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Quarterly Report of G. S. to G. Division for Quarter beginning 1st Oct. and ending 31st Decr., 1853.

Names of Divisions	No. of Division.	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Violated Pledge.	Reinstated.	Violated Pledge 2d time.	Contributing Members.	Cash received	Paid for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per Centage to G. Division.	Per Centage not received	Withdrawn.	Rejected.	Representatives to G.D.				
Acadia	1	Yarmouth								29	£2 16 3	£1 17 6	£60 0 0	0 9 0								
Central	36	Yarmouth								36	3 6 8		8 15 10½	0 9 0								
Milton	4	Yarmouth								22	2 9 8			0 5 6								
Concord	5	Barrington								22	7 16 9	9 15 0	16 8 11	0 10 9	0 15 3							
Union	6	Digby								53	9 10 1		63 0 0	2 3 3	0 2 6							
Chebuco	7	Halifax								63	40 8 4½		316 12 8	0 18 0								
Miacma	8	Halifax								173	16 0 0	2 5 0	78 14 6	0 18 0								
Mayflower	9	Halifax								72	19 4 6	0 15 0	20 11 9½	0 10 0								
Victoria	6	Halifax								40	11 2 7	9 12 6	15 0 20	0 14 0								
Avonia	6	Liverpool								56	11 2 6	8 10 0	109 9 6	1 0 6								
New Caledonia	2	Newport								82	8 9 10½	3 12 6	21 5 10½	0 11 9								
Westport	1	Granville								47	16 0 0	4 10 0	84 0 0	1 2 6								
Oriental	1	Westport								90	18 17 1	2 0 0	73 0 0	0 10 9								
New Glasgow	3	Pictou								43	61	2 10 0	65 16 11	0 8 3								
Hebron	19	New Glasgow								35	3 15 7	2 7 6	27 7 0	0 6 6								
Coldstream	3	Yarmouth								26	3 15 1	1 0 0	27 15 0	0 5 9								
Wolton	23	Windsor								47	2 10 0	7 10 0	13 10 0	0 2 6								
Columbia	24	Weymouth								23	1 6 0		75 8 5½	1 2 6								
Roseway	1	Shelburne								17				0 2 6								
Howard	1	Halifax								46				0 13 9								
Cape Breton	9	Halifax								90	19 1 3	6 8 8	12 6 5½	0 2 4								
Wilberforce	2	27 N. Sydney								21	2 5 1½			0 2 11								
Prince William	29	Nictau, Wilmot								12	1 10 9		20 9 0	0 3 0								
Prince of Wales	30	Sandy Cove								19	4 2 6		11 17 2	0 4 9								
Chester	32	Mill Village								26	4 2 6	3 15 0	60 0 9	0 6 6								
Mechanics	34	Dartmouth								59	3 6 0	3 0 0	20 11 1½	0 4 0								
Cumberland	1	Amherst								16	2 18 9	4 2 6	187 10 7½	0 4 0								
Pugwash	36	Pugwash								31	6 9 4	5 0 0	33 2 5	0 6 6								
Royal	4	Hillsborough								73	10 9 2½	2 1 6	19 16 10	0 13 9								
Morning Star	1	Cheverec												0 1 3								
Union	1	Newport												0 4 6								
Archange	41	Sydney Mines												0 2 6								
Treuro	5	Treuro								100	19 17 6	4 10 0	112 14 11	0 7 6								
Oak	43	Kentville								30	1 15 0		24 10 0	0 8 0								
Olive Branch	44	Bridgetown								32	4 11 1½		20 0 0	0 8 3								
Paradise	45	Wilnot								33	5 0 0			0 8 0								
Port Royal	46	Annapolis								47	10 0 8	1 10 0	15 4 4½	0 11 9								
Grand Pre	47	Lower Horton								125	14 3 4	4 4 4½	84 0 0	0 7 0								
Canard	49	Ragged Islands								23	2 5 7½	2 10 0	.5 3 7	0 6 0								
Siar	50	Cornwallis								24	5 8 8		.5 3 7	0 6 0								
Spring	51	Tuamagochoit								36	6 14 7½	5 10 0	27 14 7½	0 9 0								
Rising Sun	52	Musquodouit								14	2 6 3	1 10 0	19 17 10	0 3 6								
Queen's Own	54	Liverpool								62	10 10 8½	3 15 0	70 0 0	1 0 9								
Mainmast	57	Riv. John, Pictou								10	12 6		10 8 6	0 7 3								
North Star	58	Halifax								29	9 13 8	21 19 9	18 9 6	0 7 3								
Morning Star	4	St. Margaret's By								45	6 10 6	10 8 6	21 9 9	0 7 3								
Lunenburg	3	Lunenburg								48	8 13 3	36 12 1	36 12 1	0 11 6								
Star in the East	1	Sydney, C. B.								67	Harmony	69 18 10½	69 18 10½	0 12 0								
Hantsport	2	Hantsport								32	3 4 9	6 10 10	25 0 0	0 8 0								
Harmony	6	Harmony								34	5 9 2		25 0 0	0 8 0								
Aurora	1	Cornwallis								93	3 14 3		29 11 5½	0 8 6								
Aurora	1	Antigonish								62	6 16 0	4 17 6	5 15 2½	0 7 0								
Lake	1	Cornwallis								30	8 9 6½	2 0 0	56 19 0	0 15 6								
Agricola	12	Stewiacke								60	5 1 10½			0 7 6								
Wallace	7	Wallace								49	5 1 10½	2 7 6	29 4 0	0 12 3								
Albion Mines	79	Albion Mines								47	4 12 6		20 0 0	0 11 9								
Margaretville	80	Wilnot								35	1 15 4½		47 0 0	0 8 9								
Iron Age	1	Londonderry								20	3 10 10½	4 10 0	3 10 0	0 5 0								
Lalla Rookh	1	Do.								30	3 8 0		15 13 9	0 7 6								
Father Matthew	85	Shubenacadie								21	1 10 0		60 0 0	0 5 3								
Clements Arch	86	Clements Arch								95	13 3 8	6 7 6	95 0 0	0 5 3								
Port George	1	Wilnot								23	9 3 0		12 4 10½	0 6 3								
Wilnot	88	Stewiacke								31	9 17 6	2 19 0		0 7 9								
Bethlehem	89	N. W. A., Sydney								11				0 2 9								
Briannia	91	Windsor								47	7 4 4½	2 0 0	41 15 10	0 11 9								
Kellogg	92	Douglas								23	2 0 0		6 16 10½	0 6 0								
Chedabucto	93	Guyastonough								15	2 0 0		12 2 7½	0 3 9								
Nelson	95	Lawrencetown								23	4 0 2½	1 2 6	15 0 0	0 6 0								
Athenaum	2	Halifax								40	2 9 0	2 0 11	2 0 11	0 6 0								
Evening Star	6	Halifax								14	2 9 0		4 8 1½	0 2 2								
North	1	Lunenburg								29	3 9 0		1 14 2½	0 7 3								
Invincible	1	Wilnot Mount								40	2 2 10½		1 14 2½	0 10 0								
Young Men's	2	Aylesford								40	2 9 0			0 1 4								
Kingston	101	Yarmouth								14	2 9 0			0 7 3								
Wilnot	102	Aylesford								40	2 11 10½			0 10 0								
Garland	103	Canso								15	2 0 0			0 1 4								
Friendship	105	Cornwallis								23	4 0 2½			0 7 3								
Compeer	106	Nappan								23	4 0 2½			0 10 0								
Victoria Mines	107	Amherst								40	2 9 0			0 2 2								
Wellington	108	Nictaux Falls								14	2 9 0			0 1 4								
Parrsboro'	109	St. Mary's								29	3 9 0			0 7 3								
Railway	110	Furrsboro'								40	2 11 10½			0 10 0								
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THE GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,
Upper Stewiacke, Jan. 25, 1854.

The Grand Division opened in due form, the G.W.P.
Rev. Dr. Cramp, in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G.W.P., Rev. Dr. Cramp.
G. Scribe, William Scott.
G. Conductor, Daniel Mosher, Junr.
G. Sentinel, Patrick Monaghan.

Absent—G.W.A., Richard McLearn.
G. Treasurer, Nathan Tupper.
G. Chap., Rev. J. C. Cochran.
P.G.W.P., Rev. George Christie.

The vacancies were filled by appointing Brothers E.
Creelman, G.W.A., M. G. Black, Jr., G. Treasurer, D.
McCurdy, G. Chap., G. I. Creed. P.G.W.P. Prayer by
Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Division declared open.

Brothers W. L. Bell, J. Heenan, and C. C. Vaux.
were appointed a Standing Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported those of the following Bre-
thren correct:

W.P. W. S. Crowell, P.W.P. T. O. Geddes, James Cox, J. K. Wilson, Robert Hogg, Samuel McKeown, John Schrage, D. W. Homer, A. C. A. Doane, J. C. Crowell, P. McLarrin, Thos. Coffin, Senr. Thos. Coffin, Junr. James Coffin, W. W. Ashley,	} Concord Division, No. 5.	Rufus Crowell, Saml. B. Doane, S. Westwood, Hervey Doane,	} Concord, No. 5.
		W.P. Richard Baker, Chebucto, No. 7. W.P. John Kelly, Agricola, No. 72.	
		P.W.P. Rev. J. Cameron, Rodk. McKenzie, John Caldwell,	} Kelloggs 92.
		W.P. William Vickery, Parrsboro', No. 110. W.P. W. H. Troop, Wolfville, 112.	

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz.:—Rev. James Smith, Isaac Gammell, James A. Logan, Hugh Dunlop, John Kelly, Rev. Jno. Cameron, Roderick McKenzie, John Caldwell, Isaac McCurdy, Robert Braden, Richard Baker and John M. Teas.

P.G.W.P. James Johnson, of New Brunswick entered the room, and was requested to take the P.G.W.P.'s seat.

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

State of the Order—Rev. J. Cameron, G. J. Creed, and J. Gammell.

Communications—E. Creelman, D. McCurdy, Rev. J. Smith.

Auditing—C. C. Vaux, J. McCurdy, E. W. Tupper,

Standing Committee on Bye-Laws—W. L. Bell, Heenan and Monaghan.

The G. W. P. read his report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with other documents laid on the table by the G.W.P.

TO THE OFFICERS AND BRETHERN OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, NOVA SCOTIA.

Worthy Brethren,—When I entered on the duties of the office to which you were pleased to raise me, it was my first care to appoint Deputies in various parts of the Province. As it is obviously desirable to select brethren to whom the interests of the Order, in their respective Districts, may be safely and advantageously confided, I

was gratified to learn that the choice had been so judiciously exercised in former years as to preclude the necessity of any extensive changes. In some few instances brethren who wished to retire have been relieved from service, and in making new appointments regard has been had to the preferences of Subordinate Divisions, when legitimately and properly expressed.

In compliance with a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Division, an Address to Subordinate Divisions was prepared by the Committee appointed at that meeting, and published in the *Athenæum*.

Whether it may be considered as fairly traceable to the influence of that Address or not (which I am not called on to decide) it is certain that revived activity has been manifested during the last quarter, not only in the metropolis, where the Divisions set a praiseworthy example of zeal and liberality, but also in other parts of the Province. Numerous public meetings have been held, and lectures delivered, the effects of which cannot but be salutary. I am happy to inform you that two new Divisions have been opened, the Wolfville Division, No. 112, and the Exeter Division, No. 113, and that there is a prospect of the opening of several more before the next quarterly meeting. The energy of these new organizations, it may be expected and hoped, will go far to counteract the injurious tendencies of the slothful indifference which still prevails in some quarters.

For, whatever encouraging indications are now visible in different directions, it must be confessed that our efforts are by no means commensurate with the claims of the cause to which we have attached ourselves. The Grand Scribe's statistical returns will show you symptoms of languor in many districts, evinced by the stationary condition of some Divisions, and the small increase of others. While, therefore, we acknowledge with gratitude all favourable tokens, and congratulate each other on any signs of advancement which may appear, we must not suppose that it is a time to rest on our oars, or so to indulge in a sense of security as to relax in our endeavours. The great battle is yet to be fought, and no small amount of skill and labour will be required in mustering the forces and making the needful preparations. The conflict itself will demand the combination and concentration of Temperance tact and Temperance power throughout the length and breadth of the land.

One effect of the regulation recently made by the National Division in regard to the quarterly payments to Grand Divisions, is an unusual increase of expulsions from Subordinate Divisions for non-payment of dues. It may be supposed that the real strength of the Order is not much affected by these expulsions, since those who neglect to pay the moderate dues required of them cannot be considered as very hearty in the cause. On the other hand, however, it deserves consideration that expulsion is always a harsh measure, that it will commonly operate in an unfavourable manner on the minds of the expelled, and that such persons will be for the most

part lost to the Order. In many instances, probably the delinquents might have been reclaimed, if, in addition to forbearance in relation to the pecuniary demand, diligent endeavours had been employed to re-animate declining zeal, or to remove occasions of offence. The cases of those members who are necessarily absent from their homes on long voyages call for special leniency.

In connection with this subject there is another point which will require your attention. It is considered by some debateable, whether the words of the resolution passed by the National Division should be strictly or liberally construed; that is, whether the expression, "found on the Financial Scribe's books," should be understood as meaning, "found square on the books," or "found on the list of members." Difference of opinion having arisen on this question, certain documents and copies of correspondence will be laid before you, with a view to discussion and decision.

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting having succeeded in securing the valuable services of Brother J. Johnson, F.G.W.P. of the Province of New Brunswick, for a limited period, he has commenced his labours in the Eastern part of the Province, visiting Divisions, lecturing, and endeavouring in various ways to infuse new energy into the Order. It cannot be doubted that this arrangement will prove eminently advantageous. Brother Johnson comes to us highly recommended as an experienced and popular lecturer. The Divisions will receive him, it cannot be doubted, with their accustomed cordiality, and promote his object to the utmost of their power. Those Divisions which have not yet responded to the call for pecuniary aid will come forward cheerfully, it is hoped, and continue their share of the expenses necessarily attendant on such an agency.

The state of the *Athenæum* newspaper has occasioned much anxiety during the quarter. Having been informed by one of the Editors of that paper that the discontinuance of it was in contemplation, I lost no time in communicating with the Officers of the Grand Division, resident in Halifax, who, assisted by other brethren, acted as an advisory Committee, and took into consideration various plans which were recommended for adoption in case of need. The further action of the Committee was happily rendered unnecessary by the Proprietors determination to continue the *Athenæum* another year. The friends of the paper have rallied to the rescue, and such arrangements have been made as will secure, it is confidently hoped, the general support of the Temperance public. I trust that these expectations will be realised. Our efforts will be comparatively powerless without the help of the press; *with it*, "one may chase a thousand, and two may put ten thousand to flight."

The question of a prohibitory law is now *the* question of the day. The members of our Order in this Province have almost without exception given their adhesion to the affirmative side, and have afforded practical proof of their zeal by uniting in Petitions to the Legislature, praying for an enactment similar to the Maine Liquor Law. The promotion of this object demands our most anxious and

unremitting solicitude. Our triumph will be incomplete till it is gained, and when it is gained our most strenuous efforts will be required to preserve it.

I regret much that the Committee to whom the preparation of a draft of a bill was confided, have not yet brought their labours to a conclusion, so that the proposed measure cannot be submitted to you for examination or approval. There is no reason, however to doubt that, when perfected, it will be clear, comprehensive, and cogent, and that by God's blessing, it will be the means of accomplishing a great deliverance.

The proposed Temperance Convention, shortly to be held in Halifax, will present, I trust, such a demonstration of the force and extent of public opinion as will induce the Legislature of the Province to consider the subject in right earnest and to comply with the expressed wishes of the people by suppressing the traffic in intoxicating drinks in the manner sought for. It is unnecessary to solicit the co-operation of the Sons of Temperance in this movement; they will, doubtless, take a prominent share, both of its responsibilities and its labours.

Labour, I may remind you, Officers and Brethren, is our vocation. We must labour to enlighten the public mind, and to command its sympathies. We must labour to arouse slumberers and to quicken the pace of the loitering. We must labour with and for each other, lest any one's zeal die out or be misdirected. And when the long desired prohibitory law is passed we shall have to labour still, to prevent non-compliance and evasion, to detect hidden snares; and to bring offenders to the light of day. The wise man says: "In all labour there is profit;" in this labour, the profit is of the highest value—the temporal and moral improvement of society.

Having now adverted to the principal topics requiring notice in this report, I have only to observe, in conclusion, that in order to realise our desires, we must cultivate *confidence* in each other, and we must resolve to maintain *unbroken union*. Slight differences of opinion on modes of policy or matters of detail will unavoidably occur, but they ought not to occasion distrust or to lead to abatement of energy. The work we are engaged in is glorious, and our success is interwoven with the best interests of the community. If the enemy cannot hinder us from working, he will aim to neutralise the effects of our labours by sowing jealousies or fomenting division. Let us disappoint him. Let us crush dissension in the bud. And let us press onwards, under the influence of "the fixed determination" (to adopt the language of one of my correspondents) "to work until King Alcohol is subdued, and consigned to chains of darkness, there to continue to the end of time."

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. M. CRAMP,

Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Upper Stewiacke, Jan. 25th, 1854.

The Grand Scribe read his report.

UPPER STEWIAKKE, Jan'y 25th, 1851.

G. W. Patriarch and Brethren,—We are again assembled in quarterly session of G. D., and it becomes us to consider well, whether each succeeding one, finds us more alive to the responsibility which rests upon us as "Sons of Temperance." We belong to an Order which professedly has for its object the amelioration of the condition of man, and the suppression of the traffic in Alcohol—the cause of so much sin and misery in the world—and we cannot but admit the fact, that notwithstanding the many organizations for the promotion of Temperance and morality in our land, the evil exists to a large extent. The many snares set for the unwary, cause defections from our ranks, by the strenuous efforts of our opponents, ever on the watch to catch those who falter in their allegiance, prostrating them into deeper guilt and more fearful responsibility; for those who have been once enlightened and then fall away, will assuredly reap the fruit of their conduct; and he who has once pledged himself to abstain from all intoxicating drink, and voluntarily withdraws and indulges in their use, merits any evil that may befall him. Are not instances of this kind familiar to us all, and fearful has been the judgment experienced by many, who ran well for a year or two, then withdrew from the shield that protected them to return to the wine cup, and are now reaping the wages of their folly and sin. The cry from the various counties is, give us the "Maine Law," nothing but it can save us; moral suasion is not powerful enough to stem the tide of intemperance which is polluting the land; we must call in the aid of the Legislature to guard and protect our families from this evil traffic, which has desolated the homes of thousands of our countrymen. If the law has hitherto protected those engaged in the liquor traffic, surely when it has been proved so great an evil the same law should put it down. It is the duty of the Legislature to foster everything that tends to promote morality and virtue, and prevent everything of an opposite tendency. We must therefore continue to petition until our prayers are heard, and the Province rid of the monster evil by which it is now polluted. Our cause is a righteous one, and if we but persevere in our efforts we will assuredly succeed. The energy with which eminent men and christians in the mother country are espousing the cause, is quite convincing that ere many years, there will be no legal traffic to destroy the body and souls of men, wherever the English language is spoken. These sessions then should be of such a nature as to establish the fact, that we do not merely meet to transact the ordinary business of the Order, but that by word and action we convince those opposed to us, that we are determined to push our cause until our work is accomplished. May our deliberations at this time be an earnest of our future zeal and renewed exertion, in the glorious cause we have espoused.

I am unable to lay before this G. D. such a report as I could wish and earnestly desire to do, owing to the absence of returns from twelve of the Subordinate Divisions. I had thought that after having represented the matter in such strong terms in all my previous

reports, that I should not have cause of complaint in this respect again, but having waited until the eve of my leaving the city for this session, have now to regret my inability to do justice either to myself or to the Order, because some few Divisions are always determined to be late in forwarding their returns. The fault lays with some one, and if there was not ample time to have *all* the returns in to my office some days previous to each session of G. D., there might be some excuse, but as it is there is none, and some steps should be taken to ensure punctuality in future.

Much good has already resulted from the labors of Brother Johnson, who has been occupied since 1st December last, as Agent and Lecturer, for this G. D., having been engaged by the Committee appointed for that purpose. He has visited the various districts of three counties, viz.: Cumberland, Colchester and Pictou, from all of which places satisfactory assurances have been received of the benefit derived from his visits. The Committee were fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman every way so well qualified for the duties assigned him. Efforts should be made to sustain the Committee appointed at the Annual Session in reference to holding a Provincial Convention, as great and important results may be expected from so large a gathering of true and faithful Temperance men, filled with a zeal for the good of their fellow-beings.

Sixty-two Divisions only have sent in their returns in time for this report, from which it appears:

The initiations during the quarter were	- -	138
Admitted by dispensation	- - - -	12
Suspended for non-payment of dues	- - - -	117
Expelled for do.	- - - -	127
Expelled for violation of Art. 2	- - - -	49
Deaths	- - - -	7
Violated the Pledge	- - - -	57
Reinstated	- - - -	24
Violated Pledge 2nd time	- - - -	8
Signed over	- - - -	17
Rejected	- - - -	5
Withdrawn	- - - -	36
Contributing Members	- - - -	2504

It is evident from the above that we have not increased during the past quarter, yet those who were suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues, were in most cases mere nominal members, and the new mode of paying 3d. per head instead of per centage to the Grand Division, causes Subordinate Divisions to ascertain who are members; and hence we have a right to suppose that only the rotten branches are being lopped off, and that by the operation the Order will become more healthy.

Returns for the quarter ending 30th September have been received since last report from Wilberforce 28, Pugwash 36, Port George 87, and Mainmast Division 57.

The following Divisions have not sent in their returns for the quarter ending 31st December, 1853:—New Glasgow 18, Cape Breton 27, Cumberland 35, Archangel 40, Truro 41, Olive Branch 44, Canard 50, Lake 70, Margaretville 80, Bethlehem 89, Wilmot 103, Compeer 107.

The following Divisions are not working: Rock, Union 39, Grand Pré, Lalla Rookh, Port George, Britannia, Nelson, Friendship, Railway and Elysium.

Herald, Caledonia, and Smitten Rock Divisions have surrendered. Two new Divisions have been instituted since the annual session, Wolfville, No. 112, by the G.W.P. on 15th December, 1853, and Exeter, No. 113, by the Rev. John Cameron, D.G.W.P., on 3rd January, 1854, both giving promise of future usefulness in their respective localities. Petitions for two charters in other districts have also been received by this office, and the Divisions will be shortly instituted.

Prince of Wales and Prince William Divisions have resumed work again, the latter had not been in working order for one or two years, ever since taking office, my efforts have been directed to re-suscitating those Divisions not in working order, and it is pleasing to be able to report that in several instances by the assistance of the D.G.W.P.'s these efforts have been successful.

Having thus given all the information in my power, and the returns received will admit of, I must urge upon the Brethren the necessity of still greater efforts on behalf of our cause. We believe it to be a good one, it therefore requires at our hands a sacrifice of time and means, and if we would cherish the fond hope of permanent success, we can have no reason to suspect it otherwise than by great and strenuous efforts on the part of all true Temperance men. And when we reflect upon the many manly forms and giant intellects that have fallen before the tempter's charm, and are now mere idiots, carrying misery and degradation into the home of their families, causing strife, where peace reigned before, surely to us, who are well acquainted with hundreds of such cases, it becomes our bounden duty to use all the exertion in our power to destroy a traffic which produces so much evil around us. How few families but what have felt the blight upon them. Yet notwithstanding their hearts are often lacerated with the sight of a beloved father, son or brother, in a state worse than that of the brute creation, they still cling to moral suasion. Oh! when will this evil be seen in its true light, and the united voice of the people denounce it as inhuman. Let us then petition and urge upon the Legislature, whose duty it is, to enact such a law as will rid our land of the blighting curse which now infests it. We must persevere and seek the blessing of Providence upon our efforts, and in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

An order was sent for the new Ritual on 3rd December, but owing to delay in the printing, it has not yet come to hand, but may be shortly expected.

Submitted in L., P. and F.

WM. SCOTT, G. S.

N.B.—Several of the returns having come to hand, previous to the printing of the journals, they will be inserted in the table and the percentage accounted for in next quarterly account. In future no returns will appear in the journal, that are not into the office previous to the different sessions of G. D. W. S.

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

The Grand Scribe and Treasurer submitted their accounts, which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The G.W.P. having stated that he had obtained from the G.W.P. of New Brunswick, a copy of the new Ritual, none having come to hand to this G. D. from the N. D.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the new Ritual be tried during the afternoon session.

The Bye-Laws of Wolfville Division, No. 112, being sent in for approval of the G. D. were referred to the Standing Committee to examine and report upon them.

On motion of G. S., the Bye-Laws of this G. D. were referred to the same Committee for the purpose of revising and reporting at the next quarterly session.

A communication read by the G. S. from Brother Harrington, was referred to the proper Committee.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Con., G. Sen.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Treasurer, P.G.W.P.

Vacancies filled by Brothers Creelman, G. W. A., Black, G. Treasurer, Rev. J. Smith, G. Chap., Johnson, P.G.W.P.

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

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz. :—Alex. McCurdy, Francis Layton, Matthew J. McCurdy, James Frame.

Minutes of morning-session read and approved.

Brother Bell handed in the following report :

The Committee on Bye-Laws beg to report that they have examined the Bye-Laws of Wolfville Division, No. 112, submitted to them, and find that they do not conflict with the Constitution.

W. L. BELL,
P. MONAGHAN, } Committee.
J. HEENAN,

Adopted.

The ceremony of the new Ritual was gone through for the purpose of affording the Brethren an opportunity of becoming acquainted with its working.

Brother Cameron reported from the Committee on the State of the Order as follows :

The Committee on the State of the Order having carefully examined the reports of the G.W.P. and the G. S. with the several accompanying documents, beg leave in reporting thereon to remark that these reports contain so full and concise an account of the state of the Order as to render it unnecessary for them to make any lengthened comments, especially as they agree with the remarks made and concur in the recommendations suggested.

The only subject which seems to claim immediate attention, and upon which they anticipate a difference of opinion, is in reference to the quarterly payments by Subordinate Divisions to the Grand Division. They entirely concur in the opinion advanced by the G.W.P. on this subject, viz.: that those whose names remain on the F. Scribe's book as members of the Division whether they have paid their dues during the quarter or not, are bound to pay three pence each to the G. Division. In this opinion they find he is supported by the P.G.W.P. Rev. George Christie, and also by the G.W.P. of the Province of New Brunswick. They would remark that the difference between the amount formerly demanded and that now required seems to be so trifling, they sincerely trust that the Subordinate Divisions will upon further reflection see the necessity of complying with the alteration for the good of the cause.

The Committee regret to observe that as many as twelve of the Subordinate Divisions have not sent in their returns to the G. S. in time to be inserted in his quarterly report, which in consequence of this neglect does not give a correct state of the Order. This is to be lamented in as much as it is calculated to make a wrong impression of the real state of the Order throughout the Province.

In conclusion, the Committee hope that the G.S. will not have occasion to renew the complaint, as sufficient time is allowed to make out and forward returns.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

JNO. CAMERON,
GEORGE J. CREED, } Committee.
JOHN GAMMELL,

Upper Stewiacke, January 24th, 1854.

Adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the G.D. appear in regalia at the Public Meeting to be held this evening, and walk in procession to the Meeting House.

A petition from Railway Division, III, was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

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

MORNING SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL,
Jan. 26th, 1854. }

The G. D. opened in due form. The G.W.P. in the chair. Roll of officers called.

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe.

Absent—G.W.A., G. Treasurer, G. Chap., G. Con., G. Sentinel, P.G.W.P.

Vacancies filled by Brothers Bell, G.W.A., Black, G. Treasurer, Rev. J. Smith, G. Chap., C. Blanchard, G. Con., Baker, G. Sen., Johnson, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

The G. D. was declared open for business.

The Committee on Credentials reported the credential of W.P. Edward Archibald, Truro Division, No. 41, correct.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives: Isaac N. Archibald, Edward Archibald, J. B. McCulley, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Brother Vaux moved the following resolution, seconded by Brother Heenan, and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That on the reception of the new Ritual from the M. W. Scribe, the G. S. he directed to instruct the Deputies in the various localities, after fair trial to forward to him an expression of opinion respecting its working and probable success, so as this Division may be prepared to submit the same in substance to the National Division at its meeting in New Brunswick in June next.

Brother Creelman reported from the Committee on Communications:

UPPER STEWIACKE, 26th Jan'y., 1854.

The Committee on Communications having taken into consideration the letter from Brother Harrington, Cape Breton, beg to report as follows:—

That while we entertain unabated confidence in Brother Harrington, and appreciate the praiseworthy efforts he has made to fulfil his engagements to the Grand Division, and his earnest desire to secure a session of the Grand Division in Cape Breton in July next, according to former arrangements, yet, in consequence of the peculiar circumstances that have arisen to induce the members of the Order in Cape Breton as represented by Brother Harrington to release the Grand Division from meeting there during the present year, agree to recommend that the session of the Grand Division in Cape Breton be postponed for the present year, and that the session in April be held in Canard, Cornwallis, and in July in Annapolis.

The Committee further report, that having taken into consideration the Petition of Railway Division, No. 111, they are of opinion that the said Division, having refused to receive the Deputy appointed by the Grand Worthy Patriarch. have acted contumaciously, and that they can only be restored to working order by submitting to the Deputy, who will doubtless make such arrangements as will tend to secure harmony and efficiency in future.

Signed E. CREELMAN,
JAMES SMITH,
DAVID McCURDY. } Committee.

On motion the report was received, taken up and passed, clause by clause.

On motion.

Resolved, That the G. Scribe write to Railway Division, No. 111, that unless they submit to the D.G.W.P. during the present quarter, that their Charter will be revoked.

Brother Blanchard gave notice of Resolution relative to monthly dues of Subordinate Divisions which he would move at the afternoon Session.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

The Auditing Committee beg to report that they have carefully examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer and find them correct.

C. C. VAUX,
E. W. TUPPER,
J. K. McCURDY, } Committee.

Upper Stewiacke, Jan'y. 26, 1854.

Adopted.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

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

Absent—G.W.A., G. Treasurer, G. Chap., G. Con., P.G.W.P.

Vacancies filled by Brother D. McCurdy, G.W.A. Heenan, G. Treasurer, Rev. J. Smith. G. Chap, Blanchard, G. Conductor, G. J. Creed, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G. D. was declared open for business.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Brother Blanchard moved the following resolution, seconded by Brother Cameron.

Whereas, an opinion is prevalent in many Subordinate Divisions that the amount required as monthly dues operates as a barrier to the advancement and prosperity of the Order.

Therefore, Resolved, that an application be made to the National Division, so to alter the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions as to permit them to regulate their entire financial affairs—provided that in all cases such arrangement shall not affect the quarterly dues of the G.D., and provided also that benefit members shall be required to contribute annually a sum equivalent to the Weekly Benefits.

On motion of Grand Scribe, seconded by Brother Blanchard.

Resolved, That the thanks of this G. D. be given to Agricola Division for the use of their Room during this quarterly session of G.D. and to the Brethren and other Residents of Upper Stewiacke, for the unbounded hospitality and kindness which we have received from them.

On motion of Brother Blanchard.

Resolved, That 250 Copies of the Journal of this Session be printed.

Passed.

On motion.

Resolved, That all the members of the G. D. present and such others as may be in Halifax during the session of the Provincial Temperance Convention be constituted Delegates to represent the G. D. in that convention.

Passed.

The following question was submitted :

Grand Worthy Patriarch,

I beg leave to ask the following question: "Does a brother who violates Article 2nd Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, and is

immediately reinstated forfeit all the honors to which he has attained?" Your decision is respectfully requested.

ROBERT PUTNAM.

Grand Division Room, Jan'y. 26th, 1854.

The G.W.P. answered in the affirmative.

Brother Bowes account for printing £4 17s. 6d. was passed and ordered to be paid.

On motion.

Resolved, That the expenses of the officers in attending this Session of G.D. be paid.

Passed.

The Credentials of Brother Geddis having been received, he is to be considered as a representative of this G. D. to the N. D.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

The G. D. was then adjourned to meet at Canard, Cornwallis, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1854.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, in account with the Grand Treasurer.

To NATHAN TUPPER, G. T., Dr.

			£	s	d.
1853.					
Oct. 29.	To Cash paid	G. W. Patriarch, per Receipt	6	10	0
Dec. 10.	" "	E. G. Fuller "	0	14	4½
	" "	W. Grant "	0	11	4
21.	" "	Postages "	0	19	11
	" "	Messenger "	1	0	0
1854.					
Jan. 23.	" "	G. Scribe "	10	0	0
	" "	J. Bowes & Son "	9	5	0
	Balance to next quarter	"	2	1	8
			£31	2	3½

			Cr.	£	s	d.
1853.						
Oct. 27.	By Balance from late	Grand Treasurer	-	5	2	3½
Dec. 21.	By Cash from	G. Scribe	-	5	0	0
1854.						
Jan. 23.	Do.	Do.	-	2	0	0
				£31	2	3
	By Balance due	Grand Division	-	£2	1	8

NATHAN TUPPER, G. Treasurer.

Per M. G. BLACK, Jr., Acting.

The Agency Fund,

To NATHAN TUPPER, *Dr.*

		£	s.	d.
1854.				
Jan. 21.	Cash paid for Draft on St. John and prem.	-	20	3 0
23.	" " Agent, per Order	-	7	12 3½
	Balance to next quarter	-	67	17 4½
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			£95	17 8

		Cr.		
1853.				
Oct. 29.	By Balance from last quarter	-	16	0 0
Decr. 9.	By Cash from Roseway, 25	-	2	0 0
	Do. Wilmot, 88	-	1	0 0
	Do. Morning Star, 38	-	1	5 0
	Do. Oak, 43	-	3	0 0
	Do. Mayflower, 9	-	2	0 0
	Do. Chebucto, 7	-	10	0 0

1854.				
Jan. 23.	Do. Paradise, 45	-	2	0 0
	Do. Micmac, 8	-	3	0 0
	Do. Columbia, 24	-	2	0 0
	Do. Invincible, 100	-	1	10 0
	Do. Olive Branch, 44	-	2	0 0
	Do. Lake, 70	-	5	0 0
	Do. Albion Mines, 79	-	2	0 0
	Do. Royal, 37	-	1	0 0
	Do. Clements Arch, 86	-	1	0 0
	Do. Agricola, 72	-	1	0 0
	Do. New Glasgow, 18	-	4	0 0
	Do. Aurora, 68	-	1	0 0
	Do. Howard, 26	-	3	0 0
	Do. Prince of Wales, 80	-	1	0 0
	Do. Chedabucto, 93	-	4	0 0
	Do. Wellington, 109	-	1	5 0
	Do. Oriental, 16	-	6	0 0
	Do. Lunenburg, 60	-	1	0 0
	Do. Wilberforce, 28	-	1	0 0
	Do. Margaretville, 80	-	1	0 0
	Do. Kingston, 102	-	1	0 0
	Do. Victoria, 10	-	5	0 0
	Do. Queen's Own, 54	-	1	0 0
	Do. Stirling, 51	-	1	10 0
	Do. Mainmast, 57	-	1	0 0
	Do. Windsor T. A. Society	-	1	0 0
	Do. Collected by Agent	-	6	7 8
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			£95	17 8

By Balance to Cr. of Agency

£67 17 4½

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M. G. BLACK, Jr. Acting.
For NATHAN TUPPER, *G. Treasurer.*

