainly in hindering the more rapid development of intemperance, when its utter extirpation might have been expected. The amount of good accomplished does not appear commensurate with the amount of labor expended.

Much positive good doubtless has been done; but in a nega-

tive form. Our progress has been up-hill, with many a slide backward. Some have grown weary of the incessant and seemingly never-to-be-ended contest with hoary evil. Others have given it up in despair. Such have miscalculated the nature of human depravity, and of the vice against which we are waging war. This moral demon—this Nena Sahib—this destroyer of men, women, and children—has a thousand lives and will die hard. Do you ask, “When is this moral warfare to end?” If any imagine, that, after fighting a few years, with various turns of fortune, they are going to retire with laurels and rest upon their trophies, they have mistaken the calibre of their enemy. With such a foe it is a wearisome battle. Intemperance and its occasions form a moral Delhi, not easily subdued. We will have to await many an assault in the trenches, and repel many a sortie before we are able to storm the well fortified citadel. It may require a generation or two to accomplish its subjugation. Shall we therefore relinquish the contest?—Never:—we fight for posterity as well as for ourselves.

A hundred years ago the Dutch built their ramparts—mud walls—to resist the effects of the ocean upon the soil they had redeemed from its grasp. Does the Hollander trust these walls? No. Day by day he steals an hour from toil to fill the breach made by the ocean. The willows are constantly decaying and must be replaced to keep out the wild waters that roar above his head, that he may retain the heritage left him by his father. We, also, have redeemed some ground—

“Yet much remains
To conquer still; peace hath her victories
Not less renowned than war.”

We have shut out the angry floods of appetite, custom and interest, that are raging around us. It may take a long time to convert the remaining water into land. But will we not fight to retain the land we *have* redeemed at so much labor and expense? We will,—if it should cost us a life-time spent in this effort alone.

In the name of hundreds saved, and millions exposed to the destroyer, I charge you not to peril by indifference what so much toil and self-devotion have purchased for us. Our fathers are growing gray in this service; shall we not transmit the works of their hands with unimpaired efficiency to posterity, and

put those who come after us in a position to finish that which we have begun.

But have we put forth efforts in keeping with the magnitude of our undertaking? We have not.—What have we done in our own Province? nay, rather, what have we left undone? Our duty clearly is to extend our principles to the utmost of our power. We have pledged ourselves not to cease working until every brother in the great brotherhood of humanity stands embraced within our circle of safety and honor. How does this comport with the fact that our ably conducted journal, so full of interesting and convincing argument, has the meagre circulation of nineteen hundred numbers? Is this a proper response to the labours of the devoted and learned brother who conducts it? Is this a proper expression of our interest in the prosperity of our Order and in the cause of temperance?

Do we expect the public mind will be illuminated by such a circulation as this? We should not rest contented until the *Abstainer* is in the hands of every man, woman and child that can read, in the Province. If we are to rely upon the instrumentality of the press as a means of the conversion of the entire Province to temperance and prohibition, we must circulate the *Abstainer* by thousands. I once more, and for the last time, earnestly urge this matter upon your serious consideration.

It gives me pleasure to inform the Grand Division that the measure proposed at the last Quarterly Session—that of getting up a Bazaar for the purpose of raising funds to promote the work of temperance—is being carried into effect. The Committee to whom this matter is entrusted will report progress. I will not anticipate what they have to state; but simply say that Divisions in the capital are making commendable efforts in assisting the Committee to carry out the object in view, the Chebucto and Athenæum Divisions having issued circulars to their friends soliciting co-operation in the good cause.

In presenting my official report I cannot overlook the fact known to you all, that a Temperance Convention met yesterday—the 27th—in the city of Halifax. The deliberations of the Convention were of the most interesting character. I commend its action to your attentive consideration. It would tend to promote concert of effort among the friends of temperance in the country, if the Grand Division would re-affirm—as far as it is in their power—as they wisely can—what was said and done on that occasion.

With regard to the question of prohibition, which has been so often before the Grand Division and to which we have so unequivocally given in our adherence, I have simply to say that while considered *as a principle* there is little difference of opinion among the Sons of Temperance. Some are beginning to question the wisdom of pressing it upon the consideration of the Provincial Parliament *until the public mind is more thoroughly indoctrinated therewith.*

Our efforts with the Legislature must have their basis upon enlightened public sentiment; otherwise they will prove abortive. Both the Legislative and judicial branches of the Government are against prohibition, and must be made to feel the pressure of this question *as a Provincial demand.* The battle must be fought at the hustings and at the polls—the constituencies must be converted before prohibition can become the law of the land.—The measure is not regarded, even by the Sons of Temperance themselves, as a matter of supreme political importance; and until they and the people generally so regard it politicians will continue to burke it in Parliament, and judges scout the principle on the Bench. I have no hope, until the issue is thus presented, that the Province ever will be redeemed from the ruinous, intemperance-producing traffic in intoxicating drink.

A few hours hence I shall be called upon to lay down the emblem of my authority, and retire from the chair. I embrace this opportunity to express to the Grand Division my deep sense of obligation for their courtesy and confidence. I came among you a stranger and you were pleased to confer upon me the highest office in your gift. It has been my endeavour to show you that your confidence was not misplaced; but I retire from office under the painful conviction that my efforts, though equal to my ability, have not been commensurate with the obligations of the chair.

Permit me again to revert with sincere satisfaction to the fact that, during my administration, the members and interest of the Order have not diminished, but increased. Much of this prosperity is due to the efficiency of your G. S., with whom my continuacy has been of the most pleasing character, and to whom I am indebted in being able with any degree of ability to meet the duties of my office.—To the other officers of the Division I return my sincere thanks for the manner in which they have discharged their respective duties, and the respect and courtes;

with which they have treated the chair, as well as for personal favours.

Leaving the interests of the Order in the hands of the thoughtful and benevolent men around me, who are looking and labouring with unwavering faith for the day of social redemption, I respectfully submit this, my last report, in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

ALEXANDER McARTHUR,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read his report, as follows :

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

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brethren :

We are again permitted — by the goodness of the Almighty — to meet in annual session, to deliberate on the best means of sustaining and advancing the Order under this jurisdiction. I trust we shall begin and end our work with a right spirit, and during the session adopt such measures as may be practically carried into effect.

Several subjects will be presented for your consideration, which, I feel assured, will receive that attention at your hands which their importance demands.

The first great subject that will engage your attention is the steps that ought to be taken with reference to a Prohibitory Liquor Law. A great diversity of opinion exists at present, as to the propriety of again seeking that measure at the hands of our present legislators. A few years ago a vast majority of the temperance people of Nova-Scotia gave a decided opinion (through petition, &c.) in favor of it. The bill which was prepared and presented a few years ago, being *politically* *hocus-pocussed* out of the legislature so often, the ardor of some of its warmest friends has cooled, and they do not now feel inclined to appear, through their petitions, before the assembled wisdom of the land; others are desirous of only petitioning for a partial law; while a large number have set their minds on seeking for the separation of the liquor traffic from all other traffic. I presume, however, that the measure that may be agreed upon by you, in unison with those adopted

by the Provincial Convention, will be accepted by those who are represented in both bodies. It is my opinion that the petitioning for the whole measure should not be abandoned, notwithstanding the representations made as to the failure of the law in some of the neighboring States. I have no doubt that every brother present is already aware of the triumph recently gained by the "Maine Law" party in the Pioneer State, and which, no doubt, will result in the spreading of the Law once more on its Statute Books; this shows, brethren, that the people of Maine would rather have a Prohibitory Law than a host of rum shops; they have set an example which should be copied by every Kingdom, State and Province. Let Nova-Scotia follow in the wake of the "Down Easters," and beneficial results will soon be apparent.

In reference to the remarks made as to the reverse of the law in some places, I will here give you the report of the Special Committee on Prohibition, as presented to the National Division at its fourteenth Annual Session, held at Providence, in June last:

"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Prohibition, beg leave to report that they fully echo the sentiment of our M. W. P., regarding prohibition as a "fixed necessity," the establishment of which, in every State and Province of our jurisdiction, is a matter devoutly wished and sincerely to be labored for; nor can we be content until we hail its accomplishment. The reverses which may have attended the operations and existence of the law in some parts of our jurisdiction, were not at all owing to its weakness or inadaptedness to effect all that its most sanguine supporters expected, but owing entirely to the ceaseless activity and agitation of individuals financially interested in the traffic in intoxicating liquors—representing the law as unjust and tyrannical, without a corresponding effort on the part of its promoters to show the falsity of such a cry—together with the negligence and partiality of those officers who were charged with the duty of carrying out the provisions of the law. No law is so instinct with life as to march forth in the struggle of manhood to execute its own requirements, but needs on the part of the executor a watchful eye, and unwavering hand, an impartial and fearless judgment—and on the part of the public, a sympathy and countenance of such officers as will execute honestly the requirements of the law. To say, therefore, that because

executive officers have neglected *their* duty, and communities *their* privilege in the use of the franchise, the law is a failure, is as unreasonable as it is unphilosophical.

Where the law found conscientious officers doing their duty and communities availing themselves of their privilege, it has answered to the fullest extent the desired and expected end—making prisons and poor houses tenantless, and tottering inebriates in the street a sight very rarely seen; while many family circles rejoiced in the happiness it extended to them.

We look with deep solicitude and interest on the first battle field of this question—Maine; for a repeal of the law in this State paralyzed to a great extent the efforts of its friends in other jurisdictions. The fact is understood by the well informed, that its repeal in Maine was not from any want of efficiency, but from a variety of extraneous causes. Yet the effect has been disastrous. If, however, this jurisdiction shall restore to her statute book her prohibitory law, a new and more powerful era will be inaugurated; and we rejoice to learn that they are now exerting themselves to occupy the honorable position they once did, and towards the accomplishment of this every assistance should be rendered them by this body. With feelings of honest pride we have learned the enthusiastic reception given to our much esteemed and distinguished Brother, Past Most Worthy Associate Dow, in Great Britain, and feel sanguine that his candid and matter of fact statements of the working of the prohibitory law in the State of Maine particularly, and other States generally, will be attended with the most satisfactory results.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. and F.

JOHN FRAZER,
S. F. CARY,
E. W. JACKSON,
G. W. JERMAIN.

The foregoing report was adopted by the National Division, thus showing that Prohibition has now become one of the principles of our Order.

The next subject of importance is the Agency question and it, brethren, will require your most serious consideration, as a Lecturer and Agent to visit Subordinate Divisions is now more requisite than ever. While nothing can be done

as regards the employment of Lecturers, until funds are obtained for that purpose, the question might be discussed at the present Session, in order that full information and instruction may be given the Agency Committee, so as that arrangements can be entered into at the commencement of next year, by which time the proceeds of the contemplated Bazaar may be counted upon.

The *Abstainer* newspaper also requires your attention. I regret to say that while the circulation of the first volume was 1868 copies, the second volume commenced with an issue of only 1723; since the commencement of the second volume 31 additional copies have been ordered, which makes a nett decrease of 114 copies. No cause has been assigned for the diminution. It is hoped that increased exertion will be made to extend the circulation of the paper. I would refer you for further information, to the report of the Publication Committee. I have ordered a copy of the paper on file for the use of the G. D.

The Bazaar Committee appointed at the July Session, held at Chester, have attended to the duties imposed upon them, as far as it was practicable or prudent for them to proceed. Their report will be duly presented.

The Committee appointed at the same Session to make arrangements for a Provincial Temperance Convention, have also attended to their duties, and their report will also be duly presented.

Respecting the state of the Order,—while some of the Divisions have had declensions, and others nobly hold their ground, some of them have had large accessions, and from the information conveyed to me, I am happy to state that, upon the whole, the Order under this jurisdiction is in a very good condition, and Total Abstinence principles advancing in many places throughout the Province. This is the result of efforts made by a few of the Divisions, aided by Temperance Societies, and very commendably seconded by clergymen of several religious denominations. In some of the Eastern Counties the Temperance Watchmen Clubs appear to be doing a good business in their way. More detailed information respecting the cause in the several districts, I presume will be furnished by the G. W. P., who no doubt has been put in possession of many facts by the Deputies.

There are 73 Divisions on the Roll, 66 of whom are sup-

posed to be in working order. I have received returns from 49 Divisions, of which the following is a summary;—

No. Initiated	164	} 179
“ Admitted by Card	5	
“ Admitted by Dispensation.....	10	
Rejected		3
Withdrawn by Card		17
Withdrawn from the Order		14
Violated Pledge, first time		81
Reins:ated		34
Signed over		23
Violated Pledge, second time		23
Suspended		72
Expelled for Violation of the Pledge	65	} 156
Expelled for non-payment of dues	91	
Deaths		4
No. Members on F. S.'s Books, (49 Divs.)....		2298
Representatives to G. D. (46 Divs.)		533
Temperance Meetings held, (22 Divs.).....		66
Tracts distributed, (4 Divis.)		1200
Receipts of Quarter, (47 Divisions)	£295	5 2
Expeses, exclusive of Benefits, (41 Divs)	212	0 10
Paid for Benefits by 17 Divisions	50	0 1
Cash on hand, (46 Divs.).....	2642	11 0
Per capita tax to G. D., (49 Divs.).....	28	9 5

Returns for quarter ending 30th September, have not yet been received from Acadia, Union, Victoria, Walton, Roseway, Olive Branch, Lunenburgh, Lake, Iron Age, Father Mathew, Clements Arch, Kellogg, Chedabucto, Evening Star, Invincible, Parrsborough, Railway, Exeter, Flowing Fountain, Diligent River, Alma.

It is now almost useless for the Grand Scribe to complain of Divisions neglecting to send in their Returns in due time. Many of the Returns sent in were incorrectly filled up; some of them without date, others without signatures of the proper officers—a number of them with wrong dates; in fact, but a few of them were as they should be.

I have received no intelligence from the Divisions at Dighton and Londonderry for twelve months, and from the Division at

Parrsborough I have received no account since my appointment to this office. The only way, in my opinion, that these annoyances can or will be rectified, is by the regular visits of an energetic Agent; one who is well versed in the rules, &c., of the Order, and capable of explaining them to the Division.

I herewith submit papers received from the Secretary of the Provincial Temperance Convention, which met yesterday; they contain various resolutions approved of by that body, and are referred to the Grand Division for its approval.

Eighty-nine copies of the Journal of Proceedings at the Fourteenth Annual Session of the National Division, have been received from the office of the Most Worthy Scribe, and one copy sent to each Division.

A Circular Letter addressed to the Subordinate Divisions of the Order, has been issued by a Committee of the National Division, in accordance with a resolution passed by that body at its late Session. An official copy has not yet been received.

The amount appropriated by the Subordinate Divisions towards the expenses of the Representatives to the National Division, was £28 18s. 3d.; of that sum, £26 18s. 3d., have been paid. The expenses of the Representatives who attended amounted to £30, leaving a deficiency of only £1 1s. 8d., to be made up from the funds of the G. D. Avondale Division has made an appropriation of 20s. since my last Report.

The receipts and disbursements of this office during the term are as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Per capita tax from Divs. for March qr.....	£ 0 14 0
do. do. June qr.....	13 18 10½
do. do. Sept. qr.....	20 12 0
Appropriations towards expenses of Representatives to N. D.....	2 15 0
Amount received from other sources as per detailed account.....	4 7 4
Balance in hand, July 11th.....	9 3 5
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	£51 10 7½
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The Grand Scribe read a communication from the Secretary of the Provincial Temperance Convention, which was held in this city on yesterday, 27th instant, in which were inclosed copies of resolutions approved of by that body, and to which the following was annexed :

"Whereas a large majority of the members of this Convention are also members of the Grand Division, about to meet in Annual Session ; and whereas the accomplishment of the purposes for which this Convention was summoned, may be effectually secured by the agency of the Grand Division :

"Therefore Resolved: That a copy of the resolutions which have been discussed and approved this evening, be forwarded to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Division, and that the Grand Division be earnestly solicited to take the whole matter into serious consideration, and adopt measures accordingly."

On motion, the communication and resolutions were laid on the table, to be taken up for consideration at four o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment during the session, were fixed as follows :

Meet at 9 o'clock, A. M.	Adjourn at 1 o'clock, P. M.
" 2½ " P. M.	" 6 " P. M.
" 7 " P. M.	

On motion, the time for the election of officers was fixed for this evening at 8 o'clock.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at 2½ o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of officers called :

Present: G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Con., P. G. W. P.

Absent : G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Sentinel.

Vacancies were filled by brothers J. W. Quinan, G. Treasurer ; Rev. T. H. Porter, G. Chaplain ; M. Herbert, G. Sentinel, *pro tem*.

The Grand Sentinel entered and took his place.

The Grand Scribe presented the following report from the Bazaar Committee :

Your Committee appointed at the Quarterly Session held at Chester, in July last, to correspond with the subordinate Divisions respecting the proposed Bazaar, and otherwise carry the resolutions of the Grand Division on that subject into effect, would report :

That immediately subsequent to the session referred to, your Committee met, and, after much consideration, resolved to issue a Circular, addressed to the subordinate Divisions, setting forth the objects for which it was intended to hold the Bazaar, requesting their co-operation in the matter, and offering several suggestions for their guidance. Two hundred copies of the Circular were mailed to the Divisions and to a number of temperance friends throughout the Province, within eighteen days after the session of G. D., at Chester.

At a subsequent meeting of your Committee — but few replies to their Circular having been received, and after consulting with the Committees appointed by the city Divisions, as also with a number of gentlemen who have had experience, from time to time, in getting up Bazaars — we felt that it would be imprudent, (probably result in a failure, and perhaps involve the Grand Division in debt), if the Bazaar was to be held at the time originally named, viz., during the Annual Session. Your Committee, therefore, came to the unanimous conclusion of postponing the holding of the Bazaar to Thursday, 17th day of December next, as the most suitable time, although a later period was urged. Two hundred other Circulars were then issued, announcing the postponement and causes therefor, to the subordinate Divisions.

Both Circulars were published in the *Abstainer*, and a copy of each is herewith submitted.

Your Committee have held ten meetings for consultation among themselves and with others, as to the best course to be pursued. The subject has been constantly kept before the city Divisions, and has also been brought to the notice of the

Deputies and others throughout the Province, by the Grand Scribe.

From replies received, your Committee would present the following as the result :

Committees have been appointed in accordance with suggestions contained in first Circular, by the following Divisions : Chebucto, Micmac, Mayflower, Howard, Chester (with Committee of ladies), Royal (do.), Star, Star in the East, Athenæum, and Rechab (with Committee of ladies).

Some of the Divisions have made donations from their funds as follows :

Chebucto	£5	0	0
Aurora	2	10	0
Vesper	2	0	0
Agricola.....	5	0	0
Truro	5	0	0
Morning Star, 38	1	0	0

Your Committee have been informed that Central, Avondale, Oriental, Wolfville and Lower Horton Divisions, will likely do something.

A few Divisions have declined doing anything, in consequence of the low state of their funds. A large number have not yet replied, "The Circular being still under consideration;" answers, however, are expected soon.

The following reply has been received from New-Glasgow Division :

"The Circular concerning the Bazaar being read, the following resolution passed the Division: 'That a suitable lecturer is much needed, and if sent to our Division for one week, the Division will pay all expenses for one week.'"

Your Committee have reason to believe that the Committees already appointed by the Divisions named above, are at work, and that their labors will result in handsome contributions.

In conclusion, your Committee having done what they believed to be their duty in furthering the interests of the proposed undertaking, and having now laid before you the result of their labors so far, await your decision as to what further steps shall be taken.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.,

JOHN SHEAN,
P. MONAGHAN,
WM. MURRAY,
R. M. BARRATT.
ROBERT BOAK.

HALIFAX, N. S.,
October 28, 1857.

On motion, the report was laid on the table, to be taken up for consideration immediately after the election of officers this evening.

P. G. W. P., J. S. Thompson, in the absence of the Chairman, presented a report from the Convention Committee, which was approved of and ordered on file.

On motion, the Sessions of the Grand Division, during the ensuing year, were appointed to be held at the following places:

Middle Musquodoboit	on 4th Wednesday	of January,	1858.
Berwick (Cornwallis)	4th Thursday	April,	“
Hillsborough,	4th Wednesday	July.	“
Halifax (Annual Session)	4th “	October,	“

The resolutions approved of by the Convention were taken up for consideration, discussed *seriatim*, and the following adopted:

1. “*Resolved*,—That an Address to the Clergy of all denominations in the Province, be prepared, in reference to the cause of Temperance, soliciting their direct aid for the suppression of Intemperance, and the promotion of the object in which this Grand Division feels so much interested.”

Committee to prepare the Address: Rev'ds. Dr. Cramp, J. McMurray, A. McArthur, S. N. Bentley, T. H. Porter, and P. G. McGregor.

2. “That an Address to Her Majesty the Queen be prepared and forwarded, praying Her Majesty's consideration of the character and effects of the Liquor System, by which so many of her subjects are deeply injured.”

3. “That an Address be prepared and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, soliciting His Excellency's aid in the suppression of Intemperance and the advancement of our cause in Nova Scotia.”

Committee to prepare those Addresses: J. S. Thompson, Dr. Cramp, and W. M. Brown, and both to be signed by the Officers, and the P. G. W. P.'s and P. G. W. A.'s of the Grand Division.

4. "That a Petition be prepared, and be signed by the Officers of this Grand Division, to be presented to the Legislature at its next session, setting forth the advantages of prohibition, and praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law."

Committee to prepare the Petition : Wm. Howe, S. Selden, W. M. Brown.

5. "That the friends of the Temperance Cause in the Legislature be requested to advocate all the rights and claims of the cause, but to accept such ameliorations of the present system as may appear obtainable."

The last mentioned committee to take charge of this resolution.

6. "That pending the application to the Legislature for Prohibition, efforts be made for the legal separation of the sale of Liquor from all other sales; for some more efficient right of search in reference to places supposed to be engaged in illicit sale of liquors; and for more easy conviction for such offences,—so as to prevent evasions of justice, and vexatious delays."

Committee to take charge of this resolution : R. Motton, W. Howe, and A. James.

7. "That Moral Suasion should be a prevailing object of our organizations,—and that it should be conducted by regular and occasional lectures; by addresses from the pulpit, where practicable; and by the publication of tracts prepared in the Province, and the circulation of other tracts; and that a permanent Committee be appointed, whose duty shall be the consideration of ways and means for those purposes."

The Agency Committee to take charge of this resolution.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at 7 o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of officers called :

Present : G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Con., G. Sent., P. G. W. P.

Absent : G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain.

Vacancies were filled by brothers J. W. Quinan, G. T., Rev. J. McMurray, G. Chap., *pro tem*.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undernamed representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats :

Charles McLean, No. 8 ; Michael Kersey and William Myers, No. 9.

The minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Division proceeded to that duty, and the undernamed declared elected :

Rev. John McMurray,	Truro,	G. W. P.
William Lippincott,	New-Glasgow,	G. W. A.
Patrick Monaghan,	Halifax,	G. Scribe.
Robert Noble,	"	G. Treasurer.
Rev. T. H. Porter,	Sackville,	G. Chaplain.
Michael Herbert,	Halifax,	G. Conductor.
Isaac McCurdy,	Musquodoboit,	G. Sentinel.

On motion, it was resolved that the installation of officers take place to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

The report of the Bazaar Committee, laid on the table during the afternoon session, was taken up, when, after a lengthened conversation, the G. W. P. appointed brothers Lippincott, Mosher and Porter, as a Committee to report instructions to the Grand Division, as to how the Bazaar Committee should proceed.

P. G. W. P. Brown, as chairman, presented the following report from the Publication Committee :

The Publication Committee respectfully submit the following Report :

Your Committee are pleased with the improved appearance of the *Abstainer*, and are of opinion that the more frequent issue will greatly increase its usefulness as a medium for conveying information.

It is to be regretted that the increase in the list of subscribers, which was confidently anticipated, has not been realized. The convenience of having a periodical fortnightly, for the very small price at which the *Abstainer* is published, should induce an extension of the list; and your Committee trust that by the efforts of the several Deputies, and the friends of the cause generally, there will yet be a remunerating return for the labours and enterprise of the Publisher. At least two thousand subscribers are requisite to give a suitable compensation; there are at present but 1754. Your Committee would remind the Grand Division, that the increased labors of the Editor, which result from the more frequent issue, should receive their immediate and favourable consideration. The Committee learn with regret that the Publisher has not received payment from a large number of subscribers for the past year, about one-fifth of the whole remaining unsettled. Your Committee would remind those who value the paper and wish for its continuance, that the extreme smallness of the price will not permit such delinquency, and trust that in future it will be avoided by a strict conformity with the mode of prepayment.

W. M. BROWN,
JOHN A. BELL,
A. J. RITCHIE,
CHARLES ROBSON,
PATRICK MONAGHAN.

HALIFAX, Oct. 28, 1857.

Adopted, and in connection with it the following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the salary of the Editor of the *Abstainer*, for the current year, be £50.

Brother Lippincott, as chairman, presented the following report from the Special Committee appointed in reference to the report of the Bazaar Committee :

The Committee appointed to report on the past labors, and to recommend instructions for the future proceedings of the

Bazaar Committee, beg leave to offer the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Division :

Resolved : That the Grand Division highly approve of the proceedings of the Bazaar Committee thus far, and, from the encouragement afforded, would recommend their continuance in the important work assigned them, with an assurance of our hearty co-operation, as far as our influence extends.

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

WILLIAM LIPPINCOTT,
T. H. PORTER,
JAMES MOSHER.

Adopted.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to report that they have had submitted to them a paper purporting to be an appeal from brother Charles White, of Central Division, No. 2, but, as there are no documents in connection with the matter, the Committee do not feel themselves in a position to give an opinion on the subject, as they consider it informal and, in their opinion, it should not have been entertained by the Grand Division.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved : That the Grand Scribe be instructed to return the document to the brother, with a copy of this report.

Submitted in L. P. and F.,

R. M. BARRATT,
J. WM. H. BALCOMB,
MICHAEL HERBERT.

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, October 28, 1857.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe

THURSDAY, October 29th, 1857.

The Grand Division assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., and opened in due form, G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of the officers called :

Present : G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Con., G. Sent., P. G. W. P.

Absent : G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain.

Vacancies were filled by brothers Lippincott, G. T., Rev. T. H. Porter, G. Chap., *pro tem*.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The following standing Committees for the ensuing year, were appointed :

Constitution and Bye-Laws : Wm. L. Bell, G. Scribe, J. Heenan.

Printing : Grand Scribe, Alex. J. Ritchie, Roderick R. McMillan.

Credentials : Robt. M. Barratt, J. Lanigan, W. A. S. Blewett.

Finance : G. J. Creed, R. H. Wetmore, A. J. Ritchie.

Halls : Grand Scribe, Isaac McCurdy, Holmes C. Larsters, M. D., Wm. Nicholl.

Agency : John A. Bell, Wm. M. Brown, G. J. Creed, C. Robson, S. Selden.

Publication : Wm. M. Brown, C. Robson, A. J. Ritchie, J. A. Bell, Grand Scribe.

On motion, it was

Resolved : That the expenses of the G. W. P. (or G. W. A. when acting as G. W. P.) and the G. Scribe *only*, be paid for their attendance at the sessions of the Grand Division during the ensuing year.

On motion, 400 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the Annual Session, were ordered to be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion, it was

Resolved : That the thanks of the Grand Division be tendered to those subordinate Divisions that so generously

contributed from their funds towards the expenses of the Representatives who attended the Annual Session of the National Division, held at Providence, R. I., in June last.

P. G. W. P. Cramp, moved the following, which was seconded by G. Creed, and adopted :

Resolved : That the Grand Scribe be directed to order 100 copies of the new Ritual, and issue them to the subordinate Divisions at cost and charges ; that, when they are received, a Circular be sent to the Subordinate Divisions, apprising them of the fact, and including extracts from the Journal of the National Division, in reference to that subject ; and that the copies furnished to the Deputies, be held as the property of the Grand Division.

The Grand Conductor introduced representatives Henry Morriscey, No. 7, and Samuel Boak, No. 26, who were duly initiated, and took their seats.

P. G. W. P. McMurray, as Chairman of Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the reports of the G. W. P. and G. S., beg leave to report :

That, while painfully sensible of the enervating discouragements to which the cause of temperance in this Province has lately been subjected, it is cheering to this Committee to learn that a very considerable number of our subordinate Divisions are maintaining their right position, and in their continued effectiveness affording unmistakable evidence that our principles, in their living power, are operating widely and influentially for the accomplishment of the grand aims of our organization. Your Committee have every reason to believe that the number of true-hearted temperance friends in the Province is as large as ever, and that, if any of these have exhibited less active energy than in former years, they have been but gathering strength for the battle—waiting for the more fitting opportunity—when, with the courage and devotedness of those who have the right upon their side, they will with united strength, march boldly forward to the achievement of more brilliant victories than the cause in this Province has hitherto won.

While it is the conviction of your Committee that a very considerable proportion of the inhabitants of this Province would hail, with no small degree of pleasure, the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law,—are anticipating, with much interest, the arrival of the period when our Province will no longer be cursed with a traffic fraught with so much evil, under the high sanction of law,—yet your Committee feel persuaded that much effort is still needed for the diffusion of our principles by means of lectures and the press.

The valuable services of the esteemed and talented brother who has the editorial management of *The Abstainer*—our official organ—merit much larger encouragement than they have yet received, and we doubt not but that, by more general and zealous attempts to introduce that valuable auxiliary to our cause to the notice of temperance friends, its sphere of usefulness may be very greatly widened. We commend this matter to the very earnest attention of the Divisions, and of all the temperance Orders and Societies in the several localities.

Whatever differences of opinion may be entertained as to the desirableness of pressing the immediate enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law upon our present House of Assembly, your Committee regard it as of high importance that the subject should be continuously brought before the Legislature, that thereby our testimony may be distinctly borne, as to the iniquity of legalizing the traffic in strong drink, and that the friends of the measure may be encouraged not to relax their efforts until the object so dear to their hearts is gained.

Your Committee earnestly hope that the services of one or more efficient Agents and Lecturers may shortly be secured, as being necessary in order to the more complete enlightenment of public opinion on the temperance question, and for the further preparation of the constituency of the Province to meet that question at the hustings.

The Committee recommend that the Grand Scribe be instructed to take measures for the introduction of the new ritual in all the Divisions within our jurisdiction, at as early a period as practicable.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.,

J. McMURRAY,

T. H. PORTER.

J. W. QUINAN.

Adopted.

On motion, the salary of the Grand Scribe for the ensuing year, was fixed at £40.

Brother George Creed moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. T. H. Porter :

Resolved : That lady visitors of the Order be admitted to witness the proceedings of this Grand Division, in accordance with the provisions of resolution of the National Division, at its fourteenth Annual Session. (Jour., p. 50.)

After some conversation, the resolution was laid on the table till the afternoon session.

On motion, it was

Resolved : That the thanks of the Grand Division be given to the city Divisions, for the use of their room during the present session.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at 2½ o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of officers called :

Present : G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. Con., G. Sent., P. G. W. P.

Absent : G. T., G. Chaplain.

Vacancies were filled by brothers Lippincott, G. T. Rev. T. H. Porter, G. Chap., *pro tem*.

The minutes of forenoon session were read and approved.

Brother G. Creed's resolution, in reference to admission of lady visitors to sessions of Grand Division, was taken up, and, after a lengthened discussion, adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved : That 1,000 copies of the next number of *The Abstainer*, containing the report of the G. W. P., be procured at the expense of the Grand Division, for gratuitous circulation, under the Direction of the Grand Scribe.

The hour appointed for the installation of officers has

arrived, that ceremony was performed by the G. W. P., assisted by P. G. W. P. Brown, the undernamed being duly installed :*

G.W. P.,	Rev. J. McMurray, of Truro Division,	No.	41.
G.W. A.,	W. Lippincott, New-Glasgow	" "	18.
G. Scribe,	Patrick Monaghan, Chebucto	" "	7.
G. T.,	Robert Noble, Athenæum	" "	96.
G. Chap.,	Rev. T. H. Porter, June Rose	" "	125.
G. Con.,	M. Herbert, Athenæum	" "	96.
G. Sent.,	Isaac McCurdy, Rising Sun	" "	52.

The G. W. P., G. W. A., and G. T., addressed the Grand Division on assuming the duties of their respective offices

The undernamed were elected representatives to the National Division :

G. W. P.,	Rev. John McMurray,	No.	41.
G. W. A.,	Wm. Lippincott,	"	18.
P. G. W. P.,	William Burrill,	"	4.
"	Jas. W. Johnston,	"	26.
"	Wm. M. Brown,	"	96.
"	Rev. Geo. Christie,	"	2.
"	Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	"	112.
"	J. S. Thompson,	"	7.
"	Rev. Alexander McArthur,	"	16.
P. G. W. A.,	Thomas O. Geddes,	"	5.
"	L. E. VanBuskirk,	"	96.
"	W. A. S. Blewett,	"	7.
"	James Mosher,	"	32.
"	G. Scribe, Pat. Monaghan,	"	7.

On motion, it was

Resolved : That P. G. W. A., Rev. John Cameron, of No. 2, be elected a representative to the National Division, provided his credentials are forwarded to the Grand Scribe, previous to the next session of the Grand Division.†

* There were a few lady visitors present at the ceremony of installation.—G. S.

† The credentials of brother Cameron have been received since the meeting of the Grand Division.—G. S.

On motion of P. G. W. P. Brown, it was

Resolved: That the grateful acknowledgments of the Grand Division be presented to our brother, Rev. Alex. McArthur, P. G. W. P., for the faithful and courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of his important office, during the past year.

On the foregoing being presented, the P. G. W. P. made a suitable acknowledgment.

The Grand Division was then declared closed, to meet in Quarterly Session at Middle Musquodoboit, on Wednesday, 27th day of January, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe

HALIFAX, N. S., November 5th, 1857.

THE GRAND DIVISION, in account with the G. TREASURER.

		DR.		£	s.	d.
1857.	July 11.	To Balance due G. T. per accounts.....		3	2	6
	Aug. 10.	Cash paid for advertising.....			7	6
	Oct. 10.	Do. G. W. P. balance of travelling Expenses to Nat. Div.....		2	6	9
		Do. G. W. A. Do. Do.....		4	10	0
		Grand Scribe's Expenses to Chester Session of G. D.....		2	2	6
	17.	Do. Editor of Abstainer.....		6	5	0
		Do. Do.....		6	5	0
		Do. Bowes & Son.....		6	16	3
		Balance.....		2	10	8
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				£34	6	0
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1857	July 15.	By Cash from G. S.....		5	19	3
		Do. from Do. on general account.....		25	11	9
		Do. on account Expenses of Representatives to National Division.....		2	15	0
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				£34	6	0
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1857	Oct. 17.	By Balance on hand.....		2	10	8
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DR....THE GRAND DIVISION OF S. OF T., OF NOVA SCOTIA,

		DR.	£ s. d.
1857.			
July 11.	To balance due Grand Division		9 3 5
" 13.	Amount towards expenses of Represent's to N. D., from Wallace Div., 10s.; Avondale, 20s.; June Rose, 15s.; Central, 10s.....		2 15 0
Aug. 27.	C. H. Harrington, on acct. of Athenæum paper		1 0 0
Sept. 30.	Tax, June quarter, from Concord Div. 4s. 9d.; Victoria, 7s. 3d.; Avondale, 10s. 7½d.; Oriental, 9s. 6d.; New-Glasgow, 15s. 9d.; Columbia 5s. 3d.; Roseway, 5s. 6d.; Cape Breton, 15s. 9d.; Wilberforce, 8s. 6d.; Pugwash, 13s.; Archangel, 8s. 6d.; Truro, 20s.; Olive Branch, 10s.; Port Royal, 2s. 6d.; Canard, 11s.; Rising Sun, 9s. 3d.; Star in the East, 27s. 9d.; Lake, 7s. 3d.; Agricola, 6s. 3d.; Wallace, 10s. 6d.; Albion Mines, 6s. 6d.; Margaretville, 8s. 9d.; Bethlehem, 7s. 6d.; Chedabucto, 10s. 9d.; Victoria Mines, on acct., 2s. 9d.; Wellington, 9s.; Wolfville, 7s.; Southampton, 6s. 9d.; Flowing Fountain, 4s. 6d.; D. G. W. P., Morse, balance due, 6s. 6d.....		13 18 10½
Oct. 15.	Tax March qr., Wellington, 8s.; Vesper, 6s.. Sept. quarter, Central, 10s. 9d.; Milton, 15s. 3d.; Chebucto, 45s.; Micmac, 30s. 3d.; May- Flower, 46s. 3d.; Hebron, 4s. 3d.; Oriental, 9s. 3d.; Columbia, 5s.; Howard, 17s. 3d.; Cape Breton, 17s. 6d.; Wilberforce, 5s. 3d.; Chester, 13s. 3d.; Pugwash, 14s. 9d.; Royal, 11s. 3d.; Morning Star, [38] 6s. 9d.; Arch- angel, 7s.; Star, 3s.; Star in the East, 23s.; Wallace, 7s.; Margaretville, 9s. 9d.; Bethle- hem, 6s. 9d.; Athenæum, 17s. 9d.; Tremont, 6s. 9d.; Victoria Mines, 8s. 9d.; Southamp- ton, 6s. 9d.; Rechab, 8s. 3d.; Avon, 8s. 6d.; Wolfville, 8s.; Lower Horton, 12s. 3d.; North American, 15s. 3d.; Canard, 8s. 9d.; Port Royal, 2s. 6d		20 12 0
16.	Rev. G. Christie, due from tax Sept. qr., 1856.		1 2 9
	Amount received for T. and W. Cards.....		0 15 0
	" " Blank quarterly Returns		0 10 0
	" " Dispensation Fees.....		0 11 3
	" " Ritual for Female Visitors		0 5 0
	" " Officers Cards		0 2 6
	" " Cards of Odes.....		0 0 10
			£51 10 7½

IN ACCOUNT WITH PATK. MONAGHAN, GRAND SCRIBE . . . CR.

		CR.	£	s.	d.
1857.					
July 13.	By paid	Grand Treasurer on General Account ..	5	19	3
Aug. 27.	"	E. G. Fuller & Co., Express charges on parcel from New-York	0	9	4½
Sept. 29.	"	Wm. Grant, for Stationery.....	0	9	10½
Oct. 14.	"	Bowes & Sons, printing D. G. W. P.'s Commissions.....	1	0	0
" 14.	"	Bowes & Sons, printing 180 Letter Headings	0	5	0
" 16.	"	Grand Treasurer on General Account..	25	11	9
" "	"	Towards expenses of Representatives to National Division	2	15	0
		Postages, &c., during the quarter.....	1	17	3
		Grand Scribe's salary, to 1st October ..	10	0	0
		Balance due Grand Division	3	3	1½
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			£51 10 7½		

PATRICK MONAGHAN, *Grand Scribe.*

Since the accounts of the Grand Scribe were closed, on 15th October, the capita tax has been received as follows:

1 March quarter—Agricola Div. 6s. 6d.

3 June quarter—New Caledonia, 14s. 9d; Mainmast, 3s. 9d; Kellogg,
0 6d; Vesper, 5s; Aurora, 6s. 3d; Garland, 10s. 9d; Hantsport 12s;
6 7th quarter Horton, 12s.

0 Sept. quarter—New Caledonia, 10s. 6d; New Glasgow, 15s; Truro,
— 3d; Rising Sun, 9s; Mainmast, 4s.; Hantsport, 11s. 3d; Aurora, 7s;
7 Agricola, 6s; Albion Mines, 5s. 9d; Kellogg, 4s. 6d; Lunenburg, 4s. 3d;
— Mining Star, 6s. 3d; Garland, 6s. 6d; Vesper, 5s; June Rose, 12s;
— Ellington, 10s. 6d; Hero of Kars 10s.

PAT. MONAGHAN, G. S.

HALIFAX, Nov. 7, 1857.

