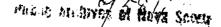
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OF THE

GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

WINDSOR, Wednesday, 31st January, 1855.

THE Grand Division met pursuant to appointment, and in the absence of the G. W. P. and G. W. A. the G. D. was called to order by the G. Scribe, and brother S. Caldwell elected Chairman.

The Grand Division opened in due form, brother S. Caldwell in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present-G. Scribe, G. Sentinel.

Absent — G.W.P., G.W.A., G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain,

G. Conductor, P.G.W.P.

The Chairman filled the vacancies by appointing brother D. P. Allison, G. W. A., Joseph Allison, G. Treasurer, J. Irons, G. Chaplain, J. L. Dewolf, G. Con., J. Mosher, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open. The Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials was read.

The Committee appointed at last Annual Meeting, to examine Credentials, beg leave to report the following correct:

W.P. Thomas Dane, P.W.P. Israel Horton, Robert Hunter, Wm. Rogers, Gec. Christie, Benj. Rogers, Joseph B. Bond, Robt. Guest, Wm. Gridley, Nathan Lewis,

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The Committee on Credentials would call the attention of the Grand Division to the irregular mode, in some instances, in which the Credentials are made out, as respects the standing of Representatives, it being in many cases impossible for the Committee to decide whether the Worthy Patriarch for the Term is included in the Return, or not.

The Committee further notice a practice which is unconstitutional, namely, that of returning the full list of Representatives at other than the Annual Meetings, thereby causing a liability to irregularity in their Report. Only the names of those coming to the Chair during the interval being required.

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

R. M. BARRATT, CATHBUT C. VAUX, JOHN HEENAN.

Halifax, January 30, 1855.

Adopted.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz.: J. A. Bell, No. 7: M. H. Goudge, John K. Martin, Joseph A. Fuller, George Fuller, John Johnston, No. 12; John A. Mosher, Joseph Irish, Charles D. Mumford, William H. Knowles, William A. Mosher. No. 13; Eleazar Ells, No. 20; Benjamin Bradshaw. Joseph Marsters, No. 38.

P.G.W.P. Rev. Dr. Cramp entered and took his seat. The Chairman appointed the following Committees:

On State of the Order-Brothers J. A. Bell, Dr.

C. C. Hamilton, James Mosher.

On Communications-Brothers Richard Starr, M. H. Goudge, E. T. Harvie.

On Auditing-Brothers Joseph Allison, D. Mosher. G. B. Sanford.

The G. Scribe read the Report of the G.W.P.

To the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.

WORTHY BROTHERS,-I consider myself much honoured, in addressing the assembled Brethren, for a first time, in my official capacity.

Very unexpectedly called, at the annual session in October 1854, to assume office as Grand Worthy Patriarch, and in succession to brethren of much zeal and ability, I entered on my duties with a deep sense of want of due preparation, and of other requisites, for performing them to my own satisfaction, and, as was so desirable for the prosperity of the Order.

The appointment of Deputies was attended to early in Octoher; -most of the Brothers whom I found in office were continued,-and no changes were made except at the particular instance of Brethren concerned.

I issued a circular to subordinate Divisions, in October,recommending the objects which the Grand Division wished to he more particularly attended to, -as, the travelling Agency, the establishment of the Newspaper, - and the promotion of the Prohibitory Law; I took the same opportunity of soliciting punctuality, concerning returns, -of which so many complaints had been made at meetings of the Grand Division.

The Agency Committee renewed the appointment of Brother Cooper as travelling Agent and Lecturer. His periods of engagement were arranged so as to terminate at the present time, and he was directed so to prosecute his mission, that he might

meet the Grand Division at the Windsor Session.

The same Committee, in conformity with power given at the annual Session, employed Brothers Herbert and Joyce, for brief periods, as Newspaper agents. Their engagements also have terminated.—The whole matter now devolves on the Grand Division. The Grand Scribe will furnish particulars of receipts and expenditures, concerning this subject.

The question of Agency and Lecturing is one of much conse-The field should not be without such a mode of preventing decline and causing improvement. The Grand Division will have to consult, in a spirit of liberal economy, respecting the man, or the men, and the means, of this department.

The Newspaper has been placed under new arrangements, of which, no doubt, the Committee who had the subject in charge, will duly report. First numbers of a new series of the paper, will, I hope, be in the hands of the Grand Division, before the close of this session.

The great measure of Prohibition of the Liquor traffic, has received attention since the annual meeting. Forms of Petition have been circulated,-the subject has been presented for the consideration of subordinate Divisions,-and the signing of petitions has been promoted to some extent, at least, by personal calls from house to house. I have reason to believe, however, that for the present year, as the former, only a portion of the names of persons willing to sign, will be obtained. A sense of duty dictates that I should urge the subject on the attention of the Grand Division, so that the Brethren may aid in the completing of the subscription, and in having the documents duly torwarded.

The Petition of the Grand Division, ordered at the annual session, was prepared and published. The Grand Division, at its present session may determine whether that form should be added to, or otherwise altered, and farther circulated and presented to the Legislature.

The Committee appointed to take some charge of the Bill, met, in December, with Brother, the Hon. J. W. Johnston, and consulted on the subject. They believe that they expressed the views of the Grand Division, and the friends of the cause generally, in advising that the Bill of last legislative session be introduced in its integrity, at the present session, and be urged; -but, if modifications be insisted on, that a modified bill be accepted. To demand all that is due, and if that cannot be obtained, to take part payment, they think wiser, in moral matters,—than not to demand to that extent, and so have to begin anew at sometfuture opportunity; -or, having demanded, to refuse anything less than the entire amount. Every small advance is of great consequence in morals; -and it might be improper to postpone such gains from any notions of policy respecting the future; but in all such cases ask the uttermost, and if need be, come up again and again until it be conceded. The rights, the real public and private interests of every man in the Province, would, we believe, be served by the Prohibitory Law; -its adoption is a duty of the state, -and if Temperance people be faithful to their obligations and their influences, it will be accomplished.

At a second meeting of the Committee, the Bill was read, approved of, and the former advice confirmed. I communicated that decision to brother Johnston, who intimated that a meeting of members of the House of Assembly, friendly to the Bill, and of the committee, would be arranged for the early part of this week.

Expectations, apparently well grounded, prevail, that the law will be adopted during the present legislative session. If so, brethren, great prudence and zeal, and the exercise of much public spirit, may be requisite for its support and successful establishment.

If suppositions exist, that the law will prove inoperative and will fail, let not such a deplorable experience be realized through any apathy or sloth of the Sons of Temperance. We labour,

disinterestedly, for a great good,—good to all mankind, and to many generations;—let us not be remiss respecting the faithful exertion requisite for securing the high honour of success in such a cause; of being the means of benefitting, ourselves, our children, our fellow countrymen, and the State.

I hereby thank the Deputies who have communicated with me, on the affairs of the Order. In some places it appears to have comparatively languished, or remained stationary; brethren, in your several localities exert yourselves for a better experi-Report causes of depression to the proper officers of the Order, with such suggestions for renewal and prosperity as may seem called for and advisable. The startling fact is announced, that Intemperance has rallied from some of the disgrace cast on it, -and some of the defeats inflicted, -and is extending its blight over the Province! but it also appears that our Order, the foe of intemperance, has increased in numbers; one new Division has been formed since the annual session, and our financial affairs are in good condition. Let us, with some of the christian heroic spirit, be aroused to renewed exertion by the activity of the dire enemy ;-let us resolve, with Divine aid, never to rest satisfied while any amount of the vice pollutes the Province,-or while one of our fellow countrymen suffers from its virulence.

We have to rejoice, brethren, that the principle of anti-liquor enactments, makes cheering progress in the United Kingdom. Able advocates of the cause appear there, and steady advance seems to be made, towards the national testimony against intemperance. Let us pray that the British Islands will cleanse themselves in this particular; and will set a much-called-for example to the nations, concerning the virtue after which our Order is named.

Several Divisional public Temperance meetings were recently held in Halifax and its vicinity. These were occasions of interest and usefulness. In this way the Divisions may perform some of the work of the Temperance Societies, which to a great extent, they have superceded.

More hopeful activity than usual is observable among the brethren in Halifax;—most of the Divisions have made considerable accessions within the term just closed,—and anticipations appear to prevail, that the year will be one of advance and general benefit. Let us try to sustain these exertions and hopes, and to realize more than is expected. He who labours with the

right motive, in the cause of righteousness, will not be without a much more than commensurate reward.

At the annual session, some recommendations concerning a Temperance convention were expressed, but in consequence of the gathering in Halifax at the Industrial Exhibition, and the early meeting of the legislature, the calling of a convention, prior to the meeting of the Grand Division, was not deemed advisable. Such conferences, however, are of much effect; and the subject is now recommended to the consideration of the Grand Division.

I have pleasure in bearing testimony to the vigilance and diligence of the Grand Scribe,—and refer confidently to that officer, for various particulars which the Grand Division may require.

In conclusion, brethren, I would congratulate you, that you are found in the path of duty and honour;—that you are, in this matter on the side of right, and reason, of true liberty, good morals, and religion. Live like brethren, be wise, be resolute, and, seeking Divine aid, go on to conquer. Your only recognized enemies are vice and folly. Recollect for yourselves brethren, and recommend constantly, by precept and example, the Charity, Purity and Fidelity, which form the motto of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. and F.

J. S. THOMPSON,

Jan. 7. 1855.

G. W. P.

On motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read his report.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brethren:

This Grand Division has never met in Quarterly Session, when more important matters were to engage its attention, and when more was expected, from its deliberations than at the present time; and on reflection we must feel convinced, that notwithstanding the efforts that have been put forth in previous years, a vast amount of labour remains to be performed. And we are now called upon to do battle with as much zeal and vigor for the noble cause of Temperance, as was displayed ten years since; nay, more, for being nearer the goal, it becomes us to put forth all our remaining strength, that we may win the day, and become complete masters of the field; and we have a

bright and noble example in the fatigue and sufferings endured by the Allied Forces before Sebastopol, and the indomitable courage displayed at Alma, Balaklava, and Inkermann, and as we sympathize with them in their suffering, and rejoice in their victories, let us emulate them and not cease our efforts until the Sebastopol of this Province has fallen before our victorious forces, and the Legislature has granted that which will enrich and bless our fine Province—the Prohibitory Law.

The Athenæum Paper, and "Agency" will engage our attention, and demand our most serious consideration, both being subjects fraught with interest, and bearing upon the prosperity of our Cause; and in the successful prosecution of them depends much of our onward progress. And surely when an opening is made for the permanently establishing a Paper that will be welcome to every family circle, we should not lose the opportunity, but by extending its subscription list place it, as far as pecuniary aid is concerned beyond the reach of failure, and I feel convinced that such is the feeling of every true Son of Temperance by the interest that has already been manifested in its favour. At the close of the Annual Session the Agency Committee re-engaged brother Cooper, who has visited every locality to the westward of Halifax, taking the Shore route until reaching this place, and from the testimony transmitted to me by the several D.G.W.P.'s, I have every reason to believe that his services have been highly appreciated, and that much good has resulted from his labours, and an increase to the Divisions in consequence; but as the brother is now with us, the brethren will have an opportunity of judging for themselves.

The Cause in many parts of the Province is evidently in the ascendancy, and in other parts where better things should be expected, apathy and indifference appears to exist, and trifling matters are allowed to interfere with the great interests of Temperance, and to mar the harmony and peace that should characterize our noble brotherhood. In several districts where unanimity and zeal once ruled predominant, now the Star of Temperance is but dimly visible, while the same warriors who have led the army in days of yore are still in their strength, and if they would but once more be brought under the same Banner, would sweep the demon, who, while they have slept and slumbered has crept into their midst, back into his proper haunts. These things are lamentable, but we must trust that the present crisis which demands the services of our best friends

will cause them to again unsheath the sword, and not return it to the scabbard until peace is restored; for after we have gained the Prohibitory Law, all our energies will be required to see that it is properly carried out, and that it does not fail for want of tried men doing their duty. And once the people generally begin to feel and appreciate its blessings, the work will be easily accomplished.

The many truly heart-rending examples of victims to the Rum traffic, which has occurred within the last few months, is quite sufficient to nerve ones arm to do battle in so holy a Cause, especially when some of those who were hurried into eternity by their own hands formerly belonged to our Order; but the tempter's snare being on their right hand and on their left, they fell and now fill a drunkard's grave. Is this not enough to arouse us into action until the source of so much evil as the Liquor Traffic, is no longer tolerated in our Province, and we have not to support the orphans and widows of those who are destroyed by this ruinous business. various parts of the Province are encouraging, and every where Accounts from the Petitions for the Prohibitory Law, will be very numerously and extensively signed; and surely the Legislature will listen to the voice of the people, so repeatedly expressed in favour of Prohibiting a Traffic so pregnant with evil.

The Returns from many of the Divisions shew a great increase to their numbers; and of the 78 Divisions supposed to be in working order, 67 have made returns to this office, of which the following is a synopsis:

Initiated during the Quarter	
Admitted by Card	223
" by Dimount	11
Dispensation	28 - 262
Suspended "" "	61
Expelled for non-payment of dues	77
Do. for Violation of Article 2	• •
Do. for immoral conduct	59
Deaths -	1 - 198
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Violated Pledge 1st time	50
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Violated Pledge 2nd time	
Signed over	18
Rejected	22
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Withdrawn by Card	25		
Do. from the Order -	10		
Temperance Meetings held -	73		
Tracts distributed	100		
Contributing Members	2855		
Cash received during the Quarter	£427	1.1	9
Paid for benefits by 29 Divisions	83	9	Ö
Expences exclusive of benefits 33 } Divisions	190	18	101
Cash on hand includ. investments	2430	15	อัง
Total Amount of per Capita Tax	35	13	92

This is more encouraging than for several quarters, and I trust that the Divisions now reported not working, will take new life, and endeavour to raise their banner again, that the next report may be still more encouraging.

Not working—Prince William 29, Prince of Wales 30, Elysium 77, Nelson 95, Oak 43, Port George 87, Friendship 106, Compeer 107, Union 39, North 99; and Grand Pre 47,

have surrendered their charters.

The following Divisions have sent in Returns for the Quarter ending 30th September, since my last report, viz.: Acadia 1, Central 2, Milton 4, Concord 5, Oriental 16, Hebron 19, Paradise 45, Harmony 67, Aurora 68, Young Men's 101, Salem 116.

No Returns has been received for the Quarter ending 30th December, from Westport 15, Hebron 19, Walton 23, Cumberland 35, Paradise 45, Rising Sun 52, Morning Star 59, Star in

the East 61, Iron Age 82, Wilmot 103, Salem 116.

It can hardly be accounted for, the dilatoriness in forwarding the returns to the G. Scribe's office. This Session of Grand Division being a full week later than usual, has given more than ample time to have had every return in, and it would afford me the highest gratification if such an event could happen as to be able to make a full report embracing all the Divisions under this jurisdiction—as it is, the work is never done, having to keep the books open until delinquents think proper to send in their returns. I have been appealing to the Divisions and D.G.W.P.'s ever since filling the office of G. S. but apparently with life success. If one Division is brought into active life again, the breath as surely leaves some other one, and thus it goes on from Quarter to Quarter.

A Charter has been granted for the instituting of Rechab Division, No. 119, to be located in South Rawdon, and there is a prospect of Petitions being received from other Quarters for Charters to open Divisions. The benefit arrising from our Order, is beginning to be felt and appreciated, and ere long there will hardly be a village in the Province where a Division Room will not be found.

The eyes of the Temperance World is upon us, and I sincerely trust that we will be enabled to so order our proceedings during this Quarterly Session as to originate and adopt such measures as will be calculated to enlarge our sphere of usefulness and promote the Cause of Temperance, and that at some future period we may be able to look back upon our Meeting together at this time, as productive of much good to our Province, caused by the blessing of providence resting upon our labours. WM. SCOTT, G. Scribe.

WINDSOR, 31st Jan. 1855.

On motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read the following Report:

The Athenœum Newspaper Committee report: That soon after the annual meeting of the Grand Division, having ascertained that the paper as edited by the Committee was not generally acceptable, they, in carrying out the instructions of the G. D., engaged brother J. S. Thompson, the G. W. P., to conduct the paper during the months of November and December. guaranteeing to him for his services, in behalf of the G. D., twenty pounds. Your Committee in the mean time received an offer from Mr. Willoughby, a practical printer of excellent moral character, and a worthy Son of Temperance, to assume the responsibility of publishing the paper in a new and improved form at the rate of ten shillings per year. Mr. Willloughby stipulates to engage an editor at his own expense, subject to the approval of the publishing Committee, and has already engaged the services of the present G. W. P. They have found it impracticable to make the first issue before about the first of February.

Your committee engaged, in behalf of the Grand Division, to loan Wr. Willoughby from the contemplated publishing fund the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, to be refunded in

tull by instalments without interest. And your committee relying on the integrity of the Grand Division have already made themselves personally liable for about £250. The money thus lent is to be expended in the purchase of a press and typer. fitting up the office, and for the needful outlay at the beginning of the enterprise. For security, Mr. Willoughby, besides being personally liable, has given collateral security on the property of the office.

Your Committee have, in conjunction with the agency committee, sent out a temporary agency East and West, to obtain subscribers to the fund, and to extend the circulation of the

new series. A report has not yet been received.

Your Committee, on the authority of the Grand Scribe, to whom much praise is due for his unwearied exertions, are happy to inform you that the receipts for the Athenaum during the superintendance of the Committee, will, when collected, be about equal to the expenditure, except the salary of the Editor.

Messrs. Bowes' bill fc. printing, being, £138 15 0 Mr. Sentall, for mailing, &c. 15 0 0 The G. W. P. for Editing, 20 0 0

A part of the above bills have already been paid, and a part will remain unpaid until balances due for the paper are gener-

ally paid in.

Your Committee urge the absolute necessity of immediate, systematic, and vigourous efforts to be used to make up the Athenæum fund, to collect the dues for the past year, and to extend the circulation of the paper.

Your Committee have embarked in the enterprise under your instructions;—they have made themselves personally liable for a large sum on your responsibility; and they have to request the G. D. not only to exonerate them from the liability but to do it promptly and effectually.

RICHARD McLEARN.

Chairman.

On motion referred to a Special Committee, viz.: Rev. Dr. Cramp, T. S. Harding, D. P. Allison.

The G. Scribe read the following Report:

The Agency Committee report, that after due consultation, they renewed the engagement with brother Cooper, as Agent and Lecturer, to the 31st of December, and from that time to

the meeting of the Grand Division, in January, 1855. Consideration of the agency subject, generally, now devolves on the Grand Division.

The committee also engaged brothers Herbert and Joyce, for brief travelling missions, as agents in behalf of the Newspaper fund and list. These services are also brought to a close, as far as the Committee are concerned. The Grand Division is respectfully referred to the Grand Scribe for particulars in these affairs.

L. P. F.

J. S. THOMPSON, Chairman of Com.

On motion referred to the Special Committee.

The report of the Standing Committee on Bye-Laws was read:

HALIFAX, Jan'y 11th, 1855.

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws have had submitted to them for examination, the Bye-Laws of Micmac Division, No. 8, Kellogg, No. 92, Parrsboro' No. 110, Flowing Fountain, No. 118, on which they would report as follows, viz.:—

Sect. 2, Art. 6, Bye-Laws of Micmac Division conflicts with the Constitution, inasmuch that it renders a member liable to suspension or expulsion in four weeks after receiving a notice from the F. S., without being tried by a Committee, as laid down in Art. 7 of the Constitution, and Article 2 of the Revised Rules.

Your Committee would recommend that the words "in accordance with Art. 7 of the Constitution, and Art. 2 of the Revised Rules," be added to the section, in order that it may agree with the Constitution.

The following alterations in the Bye-Laws of Parrsboro' Division are recommended, viz.:

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The words "Constitution and" in Sect. 2, of Art. 2, to be omitted, as a Subordinate Division has no authority to remit penalties impos-

ed by the Constitution.

The words "nor shall any brother on the first night of his membership take part in the proceedings," to be stricken from Sect. 1, of Article 4, as your Committee are of opinion that a brother is entitled to all the privileges of a member, the moment his name is enrolled on the Books of the Division.

Sect. 2, of Art. 4, conflicts with the Constitution, similarly with the Sect. and Art. of Micmac Division, referred to above; in order to render it more intelligible, your Committee would recommend the whole of the Section to be stricken out, and the following substituted, viz.:

"Every member, not absent at sea, or income distant place, whose dues and fines are unpaid for eleven months, shall be served

with notice by the F. S., if practicable; after notice if a further period of four weeks elapse without his accounts being settled, he becomes liable to suspension or expulsion, in accordance with Art. 7 of the Constitution, and Art. 2 of the Revised Rules."

On examination, your Committee find—with the exception of a few trifling errors, which they have corrected—that the Bye-Laws of Kellogg and Flowing Fountain Divisions do not conflict with the

Constitution.

It having been intimated to your Committee, by the G. S., that several Divisions have sent their Bye-Laws to the City for Publication, without forwarding them through the proper channel for examination, whereby the necessary alterations in the Constitution have not been attended to, we would recommend the Grand Division to give strict injunctions to Subordinate Divisions to forward their Bye-Laws, through the Grand Scribe, for examination, previous to their being printed.

Your Committee would also recommend the Grand Division to forward an application to the National Division, at its next Session, to make the following alterations in the Constitution and Revised

Rules of Subordinate Divisions, viz. :

To strike out the words "together with the names and occupation of those suspended, expelled, and rejected, with the dates "—from Sect. 3, of Article 4, as your Committee do not see the necessity of forwarding the names to the office of the G. S.,—unless that such names were communicated to every Subordinate Division in the Province, which we consider would be unnecessary labour imposed upon that officer.

To strike out the words "adding twelve and a half cents to each notice"—from Sect. 5 of Article 4, as your Committee are aware of difficulties in collecting the same—members often disputing the power of Divisions to exact such tax in addition to their regular

dues.

To strike out the words "nor for a less sum than one dollar"—from Sect. 1, of Art. 5, as Sect. 2 of the same Article provides that—"the amount of all initiation fees and weekly dues are to be regulated by each Division."

To strike out the whole of Sect. 1, of Art. 6, as we deem said Sect. unnecessary—in consequence of the provision made for fees and dues in Sect. 2, of Article 5; and that Sects. 2, 3, 4, and 5, be

numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

That Sect. 1 of Art. 2 of Revised Rules be stricken out, and that the words "after which his membership may be declared forfeited by a two-third vote—provided the provisions contained in Sect. 3 and 4 of Art. 7 of the Constitution have been complied with "—be added to Sect. 2; and that Sect. 2, 3 and 4 be respectively numbered 1, 2 and 3; and that the following be added as Sect. 4, viz.:

"If a member neglect to pay his dues for six months, he may be

suspended by a two third vote of the Division."

Your Committee have also examined the proposed addition to the Bye-Laws of the Grand Division-laid on the table by brother Monaghan, at the last Annual session-and as it does not conflict with any of the other Rules, we would recommend its adoption, as it will tend to prevent unnecessary delay, in all cases of appeal against the decisions of the G. D.

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

PAT. MONAGHAN. JNO. HEENAN. WM. L. BELL.

Adopted.

The G. Scribe submitted his own and the G. Treasurer's accounts, which, on motion were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

A. J. Ritchie, - - £3 6 3

James Bowes & Son, - £8 0 0

On motion, Resolved, that during this Quarterly Session of G. D. we regularly adjourn at 1 o'clock until halfpast 2 o'clock, and at half-past 5 o'clock until 7 o'clock.

The G.D. then adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G. D. was opened in due form, brother S. Caldwell in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present-G. Scribe, P.G.W.P.

Absent - G.W.P., G.W.A., G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain,

G. Conductor, G. Sentinel.

The vacancies were filled same as in previous Session. brother Martin acting Grand Sentinel.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open. Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz.: Daniel S. McDonald, Joseph Rickards, No. 20.

Brother J. B. Cooper, Agent and Lecturer of the G. D. entered and took his seat, and by invitation of the Chair gave an account of his labours in the Western part of the Province.

The addition to the Bye-Laws of this G. D. of which notice was given at the Annual Session, was taken up, discussed, amended, and passed as follows:

An appeal to the National Division against decisions of this Grand Division, shall not be in order, in cases of appeal from the action of Subordinate Divisions, unless a notice in writing of such appeal be given by the parties appealing, at the session when such decision we made.

Brother Rev. Dr. Cramp from the Special Committee read the following Report:

The special Committee, to whom the Report of the Agency and the Athenaum Committees were referred, have taken those documents into serious consideration.

They are of opinion that it is of great importance to the interests of the Grand Division, that an Agent should be in the field during the greater part of the year, lecturing, visiting Divisions, and otherwise promoting the progress of the Order; and they beg leave to recommend that brother Cooper's services be re-engaged, if possible, till the next Quarterly Session.

The Committee learn with much satisfaction, that a suitable arrangement has been made for the issue of the Atheneum Newspaper in a new and improved form; and they think that the brethren who have had that business under their charge, are justly entitled to the thanks of this Grand Division, for the

judgment and zeal they have displayed.

Convinced as they are that the Athenœum cannot be efficiently sustained unless the subscription list be raised to 2000, they trust that the Subordinate Divisions and the friends of Temperance generally, will employ strenuous efforts to secure that number of subscribers, and that there will be cheerful cooperation to that end with the agents who may be commissioned by the proprietor.

They trust also that the Deputies and other friends who have kindly interested themselves on behalf of the Athenæum, will continue their endeavours to collect the sums yet due on last year's subscription, in order that the Committee may be able to

close the accounts at an early period.

With regard to the sum to be advanced on loan to the proprietor of the Athenaum, the Committee recommend that the responsibility be immediately assumed by the Grand Division; and that in order to provide for the same a special appeal to

the Subordinate Divisions be prepared and circulated, in the Athenæum, and otherwise, as may be judged expedient, in the hope that by a generous response the Grand Division may be relieved from all burden and difficulty in this respect.

Finally, the Committee recommend that the Athenæum Committee be requested to continue their services till the

account is closed.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. and F.

J. M. CRAMP, T. S. HARDING.

D. P. ALLISON.

Adopted.

The G. D. adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The G. D. opened in due form, brother S. Caldwell in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present-G. Scribe.

Absent - G.W.P., G.W.A.. G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Conductor, G. Sentinel, P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled same as previous Session, brother Brown occupying the P.G.W.P.'s chair.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G. D. declared open. Minutes of Afternoon Session read and approved.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz : Mark Curry, Edward Curry, No. 12; J. R. Chisholm, Levi Curry, No. 20.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following Report:

The Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe, and the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have proceeded to the fulfilment of that duty, and have found the same correct. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH ALLISON, DANIEL MOSHER. G. B. SANFORD.

Windson, 31st Jan'y. 1855.

Adopted.

A general conversation ensued in reference to the Prohibitory Liquor Bill, which elicited the feelings of brethren in relation thereto, for the guidance of the Committee in charge of the Bill.

The G. D. adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10

o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, February 1st, 1855.

The G. D. opened in due form, brother S. Caldwell in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present-G. Scribe, G. Sentinel.

Absent — G.W.P., G.W.A., G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Conductor, P.G.W.P.

The vacancies were filled same as in previous Session. Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G. D. declared open.

Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

On Motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Division be given to the Divisions in Windsor, for the use of their room during this Quarterly Session.

On Motion, Resolved, that 300 copies of the Journal of this Session of Grand Division be printed.

On Motion, Resolved, that the expenses of the Officers in at this Session of Grand Division, be paid.

Brother eman Crowell offered the following resolution:

Whereas a few members of the Order in this Province have taken upon themselves to reprint the Initiation Ceremony of Subordinate Divisions, which I believe to be in opposition to the Rules of the Order.

Therefore, Resolved, that this Grand Division forbid the like in future, and request the G. S. to recall the copies already in

use.

Which on being put was negatived.

The following notice was then given in writing:

I hereby give notice that I shall appeal to the National Division of North America at the next Annual Session, against the vote of this G. D. on the question of reprinting the ceremonies of Subordinate Divisions. HEMAN CROWELL.

Brother D. P. Allison offered the following:

Resolved, that the thanks of this G.D. be given to the brothers comprising the "Newspaper Committee" for their exertions in bringing the Athenaum question to so satisfactory an issue.

Passed unanimously.

Brother J. A. Bell read the following report:

THE Committee appointed to report upon the state of the Order, in this Province, feel it to be a duty to call upon the brethren to renewed energy and activity in the noble Cause in which we are engaged, and in doing so, are warranted in using words of encouragement and hope. The necessity for active exertion is apparent in the fact that the Destroyer is still prosecuting, with searcely diminished vigour, his work of pauperism, crime, and death. The report of the Grand Scribe affords evidence that Intemperance, so far from being suppressed, is still ravaging our hearths and homes; in every grade of society, and in every part of the land, mocking our toil, and disputing, with obstinate tenacity, the possession of the field. We are neither surprised nor discouraged by this condition of affairs. Had the work, to which we have laid our hands, been light and unimportant, there would have been small necessity for the vast machinery which our Cause employs, but knowing, well, what is to be done, we are content to wait for the end, and to labour for it in patience. Happily, our labour, hitherto, has not been without its Though the bane be not exterminated, the antidote has not been inoperative. We are gratified in being able to announce the increase to the members of the Order, and an improvement in the state of public feeling with regard to its aims and objects. The financial affairs of the Order are in a healthy condition. These are pleasing results, and while we are thankful for them, we feel bound to urge the continuation of the means by which they have been effected.

The employment of an agent, as a travelling lecturer, the Committee consider to be of the highest importance. However strong the convictions of the public mind with regard to the

Temperance question, it is undeniable that we all require to be frequently admonished of our danger and our duty. The Committee therefore recommend that the services of a competent lecturer be secured, whenever it is practicable.

Of yet greater importance is the influence of the Press. Wisely directed, the Committee feel pursuaded that a good newspaper is the most effectual weapon for the abolition of that evil which it is our aim to destroy, and the most potent engine for the accomplishment of that good which it is our desire to produce. It is therefore with peculiar pleasure the Committee contemplate the arrangements which have been made for the enlargement and general improvement of the Official Organ of the Grand Division. Believing that the conduct of the Athenæum, will, in future, be such as to ensure it a cordial welcome, we trust it will be generously and heartily sustained by members of the Order throughout the Province. Without the assistance of the Press, the general community cannot be educated to the point we are striving to reach, namely, the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law. As the time approaches when this great point shall be again urged upon the attention of the Legislature, we naturally share the anxiety which pervades the members of the Order generally, in reference to the fate of the Petitions. From present indications it is not improbable that a Prohibitory Law will receive the sanction of our Provincial Parliament, even during its present session. Whether the Bill will pass in its integrity, as presented last year, or whether it will be so modified, as to be made less stringent in some of its main clauses, remains to be ascertained. The Committee approve of the suggestions upon this point, contained in the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch. If the requirements of the whole Bill cannot be obtained, we think it wise to take an instalment of good, believing that it will be so much gained, and that it will be better to gain a part with a prospect of retaining it, than to gain all, with any probability of an opposite result.

In either case, whether the Law pass this session or be deferred to a future period, the duty of members of the Order's clear and imperative. Acting under the conviction that a Prohibitory Liquor Law is required by the Province, and that it is warranted by reason and common sense, we have hitherto directed our energies to the accomplishment of that end; but it would be folly to forget that laws are useless unless they embody the wishes and the determinations of the great majority

of the community. The law can, to a great extent, and therefore the law should remove the temptation; but no legislative enactments can extinguish the sensual appetites of mankind. Legal prohibition cannot, consequently, and is not intended to supersede moral suasion. Even should a Prohibitory Law pass during this session, there will remain the same necessity on the part of every Division in Nova Scotia, and of every individual member of each Division, for the conscientious discharge of the

obligations pertaining to Sons of Temperance.

The present condition of Nova Scotia is eminently favorable for the prosecution of moral objects. While other parts of the world are suffering—some from the ravages of war—others smitten with pestilence—and others, not far distant, plunged in commercial embarassment, we enjoy, under the favor of Divine Providence, a happy exemption from all those evils. How unwise then to tolerate an evil worse than pestilence or war; an evil, which, fully developed, would make the blessings of peace and prosperity of no value; and one, moreover, which it is in our power to mitigate—if not to remove.

In conclusion, the Committee trust that the year upon which we have entered will be signalised by marked advance of those principles of Temperance and Benevolence, for the diffusion of

which, our Organization has been called into existence.

JOHN BELL, C. C. HAMILTON, M. D. JAMES MOSHER.

Adopted.

The G.D. then closed to meet at Truro, on Wednesday, 25th April, next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

WM. SCOTT, G. Scribe.

The Grand Division in account with W. A. S. Blewitt, G. T.								
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	10s. 6.; Garland, 5s. 6d.; Paradise, 3s. 9.; Acadia, 6s. 9d.; Central, 9s.; Milton, 5s. 9d.	ĭ	i	6
	Hebron 7s. 9., Young Men's, 13s; Wilberforce,	î	ō	9
•	c. 2d Manager allo tto Vinceton As	ì	ĭ	3
	6s. 3d.; Margaretville, 11s.; Kingston, 4s.;	ō		6
	Victoria Mines, 4s. 9.; Concord, 13s. 9d.;	U	13	U
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Dec 7.	Olive Branch Division, for Ritual, &c.		13	0
Nov. 7.	Aurora Division, No. 70, Agency fund,		10	0
	Collections at different places by Agent,		7	4 ½
	Star in the East Division,		0	0
	Archangel Division, -:	1	0	0
	Cape Breton "		10	0
Dec. 28.	Avon Division, No. 12,	10	0	0
Jany. 2.	Avondale Division, No. 13,	7	0	0
July. 2.	Flowing Fountain Division,	ī	0	0
	Canard Division, No. 50,	4	0	Ó
16.	Maine Law Division, No. 114,	ï	0	ō
10.	Collected by Agent at different places,	11	_	13
Jan. 12.	Dispensation Fee from Athenæum Division, -	ô	1	3
	Star Div. 1s. 3d. Flowing Fountain Div. 2s. 6d.	ö	3	9
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	Caledonia, over-remitted	ő	í	ŏ
	Morning Star, do	0	2	3
	Columbia do	Ø		
	A. W. Corbett,	-	5	Ö
31.	Poll Tax received as per return submitted -	33	1.1	G
	£	95	15	8¥
	C.	£	s.	d.
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Jany. 4.	By Cash paid G. Treasurer, on account Agency Fund,	15	11	0
29.	ui).	15		9
	do. on denem necourt,	34		10
	W. Grant, Stationery, per bin,	0	6	3
	" " Postages during the Quarter,	2	0	21
	" " Grand Scribe's Salary, 1 Quarter -	10	0	0
	£	92	13	81
	Balance due G. D.	£3	3	0
Windsor,	January 31, 1355.			
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REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

A. J. Ritchie, J. A. Bell, M. H. Goudge, John K. Martin, Joseph A. Foller, George Fuller, John Johnston, Mark Curry, Edward Curry, D. P. Allison, James Irons, J. P. Smith, Simon Black, Lawrence Leadley, George B. Sanford, T. S. Harding, P. S. Burnham,	No. 7.	Samuel Caldwell, Eleazer Ells, Daniel S. McDonald, Joseph Rickards, J. R. Chisholm, Levi Curry, Joseph Allison, J. L. Dewolf, Bamford Smith, Daniel Mosher, James Shand, James Burgess, Wtn. Scott, No. 26. James Mosher, No. 32 Benjamin Bradshaw, Joseph Marsters,	No. 20.
Elkanah T. Harvie, John A. Mosher, Joseph Irish, Charles D. Mumford, Wm. H. Knowles, Wm. A. Mosher, J. W. Allison, James Mosher, Nicholas Mosher, Nicholas Mosher, Allen Mosher,	} No. 13.	C. C. Hamilton, Richard Starr, Wm. M. Brown, No. 9 Heman Crowell, 101. Rev. Dr. Cramp, No. 1 J. B. Cooper, P. E. I.	19