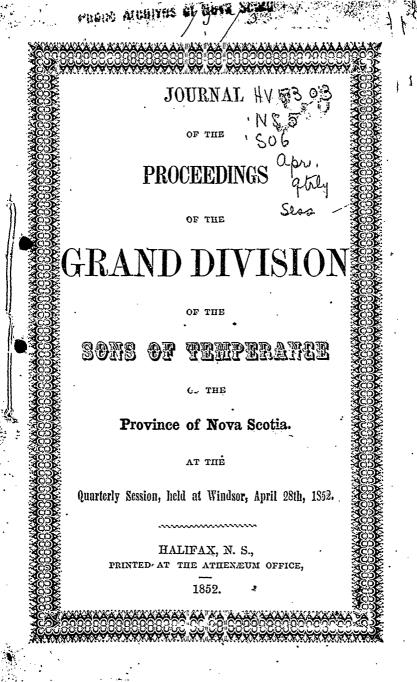
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SONS OF TEMPERANCE,

OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Quarterly Session of Grand Division.

WINDSOR, 28th April, 1852.

The Grand Division opened in due form.

Grand Worthy Patriarch in the Chair.

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

Absent-G. Treasurer, G. Conductor, G. Sent'l, G. Chap'n. G. W. P. appointed

Bro. 1	P. W. P.	Bell,	G. Treasurer,	pro tem.
"	** 22	Dewolfe,	G. Conductor,	"
"	κ.	Caldwell,	G. Chaplain,	"
"	"	Heenan,	G. Sentinel,	66 .

Prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The G. W. P. declared the G. Division open for the transac^{*} tion of business.

G. W. P. appointed the following Brethren a Committee on Credentials:

Brethren Mundell, Bowes and Jenkins.

Bro. Mundell, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following Report :

DIVISION ROOM, S. OF T., Windsor, April 28, 1852.

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

Avon Division, No. 12. P. W. P. T. S. Harding, " " Henry Mundell, G. B. Sandford, ٤. " 44 " John Burnham, " John A. Jenkins. " .. D. Prescott Allison, " 55 " R. P. Sharpham, 41. Simon Black, ٤٤, " 65. J. P. Smith. " " Michael Coburn, " W. P. Lawrence Laidlaw. " :: Hantsport Division, No. 62. P. W. P. Samuel West, 66. George Woolaver. Avondale Division, No. 13, P. W. P. Allan Mosher, " Nicholas Mosher, " Elkanah T. Harvie, " William Morrice. " " Samuel T. Mosher. " Morning Star Division, No. 59. P. W. P. Charles D. Burgess, W. P. Thomas A. Malcom.

All which is submitted,

Coldstream Division, No. 20.

- P. W. P. Andrew Woods,
 - " William O'Brien,
 - " Samuel Caldwell,
 - " William Metzler,
 - J. L. Dewolf,
 - Joseph Allison,
 - Joseph Rickards,
 - " A. B. Campbell,
 - " James Burgess,
 - Frederick Berford,
 - D. E. Geldert,
 - " James Shand,
 - " Daniel Mosher,
 - W. P. John Godfrey.
 - Union Division, No. G.
- P. W. P. Daniel Cochran.

Britannia Division, No. 91.

- P. W. P. William Curran, " Timothy Lynch,
 - " John Murray,
 - W. P. Bamford Smith.

HENRY MUNDELL, J. A. JENKINS, G. W. BOWES.

The G. Conductor having retired, announced the following Brethren in waiting, who were duly initiated:

George B. Sandford, D. Prescett Allison, R. P. Sharpham, Samuel T. Mosher, Nicholas Mosher, Elkanah Harvie, Allen Mosher, Wm. Metzler, James Burgess, John B. Godfrey, Frederick Berford, Bamford Smith, Thomas A. Malcom, Charles D. Burgess, Samuel West, George Woolaver.

G. W. P. appointed the following Committees :

Committee on Appeals.—Brethren D. Prescott Allison, J. P. Smith, George Bowes.

Committee on Bye-Laws.—Brethren Henry Mundell, Nich. Mosher, William Metzler.

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Auditing Committee.—Brethren Wm. Bell, Dan. Cochran, James Burgess.

Committee on Communications.—Brethren J. B. Sandford, J. A. Jenkins, S. West.

Committee on the State of the Order.-Brethren T. S. Harding, Nathan Tupper, W. Fenton.

The G. W. Patriarch read his Report, as follows :

WORTHY BROTHERS,-Being now assembled for the transaction of such business as the circumstances of the present time require us to attend to, there are some subjects for which I would solicit your attention; and have no doubt but that your decision upon them, deliberately given, will be that which sound wisdom would dictate, and be approved of by all who zealously seek to extend our principles, and who have a hearty desire for the welfare of the community generally. Our Order, Brethren, I am happy to say, is progressing as rapidly as can be reasonably expected, and all novelty and excitement attendant on its formation having passed away, we may believe its extension to be the result of reflection and firm decision in the minds of those who join us, and may rejoice in the prospect of permanency in our Institution, of which such deliberate accessions give almost sure evidence. And although our views and aims are such that we should pursue our work with ardour under all circumstances, yet men are ever more ready to increase their exertions, when they see positive indications of a prosperous result.

It is clearly perceptible, from the large attendance on the present occasion, that our members are not deficient in zeal and interest, and that the privilege of aiding our noble cause is prized as it should be by those who have been raised by the suffrages of their Brethren to the hon-urable position which you occupy.

It appears to me desirable, Brethren, that some rule should be adopted by which the Order in this Province would be governed with reference to appearing in public. It is easy to perceive that the perfect harmony so essential to our prosperity, is liable to interruption from causes wholly unconnected with the cause of Temperance; and those who are chosen to occupy positions of eminence in the Order, need to be projected from dangers, into which, with the best intentions, they may fall, and thereby cause injury to our excellent Institution.

I solicit, Brethren, also some expression from you relative to the ownership of buildings by members of our Order, in which the liquor traffic is carried on;—not that I have any doubts in my own mind as to the duty of Temperance men on this subject, but desire to have your opinion expressed, for the guidance of all subordinate Divisions, that their members may know what is required by the authorities under whose jurisdiction they are, in their every procedure which has relation to the edious traffic we are organized to oppose. The subject of Legislative enactment, Brethren, is one that demands our continued and most earnest attention. It appears to me evident, that a majority of the people of Nova Scotia are in favour of a prohibitory law;—and measures should be at once adopted to secure their signatures to petitions, to be submitted to the Provincial Legislature at the next session.

If it is possible, Brethren, to obtain means for the payment of Lecturers to visit all parts of Nova Scotia, there is no way in which money can be'expended to give as much advantage to our cause. The Journal devoted to the advocacy of our views appears destined to have a longer existence than any previous one in this Province, and it is to be hoped that those who have undertaken the pecuniary responsibility of this publication will be sustained by the Brotherhood, and receive also assistance with editorials and communications, to make their paper more and more useful and acceptable to the public. The appointment of one or more Lecturers would greatly contribute to strengthen the paper;—the people would be roused to a more active and zealous course,—and the labours and successes of the Lecturers being recorded, the paper would become more valuable and interesting.

Once more, Bretkren,—I perceive it to be necessary for the Divisions situate in Stewiacke and Maitland to be visited by some person delegated by you, that harmony and efficiency may not be wanting in those thriving localities, and that our cause may progress there as elsewhere. Our Order appears to be well adapted to accomplish the work intended by its founders, and I feel assured that all matters relating to it, will receive at your hands, both here and elsewhere, that measure of attention which will secure for it a continuance of its present harmonious and successful course.

I am, Brethren,

Yours, in Love, Parity and Fidelity,

W. M. Bnown, Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Windsor, 28th April, 1852.

On motion resolved that a Committee of five be appointed to take the subject matter of the G. W. P.'s Report into consideration, and report thereon to this session of the G. D.

Committee appointed-Brethren S. L. Morse, David P. Allison, N. Tupper, N. Mosher, J. L. Dewolf.

G. S. read appeals from Bro. Wylde of Chedabueto Division, and Brethren of Father Matthew Division—which were referred to Committee on Appeals.

G. S. submitted accounts of James Bowes & Son, E. G. Fuller, and A. & W. McKinlay, which were submitted to Auditing Committee. On motion to adjourn until 3 o'clock. Prayer by the G. Chaplain. G. D. closed in L., P. & F. E. G. W. GREENWOOD, *Grand Scribe*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WINDSOR, 28th April, 1852.

The G. D. opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Prayer by G. Chaplain. Roll of Officers called. Present-G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Treasurer. Absent-G. Conductor, G. Sentinel, G. Chaplain, Minutes of Morning Session read aud approved.

Committee on Credentials reported that they found the Credentials of the following Brethren correct:

James Mosher,	P. W. P.,	Chester	Division,
James P. Cunningham,	"	Oak	"
James Elder,		Hantsport	
(Signed)	Jour	RY MUND N A. JENK RGE W. H	ins,

The G. Conductor announced the following Brethren in waiting, who were duly initiated:

Brother	James Shand, Daniel E. Geldert,	Coldstream	Division.
**	James P. Cunningham,	Oal:	"
**	James Elder,	Hantsport	ţc
"	Timothy Lynch,	Britannic	12
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::	Michael Coburn,	Avon	ic

Bro. Bell, of Athenxum Division, No. 96, presented several Resolutions passed by that Division, and directed to be submitted by that Division to the G. D.:

ATHENÆUM DIVISION ROOM, Halifax, 27th April, 1852.

Whereas, during the session of the Provincial Legislature now just brought to a close, numerous petitions from almost every county in the Province were presented to the House of Assembly, as well as to the Legislative Council, signed by nearly thirty thousand persons of both sexes, praying for the entire abolition of the liquor traffic--and whereas a resolution appropriating the sum of £300 for the employment of Temperance Lecturers having been passed almost unanimously, and sent from the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council, was rejected by that body---and while this Division are of opinion that the several Divisions of Sons of Temperance, (having funds in their possession amounting to over £3000), should sustain their own dignified position, and cause their principles to be promulgated by the employment of agents and lecturers independent of any other body,--

Be it therefore Resolved, First—That this Division respectfully request the G. D. to appeal to the several subordinate Divisions, and request their aid in the employment of Temperance Lecturers, to travel throughout the country and advocate our principles.

Second—That this Division respectfully address the G. D., and urge upon that body the necessity of immediate preparation being made for again petitioning both branches of the Legislature, for the entire abolition of the liquor traffic, and passing a law similar to that of Maine—and that such effective measures be devised as shall procure the signatures of both men and women throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Third—That this Division desire to unite with the Grand Division and subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, in an expression of sympathy with the women of Nova Scotia who signed the petitions to the Legislature, and who were recently made the subject of an attack on the floors of the House of Assembly, by one of the members of that body.

Fourth—That the G. D. be requested to again respectfully solicit the co-operation of the women of Nova Scotia in petitioning for the entire removal of one of the greatest curses that a country was ever 'afflicted with,—viz.,—the liquor traffic.

Yours in L. P. & F.,

M. G. BLACK, JR., R. S.

W. L. BELL, P. W. P.

These Resolutions were submitted to Committee on Communications.

Bro. Hamilton, of Canard Division, submitted an appeal from ———— of that Division, which was read and referred to Committee on Appeals. Brother Heenan, of Chebucto Division, No. 7, submitted the following question :

"Can a member of the Order of Sons of Temperance, consistently with the principles of the Order, allow liquor to be carried in a vessel or vessels, owned by himself?"

The question was referred to the Committee on the G. W. P.'s report.

On motion,—

Resolved, That a public meeting be held to morrow evening at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

On motion,-

Resolved, That the consideration of a Procession be deferred until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon.

Committee on Public Meeting-Brothers Harding, Mundell, Daniel Mosher, J. Burgess, and Caldwell.

On motion of Bro. Heenan, seconded by Bro. Mosher,-*Resolved*, That the G. W. P. be directed to communicate with the National Division, and request that the Annual Meeting of the National Division for 1853 be held at Halifax.

Passed.

Bro. Bowes reported from the Committee of Appeals.

The report was read and laid over until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

On motion to adjourn,---

Prayer by G. C.

The G. D. closed in due form.

E. G. W. GREENWOOD, Grand Scribe.

MORNING SESSION.

WINDSOR, 29th April, 1852.

The Grand Division opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Prayer by G. Chaplain. Roll of Officers called. Present-G. W. P., G. W. A., G. S., G. C. Absent-G. Treas., G. Chap., G. Sent.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

G. Conductor announced Bro. Wood in waiting, who was duly initiated.

The Committee on Communications reported as follows :

With regard to the complaint respecting the appointment of a Dy. G. W. P.—We are of opinion, that inasmuch as it is the constitutional right of the G. W. P. for the time being to appoint his own Deputies, and all such appointments necessarily expire upon his vacating the Chair,—we are of opinion that the course pursued by the present G. W. P. in the case of the Prince of Wales Division should be sustained.

With respect to the communication from Athenaum Division, No. 96, the Committee recommend that the Resolutions therein contained be approved, and that such course be taken by this G. D. as will tend to carry the several suggestions therein contained into effect.

All which we respectfully submit.

J. B. SANFORD, J. A. JENKINS, J. WEST.	Consmittee.
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Report adopted.

Committee on Credentials reported favourably of Bro. N. T. Harris, of Hantsport Division, and Bro. Dickey, of Canard Division, who, on being announced, were duly initiated.

Bro. Hamilton submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Tupper,---

Whereas, The Provincial Legislature have failed to grant a sum of money asked by the Sons of Temperance for a Temperance Lecturer, to advance the cause—

Be it therefore resolved, That this Grand Division request the several subordinate Divisions to contribute either from their funds or otherwise, annually, a sum of money sufficient to procure the services of an efficient person to accomplish that object, such sums to be forwarded to the Grand Division at its annual session.

Passed.

G. S. presented his Account Current and Report—the former handed to Auditing Committee.

REPORT.

WORTHY BROTHERS-Since the last quarterly session there has been two applications for Charters to open two Divisions, viz., the Garland, at Cornwallis, and the Pomona at Wilmet.

The G. S. has great pleasure in reporting that during the quarter there has been initiated into the sixty-eight Divisions now reported from, 466 members, being upwards of 100 more than were initiated during on equarter, for the last three years. I beg leave to submit to the G. D. the following information, derived from the several deputies.

The D. G. W. P., at Yarmouth, reports the Division there in a healthy state, evidenced by the fact that there has not been a suspension or expulsion in the five Divisions under his jurisdiction during the quarter, while forty-eight have been added.

From Digby County the accounts are favourable, the Royal Division, at Hillsburgh, which for twelve months was nearly extinct has been quite revived, having had fourteen added, by initiation, during the last quarter.

In the County of Annapolis the cause is progressing, the accounts, of the Divisions recently formed there are encouraging. In the western part of King's County, new Divisions have been opened.

Brother Hunt writes—" The friends of Temperance, and our Order in particular, are not at all discouraged, as regards the final issue. Although accessions are not now as numerous as formerly, our principles are taking a firm hold upon the public mind, and those who once regarded the order with contempt, now deign to think it a very good cause. We deeply regret that the grant was withheld by the Council—but there is a day of retribution not far distant, and those who are in the Councils of our country and sneer at a cause so good, will find themselves forsaken by the bone and sinew of society.— Let the friends of the cause be firmly united, and before many years we will have the Maine Law.

In Hants' County I have every reason to believe that our cause is steadily progressing.

I exceedingly regret to state, that at Maitland, where Rock Division No. 63, numbered sixty-two members this time last year, that the cause has received a severe shock, so much so, that the orderhas become extinct, and although the Division have not yet surrendered their Charter, there has been no return since that period—nor is there reason to believe that the Division has since met. In the community the evils are very visible, many of the members, who were sea-faring men, on finding the state of affairs in the Division, have returned to habits of intemperance.

In the Capitol, where the greatest opposition and enmity to the-Order exists, sixty-seven members have been added, by initiation, in four of the Divisions,—and from the opinions expressed by Judge. Marshall and others who visited the Wards, we have every reason to believe that mine-tenths of the whole population are favourable to the entire abolition of the traffic in ardent spirits.

In the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Lunenburg, and Guysboro', there is nothing discouraging.

From Albion Mines, Bro. Mathewson writes—" Our Divisions in this quarter are gaining ground slowly, although we never had moreto contend against. We have at the Mines 7 unlicensed Rum Shops, driving a strong trade. From Ragged Islands, Shelburne, Bro. Locke writes—" Our Division steadily progresses and maintains its influence. In this place many that formerly gave us opposition, now go with us." From Caledonia, County of Queens, Bro. Barker writes—"The

From Caledonia, County of Queens, Bro. Barker writes—"The Divisions in this place are in good working order, and we are much encouraged."

Brother Blewett in his last communication says-

"The Divisions are regularly visited by me, and I have always found them to be in excellent working order, and to be in a prosperous condition. I believe them to be in a very healthy state, and are slowly adding to their numbers."

Of the Roseway Division which was broken up and surrendered Charter after the last general election — on the new Division being opened Bro. Gardner writes very encouragingly—he says— "Our Division is working well and increasing every night."

The G. S. has also the pleasing intelligence to communicate, that during the last quarter there has been but 4 deaths in the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. W. GREENWOOD, G. S. Report adopted.

Bro Harding from Committee on the

Bro. Harding, from Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following Report,—

REPORT.

The Committee on the State of the Order appointed to report on the same, beg leave to present,—

That they have held converse with several Brethren from different sections of the Province during the present session and the opinion they have been enabled to form is decidedly favourable as to the onward progress of our cherished institution.

We cannot but express our approval of the action which was taken during the late Session of Assembly, in petitioning that body in reference to the objects thereby sought, and although nothing definite was accomplished, yet we think that the way was now opened up for the working of a more efficient system of operation, and we would therefore recommend,—

That proper forms be forthwith prepared and placed in the hands of suitable Officers of all the Divisions throughout the Province, and that other discreet members of society whose views are decided and favourable to our cause, be also enlisted in the service, for the purpose of obtaining signatures to said Petitions, and as abundant time and opportunity will be available between the present and the next calling of the Legislature, it is urgently recommended that pains be taken by our several Agents in this good cause to convince every individual to whom application is made, of the propriety of the step we are taking in view of the future welfare and happiness of all mankind, irrespective of all selfishness for any object, we know that in some instances we have been charged by our opponents with unscrupulousness in our manner of obtaining signatures, and, however unjustly, we feel that we cannot be too careful in not laying ourselves open to charges of inconsistency of any kind.

We regret the failure experienced in obtaining Legislative aid for employing an efficient Lecturer, and we would still recommend that another application be presented on the next occasion which offers. We have a right to ask and expect such an appropriation of money from a fund to which so large a number of our own friends contribute and we are convinced that by perseverance in our appeals and with our growing strength and importance this honourable body must yield to the moral force of our importunity.

We would recommend that much attention be paid by the Brethren of our Order to uniform moderation in the expression of opinions which we may hold adverse to the i of others, truth we know to be mighty and will finally prevail, and when we pursue it in strict union with all our benevolent enterprises, we may rest assured that we shall have the blessing of the Almighty, when success must follow.

We are apprehensive that there is a want of consideration on the part of many subordinate Divisions with regard to the necessity of sending representatives to the G.D., and we would carnestly recommend that in future every Division should endeavour to be represented, if practicable. Distance and other circumstances may make it difficult in some cases; but such neglect where there is no serious bindrance is calculated to damp the spirit and wound the feelings of those who attend.

In L., P. & F.,

T. S. HARDING, NATHAN TUPPER, WILLIAM J. FENTON.

Report adopted.

On motion of Bro. Hamilton,---

Resolved, That the following Brethren be a Committee to prepare Petitions to the Legislature : ·

Brothers Brown, Greenwood, Bell, Thompson and Robson.

Brother Hamilton offered the following Resolution,-

Whereas, from a statement made by the G. W. P. to the Grand Division at the present Session, that there is a Balance due to the National Division of about $\pounds75$. And, whereas, there are no funds at the disposal of this Grand Division for the payment thereof—Be it therefore Resolved, that each member of this Grand Division attending the annual or quarterly Session be requested to contribute not less than 1s. 3d. each towards liquidating said debt, the said fund to be held by the G. Treasurer until paid over by the proper authority.

Which Resolution passed unanimously.

Brother Bowes, from the Committee on appeals, submitted Report—having been laid over on the preceding day—to be taken up to-day. On reading the Report,—

1st clause. Adopted.

On the reading of the 2nd clause,

On motion, Resolved, that the Committee be allowed to amend.

3rd clause. Adopted.

REPORT AS AMENDED.

First,—Relative to the Appeal made by Brother Isaac J. Wylde, of Chedabucto Division, of Guysborough. Your Committee are of opinion that the action of Chedabucto Division, in the premises, should be sustained. Bro. Wylde was not, by any law of which we are aware, compelled professionally to support the defence of any liquor dealer, when proceeded against by the public authorities for an infraction of the License Laws,—hence, Bro. Wylde had a "choice" as to the course he pursued. Bro. Wylde certainly was not endeavouring to "advance the interests, and preserve unsullied on his part the reputation of the Sons of Temperance." Your Committee respectfully call attention to the fact to be found in the Journals in the Sixth Session of the National Division, pages 37 and 38, that Brethren have been "reprimanded" by subordinate Divisions, as in the present case, and that it is perfectly justifiable in Brethren to prefer charges for other offences than the violation of Article 2nd of the Constitution, as has been done in this matter.

Second,—The Memorial of Bro. James D. Campbell and others with regard to the detention of papers, &c., of Father Matthew Division, of Lower Stewiacke, by members of that Division at Shubenacadie.

Third,-The case submitted by the R. S. of Canard Division

Your Committee are of opinion that the decision of the W.P. should be sustained.

C. PRESCOTT ALLISON, J. P. SMITH, G. W. BOWES.

On motion Resolved, that the report as amended be adopted.

G. Scribe read his account which was submitted to the auditing Committee.

The Committee appointed upon the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, report thereon as follows, viz.:

That the announcement of the steady and healthy state and progress of our Order, under the moral conviction of the value of its principles, unaided by the excitement attendant on novelty, is contemplated with the most substantial satisfaction, from the therough conviction that the conclusion to which the Grand Worthy Patriarch has arrived on this point, has been the result of a thorough examination of all the facts connected with the important question. Hence the pleasure with which your Committee hear and concur therein must be obvious to all whose hearts are really with the Order.

Upon the subjects to which attention is particularly solicited by the Report, your Committee beg leave to suggest—

That, first upon the adoption of a Rule by which the Order shall be governed with reference to appearing in public, your Committee are of opinion that in no case should the Sons of Temperance as a Body, with their badges and distinguishing characteristics, attend the funeral of an individual officer, functionary or personage, unless the deceased shall have been a member of the order, the wife of a member of the order, or a member of some society, having for its object the advancement of the Cause of Temperance. As to public Demonstrations, having for their object recreation or social intercouse between the friends of the Cause of Temperance, the propriety or necessity of any demonstrations having for their object respect to any living officer, functionary or personage, of high rank, or the celebration of any occurrence or event.

^{*}Your Committee suggest that the feelings of the members of the Order in matters of this kind, never fail to develope themselves visibly to the senses of the careful observer; which feeling ascertained from the only true basis upon which the propriety of demonstrations of the nature, under consideration can be decided, by the superior officers and leading minds connected with the Order.

Your Committee therefore refrain from any further recommendation qualifying the existing rules and recommendations of the Order respecting processions and funerals, to which they particularly call the attention of this Grand Division. As to the members of the order who are owners of buildings, renting them for the purpose of carrying on the Liquor Traffie, as intimated by the report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch. Also, the supplementary question suggested by a Brother Member of this Grand Division as to owners or part owners of ships, engaged in the carriage of liquors consistently with their principles, your Committee conceive that the impropriety and inconsistency of any member of the order, being directly or indirectly engaged in the Liquor Traffic, or knowingly facilitating the same except in the cases of Agents of the Law are questions to well and too firmly decided to be questioned, disturbed or mitigated, by this Grand Division. The strict adherence to the spirit and letter of these decisions, your Committee are constrained to recommend deeming the Rule in this particular had better be stringent than loose, leaving the discretionary application of it, or the forbearance to do so with Subordinate Divisions under whose cognizance they primarily come, and who are best able to exercise discretion as to flagrant or mitigated cases.

While your Committee regret the failure of the object of their Petitions to the Legislature touching the Liquor Traffic, as well as the grant for paying public Lecturers on Temperance, in the Upper Branch of the Provincial Legislature; and while they regret that the funds of the Order will not admit of their recommending any expenditure of any portion thereof for the latter object. They feel that this Grand Division would fail in the performance of its duty, if it did not tender or express to the supporters of their Petitions and the grant for the Lecturers their most grateful acknowledgements and their happiness in adding that while backed by such countenance and advocacy, they have the strongest stimulant to impel them to renewed action by the legitimate mode of Petition fortified with the hope of ultimate success.

Your Committee would add that they have every faith in believing that the Athenxum Newspaper, the Organ of the Order will be supported if not as it deserves, still to the utmost extent of the means and exertions of the Order, with whose interests it is identified; in behalf of which, in accordance with the suggestions of the Report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, further and more strenuous exertions are solicited from the members of the Order.

They would lastly add that the difficulties of Father Matthew Division, No. 85, situated at Stewiacke, has already been reported upon by the Committee on Appeals.

Your Committee supplementary to the Report of that Committee state that they concur in the recommendation of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, that some person be delegated by this Grand Division to visit Father Matthew Division, No. 85, to endeavour to reconcile the differences existing which if unable to do, he be instructed to report specifically to this Grand Division at its next quarterly Session the whole facts in order that action may be taken thereon which may better be done upon full information from both parties in difference.

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

S. L. MORSE, Chairman. D. P. Allison. NATHAN TUPPER. NICHOLAS MOSHER. JAS. L. DEWOLFE.

Adopted. On motion, Resolved-

That the G. W. P. and G. Scribe be a Committee to appoint a delegate to visit Father Matthew Division. Brother Brown submitted the following Report-

The Committee who were requested at the last quarterly Session to continue their exertions in endeavouring to obtain payment of the claim against the former G. S., beg leave to report, That they have no expectation of receiving any portion of the sum due by that individual.

Submitted in L. P. & F.,

WM. M. BROWN. W. ACKHURST. E. STERNS.

Report adopted.

On motion of Bro. Hamilton, seconded by Bro. Sterns.

Resolved, That the late Grand Scribe, Alexander Hichborn, be expelled from this Grand Division, for violation of its rules, and misappropriations of its funds during his term of office.

On motion,

Resolved, That 500 copies of minutes of this Session be printed and circulated.

Bro. Bell from the Auditing Committee handed in their Report-

The Auditing Committee beg leave respectfully to report that they have examined the accounts of the G. S. and G. T. and find them to be correct, and the Grand Scribes amount to agree with the returns from the Subordinate Divisions, so far as the per centage have been received. They find the balance in the Grand Treasurers hands to be £20 2s. 7d.

Submitted in L. P. & F.,

W. L. BELL. JAMES BURGESS. DANIEL COCHRAN.

They also report the following accounts correct :

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The Grand Treasurer announced receipt of donation of $\pounds 3$. towards liquidation of debt to National Division.

On motion, resolved that Bills reported by Auditing Committee be paid. Passed.

On motion, resolved that the expenses of the Grand Officers be paid. Passed.

On motion, resolved that thanks of the Grand Division be cheerfully tendered to Bro. Dewolfe, for his kindness in allowing the use of his room.

Moved by Bro. Sterns, That the Committee appointed by the last session of the Grand Division to report on the desirableness of having two Grand Divisions in the Province of Nova Scotia be discharged. Passed.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to report at the next annual meeting on the desirableness of having two Grand Divisions. For the motion 8; against it 13.

On motion of Bro. Burgess, seconded by Bro. Mosher,

Resolved that this Grand Division sympathise with those virtuous and praiseworthy Ladies who signed the Petition to the Legislature during its last session, in that there was a person found in the House of Assembly capable of applying to them course and ungentlemanly language. And this Grand Division hopes those ladies and others will not be deterred by this or by any other opposition or obloquy from repeating the same course of action.

On motion to adjourn.

Prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The Grand Division closed in due form to meet again at Amherst, on the 28th of July.

E. G. W. GREENWOOD, G. S.

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