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Quarterly Session, held at Cornwallis. 21th of April, 1850.

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

QUARTERLY SESSION OF GRAND DIVISION.

Cornwallis, April 24th, 1850.

Grand Division opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., John McMurray.

G. S., Alex. Hichborn.

G. Con., Benj. Zwicker.

G. Chap., Bro. Porter.

Absent-G. W. A., L. E. Van Buskirk.

G. T., John Campbell.

G. Sen., E. M. Cowling.

P. G. W. P., William Burrill.

The following brethren were appointed as officers, pro tem.

G. W. A., Bro. Richard Starr.

G. T., Bro. John W. Barss.

G. Sen., Bro. C. White.

P. G. W. P., Bro. James Starr.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Credentials:—Brothers John W. Barss, Richard Starr, T. H. Porter.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following

REPORT:

Having examined the credentials of the undermentioned brethren, we find them correct.

Division.

MINAS, No. 42.—Chas D. Randall, P.W.P., John Rounsefell, P.W.P. W. J. Fuller, W.P., Rev. J. Pryor, D.D., P.W.P., Jas. R. Fitch, M. D., P. W. P., Stephen Deblois, P. W. P.

Chebucto, No. 7.—Jos. W. Quinan, P. W. P., J. W. Barss, P.W.P. Canard, No. 50.—C. C. Hamilton, P. W. P., Ward Eaton, P. W. P. A. S. Hunt, P. W. P., C. W. Rathburn, P. W. P. Jonathan Borden, W. P. Oak, No. 43.—Jas. E. DeWolfe, P. W. P., W. H. Chipman, W. P., Wentworth Chipman, P. W. P., Benj. B. Cogswell.

P. W. P.

OLIVE BRANCH, No. 44 .- James Carlton, W. P.

LAKE, No. 71.—Rev. A. Stronach, P. W. P., Silas Bishop, P. W. P. W. C. Bill, P. W. P., James Cox, W. P.

COLDSTREAM, No. 20.-Joseph Allison, W. P.

GREENWOOD, No. 78 .- John Brown,

JOHN W. BARSS, Chairman.

G. Division Room, Cornwallis, 24th April, 1850.

The G. C. introduced the following brethren, who were duly initiated into this branch of the Order:-Rev. A. S. Hunt, John Rounsefell, C. C. Hamilton, Jonathan Borden, John Pryor, D. D., C. D. Randall, W. Chipman, James E. DeWolfe, Wm. H. Chipman, B. B. Cogswell, Ward Eaton, Silas Bishop, Joseph Allison, C. W. Rathburn, Jas. Carlton, Joseph W. Quinan, Stephen W. DeBlois.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

Committee on Bye-Laws:-Rev. A. S. Hunt, John Rounsefell, C. C. Hamilton.

Committee on Communications:-Rev. Dr. Prvor. J. W. Quinan, C. White.

Committee on Appeals: -William Burrill, Gilbert Willett, Richard Starr.

Auditing Committee :- John W. Barss, Joseph Allison, Silas Bishop.

On motion, voted, that the report adopted at the last quarterly session, with reference to Albert Division, be reconsidered; and that the matter, with subsequent communications be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Voted to adjourn. G. D. closed in due form.

Afternoon Session, 24th April.

G. D. opened in due form. Prayer by G. Chaplain. Minutes of morning session read, and approved.

Bro. L. E. Van Buskirk was added to the Committee

on Appeals.

The G. C. introduced the following brethren, who were duly initiated into this branch of the Order:-C. W. H. Harris, James Cox, William A. Tapper, Wm. C. Bill, Andrew Borden.

On motion, voted, that a committee of five be appointed to report some suggestions with reference to the

finances of the Order in this Province.

The following brethren were appointed:—Brothers Alex. Hichborn, William Burrill, C. W. H. Harris, A. S. Hunt, Nathan Tupper.

Committee on Communications made the following

REPORTS:

Your Committee to whom was referred the case from Aurora Division with reference to Mr. W. S. Symonds beg leave to report as follows. That in their opinion the exclusion of the said W. Symonds without giving him an opportunity to meet the charges made against him, was improper.

And that the subsequent action of the Division, with reference to the publication of his exclusion in the Yarmouth Gazette, was contrary to a principle of our organization, it being a settled rule that no publicity be given to any exclusion beyond the usual notice to neighbouring Divisions.

They would also report that in their opinion business transactions of Brethren should not be brought before subordinate Divisions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PRYOR, JOSEPH W. QUINAN, CHAS. WHITE.

In answer to que tions from Oriental Division the Committee report, that as they understand the first question, they know of no remedy.

In answer to the second question they beg leave to report. At the same time as a brother initiated into the Division i. e. after one year, unless the Bye-Laws of the Division state a shorter period.

In answer to the third question they beg leave to report. Their

can be no claim on the National or Grand Division.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PRYOR, JOSEPH W. QUINAN, CHAS. WHITE.

On motion, voted, to excuse Dr. Pryor from further acting on the Committee on Communications, and to

appoint Bro. Joseph Allison in his stead.

On motion, voted, to appoint a standing committee of three, on the Institution of new Divisions, to whom all petitions for charters must be referred, in accordance with Art. xiv. of the Bye-Laws of G. D.

The following brethren were appointed: -L. E. Van

Buskirk, Robert Noble and Joseph W. Quinan.

Committee on Bye-Laws reported as follows:—

The Committee on Bye-Laws beg to report They have examined the Bye-Laws and Rules of Order of the Olive Branch Division, and in their opinion find them correct.

Which they submit in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

A. S. HUNT,

C. C. HAMILTON, J. ROUNSEFELL.

On motion, voted, to adjourn for one hour.

G. D. closed in due form.

Evening Session, 24th.

G. D. opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

The Committee on Communications reported as follows:—

The Committee on Communications, to whom the difficulties existing with Oak Division, No. 43, were referred, beg to submit the fol-

lowing for the consideration of the Grand Division:-

Whereas the brethren of Oak Division, No. 43, Kentville, and some brethren of other Divisions in the County of Kings, seem dissatisfied, from an unfortunate misunderstanding at the early establishment of our Order in this Province, and Whereas, as Brother P. S. White, the

accredited agent of the National Division, while in this Province made statements which led to a misapprehension of the Constitution of our Order-and as our brother White could not be charged with any intention to misstate the relations existing between the different branches of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, we cannot but conclude that Brother White either left his statements obscurely made, presuming upon the presence of information that did not exist, or, in the eagerness of the moment or novelty of the occasion, the brethren entirely mistook the meaning he intended to convey. whereas the Grand Division feels desirous of rendering to every subordinate Division, and to every individual brother, any information and encouragement in the working of our noble cause, and desires to consider with brotherly affection and love, those grievances, to which any brothers may feel themselves subjected, and while we rejoice with those that rejoice, we would weep with those that weep. And whereas, as the Grand Division feels desirous of drawing more closely the ties that bind the brethren of Oak Division to our common interest, and good cause; and feels the utmost solicitude to relieve their minds from any grievance, that they may walk with us in Love, Purity and Fidelity: It is therefore Resolved, That this Grand Division most sincerely regrets the misunderstanding that has for some time existed in the Oak Division, and would now most affectionately invite such of its members as have felt themselves aggrieved, to wave entirely those considerations which have hitherto agitated them, and which cannot but impede our common cause, and for the sake of the all important interest of temperance, throw their affectionate zeal and united energy into one common interest.

It is further Resolved that the Grand Scribe be requested to seek through the proper channel, such explanations from Brother White as shall correct the misapprehension his statements have left, and communicate the same, when received, to the different subordinate

Divisions.

JOSEPH ALLISON, Chairman. JOSEPH W. QUINAN, CHAS. WHITE.

Committee Room, 24th April, 1850. Report adopted.

On motion, voted, to appoint Bro. Richard Starr, as marshal for the procession to-morrow.

On motion, voted, to adjourn till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

G. D. closed in due formi.

THURSDAY Morning, 25th April.

G. D. opened in due form. G. W. P. in the Chair. Prayer by G. Chaplain.

Roll of officers called. Absent G. W. A. Bro. Jos.

Allison appointed G. W. A. pro tem.

Minutes of evening session read and approved.

G. Con. introduced Bro. John Brown, who was duly initiated.

On motion, voted, to adopt the following resolutions,

moved by Bro. White:-

Resolved, That this Grand Division is of opinion that should a person be proposed for membership to a sub. Division and that person be rejected, it is competent and in order for any member to move a reconsideration of the vote at any time within three meetings exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken agreeable, to Art. 5, Sec. 5, of Constitution of sub. Division, even after the R. S. has given the usual notice of said rejection.

Resolved further, That no sub. Division has a right to refuse admittance to a member of another Division although said Division may have received a notice of the rejection of said person. Provided however said notice has been subsequently followed by one stating that the vote has been reconsidered and the person elected

and initiated.

The auditing Committee presented the following REPORT:

The undersigned Auditing Committee, respectfully report. That they have examined the following accounts against the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, and finding the same correct, recommend that they be paid:—

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Your Committee have also examined the accounts of	the	Gra	nd

Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and believe them to be correct.

JOHN W. BARSS, Chairman. JOSEPH ALLISON, SILAS BISHOP.

On motion, voted, to pay the expenses of the officers of the G. D., to and from this meeting.

Voted, to pay the G. S. fifteen pounds, on account, for services rendered to G. D.

The following resolution, moved by Bro. Nathan

Tupper, was passed.

Whereas, A resolution was passed by this Division at the session in July, 1849, authorising the G. W. P. to appoint a Deputy in each Sub. Division, therefore

Resolved, That said resolution be hereby repealed.

The following resolution, moved by Bro. Joseph W.

Quinan, was passed.

Resolved, That it is the request of this Division, that every D. G. W. P. name a Deputy in each Division, for the quarter, for the purpose of admitting visiting brethren who may not have the pass

word, and for granting dispensation for initiation.

The Committee appointed to suggest some modification in the Bye-Laws of Sub. Divisions, with reference to their financial affairs, beg leave to report the following resolutions, and recommend the adoption of the same to all Subordinate Divisions:—

1. Resolved, That no member of this Division shall receive more

than ten weeks benefits in one year.

2. Resolved, That in the event of a brother being sick in a distant place, he shall only be entitled to receive the same rate of benefits as he would at home, and in no case for more than ten weeks.

Resolved, That no member of this Division, who allows his dues to remain unpaid for the space of four months, shall be eligible for

benefits until six weeks after the same have been paid.

4. Resolved, That no member of this Division shall receive a benefit, until he has been sick one entire week.

Your Committee would farther suggest:—That the Grand Scribe be requested to communicate with the National Division, and make known to that D. the financial depression that exists, expecially in the rural districts of this Province. That in consequence of this depression, a large number of young men are excluded from our excellent organization, and the extension of our cause is unfortunately limited; and that the Temperance cause may take a wider range, the N. D. be requested to allow the Sub. Divisions of this Province to reduce the minimum of the monthly dues to 12½ cents, and the minimum of the initiation fees to \$1 and 50 cents.

ALEX. HICHBORN, A. S. HUNT, NATHAN TUPPER, WILLIAM BURRILL,

On motion, voted, to adopt the foregoing report, and that the resolutions be printed in the form of a circular, and sent to each Division in the Province, with the request that an answer be returned.

Committee on Appeals presented the following

REPORTS:

The Committee on appeals have duly considered the appeal of Brother J. A. Chipman, of Cumberland Division, No. 35, in reference to the action taken by the D. G. W. P., respecting fining the W. P. of said division, for an hour's absence with the B. B. Your committee are of opinion that the D. G. W. P. has power to enforce a due observation of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and exact a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order as clearly laid down, and that his decision was correct regarding the fine, as according to Art. 7, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, it required a two-third vote of the Division to sustain the fine, and in consequence the casting vote of the W. A. in the chair, to sustain the fine, was unconstitutional. But your Committee would be remiss in their duty did they not strongly recommend to D. G. W. P's to refrain from what may have a tendency to appear as arbitrary measures, or not in accordance with the spirit as well as the rules of the Order.

WILLIAM BURRILL, Chairman. GILBERT WILLETT, RICHARD STARR, L. E. VAN BUSKIRK.

The Committee on Appeals have duly considered the appeal of Brother Waterman, Recording Scribe of Mayflower Division, No. 9, Halifax, and beg leave to report that your Committee are of opinion that the D. G. W. P. could not have had the question properly laid before him, or he would not have decided that the Recording Scribe was wrong to refuse to sign orders for money to pay benefits, without the consent of the Division, as in our opinion it would be unconstitutional and not in accordance with the obligation of the R. S.

WILLIAM BURRILL, Chairman.
GILBERT WILLET,
RICHARD STARR,
L. E. VAN BUSKIRK.

The Committee on Appeals have duly considered the re-appeal of Brother Knowles of Albert Division, No. 11, Milton, Queen's County, and beg leave to report that your Committee are of opinion that the action taken on this subject at the last quarterly session held at Lunenburgh, should be sustained, notwithstanding the complaint of Albert Division, that they had no notice of such an appeal, and the fact that the Division has not thought proper even now to furnish any reasons, statements, or extracts, from their records why the brother was expelled or upon what grounds.

WILLIAM BURRILL, GILBERT WILLETT, RICHARD STARR, L. E. VAN BUSKIRK,

Committee on Bye-Laws reported as follows;—
The Committee on Bye-Laws beg leave to report, that they have examined the Bye-Laws of Queen's Own Division, No. 54, Liverpool, and find them constitutionally correct.

A. S. HUNT, C. C. HAMILTON, JOHN ROUNSEFELL.

Reports adopted.

G. W. P. appointed Bro. D. N. McQueen, Esq., D. G. W. P. for South Sydney.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:---Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Division be extended to the brethren and inhabitants of Canard, for their hospitality and kindness during this session.

On motion, voted, that four hundred copies of the iournals of this meeting be printed for distribution.

On motion, voted, to adjourn until July the 31st, to meet in Pictou, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ALEX. HICHBORN,

Grand Scribe.

N. B.—The Deputies are particularly requested to forward their quarterly reports, with the quarterly returns, to the G. S. at the commencement of each term.

All communications for the G. W. P. or G. S. to be directed to

the office of G. D., Hollis Street, Halifax.

Grand Diviser of the Sons of Temperance in Account with John Campbell, Grand Treasurer.

1850.		Dr.	
Jan'y 31.—To Cash paid Brother E. M. Cowling, -	£2	10	0
To Cash paid James Bowes & Son, -	2	15	0
To Cash paid Mrs. George Oxner, -	- 1	0	0
To Cash paid Bro. Heman Gardner, -	4	10	0
To Cash paid Bro. L. E. Van Buskirk,	- 3	G	0
To Cash paid Bro. Benj. Zwicker, -	1	11	5
To Cash raid Bro. E. M. Cowling, -	. 3	10	0
March 11To Cash paid Bro. L. E. Van Buskirk -	9	●:	0
April 24.—To Balance on hand this day, -	- 26	16	7
	£54	13	0
1850. Jan'y 29.—By Balance per account rendered, " 31.—By Cash from Bro. Hichborn, G. S	£ 2 6 25	Cn. 13 0	0
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April 24.—By Balance brought down,	£2	6 16	7

Cornwallis, 24th April, 1850.