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Quarterly Report of the G. Service to the Grand Division for Quarter ending 30th Sept. 1855.

No. of Division.	Names of Divisions.	Location.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Violated the Pledge.	Reinstated.	Violated Pledge 2d time.	Signed over.	Withdrawn.	Rejected.	Representatives to G.D.	Contributing Members.	Cash received.	Fruit for Benefits.	Cash on hand, including money invested.	Per Capita Tax received.
1	Acadia	Yarmouth												27	£1 15 9	4 10 0	£1 0 0	£0 6 9
2	Central	Yarmouth											13	21	3 17 9	21 0 0	2 2 11	0 5 3
4	Milton	Yarmouth																
5	Concord	Barrington																
6	Union	Digby																
7	Chelmaco	Halifax	6		2	3	4	4	1						33 10 101	4 10 0	322 12 4	2 4 6
8	Micmac	Halifax	16		3	1	5	4	2						35 10 10	21 0 0	110 0 0	1 14 0
9	Mayflower	Halifax	13		3	3	4	2	2						14 14 1		28 6 6	1 5 0
10	Victoria	Liverpool	1		16		10	1	1						18 96		66 6 93	1 4 0
12	Avon	Windsor	3		1										9 15 4	1 17 6	72 18 10	0 13 3
13	Avondale	Newport	1		6										17 55	2 10 0	22 13 0	0 15 0
14	New Caledonia	Granville													13 60	3 0 0	92 4 1	1 1 0
15	Westport	Westport													5 16 6	5 5 0		
16	Orantal	Pictou	1		3		2	1	1						3 13 4		41 13 0	0 8 9
18	New Glasgow	New Glasgow	4				1	1	1						5 19 43	8 10 0	68 6 61	0 12 0
19	Wentworth	Wentworth	4												3 12 11		8 17 0	0 9 6
24	Columbia	Wentworth																
25	Roseway	Sheburne			4													
26	Howard	Halifax	3												0 18 13		11 13 73	0 6 0
27	Cape Breton	N. Sydney			3		1	2	1						13 17 51	3 10 0	80 0 0	0 13 3
28	Wilberforce	Nictau, Wilnot													3 7 1		20 7 10	0 7 6
32	Chester	Chester	2												1 2 0		2 13 6	0 10 3
34	Mechanics	Dartmouth	2		1										6 0 8		77 16 73	0 13 9
36	Pugwash	Pugwash	9						3						4 13 6	3 7 6	64 17 73	0 7 3
37	Royal	Hillsborough	1		5										4 3 53		189 15 73	
38	Morning Star	Chiverock	2												5 7 10	2 10 0	27 10 1	0 14 3
40	Archangel	Sydney Mines	2												2 18 8	0 5 0	22 1 53	0 14 0
41	Tyro	Tyro	2												4 2 6	0 8 4	89 1 11	0 6 9
44	Olive Branch	Bridgetown	3		1		1	1							5 0 10	1 5 0	109 0 0	
45	Paradise	Wilnot													3 7 6		11 10 8	0 6 3
46	Port Royal	Annapolis			3										2 5 73	2 0 0	7 15 103	0 4 6
49	Siar	Reegan's Islands	1		1										10 2 8		7 11 2	0 8 9
50	Canard	Cornwallis	7				2								13 7 9	7 15 0	71 1 1	
52	Rising Sun	Cornwallis	1												2 6 8		9 9 2	0 7 9
54	Queen's Own	Musquodoboit	4		1		1	1	2						2 6 8		14 0 8	0 6 3
57	Mainmast	Liverpool	1												3 18 10		14 0 8	0 7 0
60	Lunenburg	Riv. John, Pictou			1										1 3 9		13 14 23	0 7 0
61	Siar in the East	Lunenburg	1		5		1	1	2						2 2 6	3 15 0	41 0 13	0 13 0
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63	Rock	Hantsport													2 12 6	4 0 0	32 10 6	0 7 6
67	Harmony	Matland																
68	Aurora	Harmony	1		9										4 8 9	3 10 0	33 6 83	
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71	Lake	Antigonish	2		2										2 8 9		46 16 11	
72	Agricola	Cornwallis	6				1	2	1						4 0 10 53		0 18 5	
75	Wallace	Stewiacke	12												3 19 6		43 0 43	0 11 0
79	Albion Mines	Wallace	6												10 4 6	3 15 0	2 3 7 73	0 8 6
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82	Iron Age	Wilnot	1		2										0 18 12		19 18 4	0 7 9
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92	Kellogg	North Sydney	1												3 6 0		105 0 0	0 19 6
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111	Railway	Parishboro'													6 14 51		2 0 0	0 5 3
112	Wolfville	Shubenacadie													1 3 13		7 8 0	0 5 3
113	Exeter	Wolfville	9		4										8 8 13	0 10 0	53 2 0	0 8 9
114	Maine Law	Shubenacadie	1												2 4 6		2 0 0	0 5 3
115	Phoenix	Upper Kewdon													2 16 5		7 8 0	0 5 3
116	Salern	LaHave															13 5 0	2 5 0
117	Southampton	U. Musquodoboit																
118	Flowing Fount ⁿ	Macan	2		1										1 16 101		5 0 113	0 6 9
119	Reechar	Durham Village	1												3 0 43		5 4 2	0 9 3
120	Diligent River	South Rawdon													1 17 13		2 2 81	0 5 3
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GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SPECIAL SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, HALIFAX, Oct. 27th, 1855.

THE Grand Division opened in due form, the G. W. P. J. S. Thompson, in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P., Grand Scribe, Grand Conductor.

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

The vacancies were filled as follows: Brothers Quinan, G.W.A.; Motton, Grand Treasurer; Wesley, Grand Chap.; Monaghan, Grand Sentinel; W. M. Brown, P.G.W.P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The requisition calling this Special Session was read.

The Grand Division declared open for business.

The Standing Committee on Credentials reported as follows:—

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

W. P. Thomas Crowell; P. W. P. Robert Brown, Heman Gardner, Nathan Moses, J. M. Treat, Edward Huestis, W. Waddleton, Abram Flint, Job H. Smith, L. Balcom, W. E. Huestis, J. C. Moulton, W. K. Dudman, Charles Pinkney and Samuel Brown—CENTRAL DIVISION, No. 2.

W.P. J. G. Allen; P.W.P. George Allen, Joseph Shaw, James Starr, Thomas Dane, Wm. Bancroft, Thomas Brady, Joseph Burrill, Wm. Burrill, Nelson Corning, John R. Richards, Isaac Chute, James B. Dane and Zech. Corning—MILTON, No. 4.

W.P. Chas. Legg; P.W.P. John W. Bars, J. W. Quinan, John Martin, Daniel Gallagher, Thomas Wesley, John Heenan, Edward Jost, A. J. Ritchie, E. Creelman, R. H. Wetmore, J. S. Thompson, P. Monaghan, John E. Starr, Daniel O'Brien, G. E. Knowlan, H. A. Taylor, Richard Baker, John Devlin, George Butler, Wm. Brown, John A. Bell, Alex. Robinson and Charles Underwood—CHUBBCTO, No. 7.

P.W.P. George Creed, B. W. Cochran, George W. Bowes, Samuel Gray, J. E. Cabot, Thomas Nixon, E. R. Jost, P. J. Beurce, Thomas Holder, John B. Flowers, Ronald McMillan, Thomas Conran, R. L. Pender, George Webb, John Reardon, Edw. Joyce, Charles W. Allen, R. M. Barratt, E. Butler, W. Lawson, T. Wellington, John Uhlman, John L. Whytal, Thos. Granville, James Drake and Stephen Selden—MICMAC, No. 8.

W.P. Wm. Waters; P.W.P. E. A. Crawley, D.D., Thomas Angus, James Jackson, John Lannigan, Wm. Murray, John Marvin, F. F. Bacon, Richard Dyer, Alex. Robertson, William Fenton, Andrew Mitchell, John Combe, John Willoughby, John Barron and George Longill—MAYFLOWER, No. 9.

W. P. John Dakin; P. W. P. Joseph Burnaby, W. A. S. Blewitt, George S. Parker, Charles Bill, N. Payzant, J. R. B. Bull, Wm. Adams, James E. Mulhall, Alex. G. West, Nathan D. West, Andrew Gold, Henry Whitman, Moses Crossland, James DeWolf, S. N. Bentley, John Alexander and George W. Bolhner—VICTORIA, No. 10.

W. P. John K. Martin; P. W. P. T. S. Harding, P. T. Burnham, Simon Black, Law. Laidlaw, Edward Curry, Mark Curry, Edward Davidson, Joseph Fuller, John Johnson, G. B. Sandford, John Willis, D. P. Allison, J. P. Smith, James Irons, George Fuller and M. H. Goudge—AVON, No. 12.

W.P. John J. Dimock; P.W.P. E. T. Harvie, N. Mosher, Seur., N. Mosher, Jr., N. Mosher, Jr., Allen Mosher, James Mosher, Wm. Mounce, Charles D. Mumford, W. A. Mosher

John A. Mosher, J. W. Allison, Junr., George C. Harvie, Joseph Irish and Hugh Chambers—AVONDALE, No. 13.

P.W.P. John Carter, Israel Young, William Young, Israel L. Troop, J. D. Halfyard, Robert Delap, Shedrick Parker, Stephen Parker, James Reed, Job Wadz, Samuel Pickup, Walter W. Mills, Robert Mills, W. Armstrong, S. McCormack, Isaiah Delap, Daniel James, John Dellimer, Stephen B. Troop, W. M. Wetherspoon, James Van Blacour, Joseph Shaw, Jer. Guillatt, William Webb, William Guillatt and Geo. Neville—NEW CALEDONIA, No. 14.

P.W.P. John Baillie, Colin McKenzie, J. D. B. Fraser, Richard Tanner, William H. Hall, J. P. McLennan, Hugh McKinnon, Alex. McArthur, James Allen, Wm. Brownrigg, and Adam McKeen—ORIENTAL, No. 16.

P.W.P. Thomas Graham, Wm. Lippencott, George McKay, Kenneth Forbes, Donald Ross, Duncan McLean, James Forbes and John Milne—NEW GLASGOW, No. 18.

W.P. A. G. Perry; P.W.P. William Doty, R. J. Sanders, J. Telford, Leonard Tiley, W. Harris, J. H. Sanders, N. Patten, S. Patten, H. Sanders, J. Rogers and R. F. Crosby—HEBRON, No. 19.

P.W.P. G. H. Deinstadt, Joshua Snow, A. McNaughton, Wm. Hogg, R. McIntosh, George Snyder, Isaac Crowell, John Pierce and William Firth—ROSEWAY, No. 25.

W.P. Richard Abbott; P.W.P. Jas. Tracey, J. McDonald, Richard Currie, R. Motton, Junr., J. A. Johnston, F. W. Rees, C. C. Vaux, W. H. Neal, G. G. Gray, William Scott, Robert Boake, John Metzler, James Spike, J. W. Johnston, Senr. and Samuel Tupper—HOWARD, No. 26.

P.W.P. A. J. Babbington, Thomas S. Bown, John A. Moore, James Lawlic, Donald Johnston, Alex. Logan, Alex. Musgrave, William W. Bown, Hugh Ross, William Pippitt, Jr., Peter Moffatt, John McLean, John D. Maloney and Geo. S. Brown—CAPE BRETON, No. 27.

W.P. James Robertson; P.W.P. Walter Milton, Beniah

Morse, M. McGrigor, J. Woodberry, J. Dodge, Obed. Taylor, S. E. Wheelock, Parker Dodge, Alfred Dodge, W. A. Fowler, David Landers, Busby Gates, William Gates, John Wheelock, Chas. Chesley and Chas. Armstrong—WILBERFORCE, No. 28.

P.W.P. Henry B. Mitchell, E. W. Shoreland, James Morgan, James Bond, William Reeves, Daniel Dimock, Robert Smith, John C. Cowan, John Stewart, Joseph Bezanson, Wm. Evans and Isaac Hume—CHESTER, No. 32.

P.W.P. James W. Turner, Nathan Russell, Edward Foster, Jonathan Elliott, Martin Pheeney, Thomas Elliott, Alex. James, Charles Robson, Wm. Foster, P. J. Khun, Richard McLearn and Henry Brown—MECHANICS', No. 34.

P.W.P. H. G. Bennett, W. H. Rogers, David J. Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Angus Campbell, James Hitchins, James Elliot and William Gould—PUGWASH, No. 36.

P.W.P. Wm. Nichol, Richard Clarke, W. F. Marshall, Wm. Dunn, Charles Peters, J. D. Nichol, Edward Copeland, Alpheus Marshall, Wm. Handley, Robert Rice, Wm. S. Purdy, Nelson Miller, A. H. Harris, Edward Clarke, F. McDormad, and John Welsh—ROYAL, No. 37.

W.P. Donald McCallum ; P.W.P. John Burgess, Sr., John G. Burgess, Jas A. Smith, Jno. Caldwell, Thos. A. Malcolm, Thos. Malcolm, Senr., Isaiah Malcom, Jeremiah Macumber and Charles P. Burgess—MORNING STAR, No. 38.

P.W.P. A. L. Archibald, James F. Blanchard, J. K. Blair, Isaac N. Archibald, James Kent, J. B. Waddell, John McLure, J. M. C. Archibald, Wm. McCully, D. W. C. Dimock, George Reading, J. B. McCully, Chas. Blanchard, S. G. W. Archibald, Richard Craig, Chas. H. Blair, Andrew Moore, R. S. McCurdy, Charles B. Archibald, C. D. Upham, A. Millar—TRURO, No. 41.

W.P. W. H. Mounce ; P.W.P. A. W. Corbitt, T. Burton, W. H. Roach, James Corbitt, A. Davidson, George Purdy, S. LeCain, G. LeCain, W. B. Perkins, Welcome Wheelock, Chas. James, Jacob Smith and Richard Harvie—PORT ROYAL, No. 46.

P.W.P. James McDonald, John Locke, S. T. Eldridge, Joshua Chadsey, H. Q. Chipman, Martin Ringer, D. Eisenhauer, Jacob Locke, James Lloyd and Enos C. Locke—STAR, No. 49.

W.P. Stephen Sheffield; P.W.P. Richard Starr, J. Lingley, Daniel Cogswell, A. G. Marsters, Wm. Gilleatt, David Diekey, Henry Gesner, James Hardwicke, Joshua Ells, C. C. Hamilton, D. S. Thomas, Leander Eaton, John Thomas, Charles Diekey, J. B. Rockwell, G. E. Barnaby, George McDonald, Leander Rand, Levi C. Woodworth, William A. Tupper and C. W. Rathburn—CANARD, 50.

W.P. A. J. McCurdy; P.W.P. Alex. McCurdy, William McCurdy, Peter R. Clarke, Jon. Layton, M. J. McCurdy, Isaac McCurdy, Francis Layton, William Layton, Sand. Braden and Robert Braden—RISING SUN, No. 52.

W.P. James Skerry; P.W.P. John Campbell, James Barss, W. S. Jacobs, Thomas R. Patillo, Wm. Jackson, John W. Cobb, Wm. McGill and Wm. Bryden—QUEEN'S OWN, No. 54.

W.P. E. McLeod; P.W.P. John Gauld, John McQuary, and S. Burns—MAINMAST, No. 57.

W. P. George Anchison; P. W. P. Wm. Dauphney, Henry King, Robert Lindsay, John Burns, Wm. Ross, Samuel Selig, John Muggah and Francis Morash—LENNENBURG, No. 60.

P.W.P. D. N. McQueen, J. P. Ward, Wm. Turnbull, C. H. Harrington, P. S. Clarke, J. A. Kearney and George Bradley—STAR IN THE EAST, No. 61.

W.P. N. T. Harris; P.W.P. C. Churchill, J. Elder, B. Frost, D. Faulkner, S. West, Wm. Davison, E. Davison, N. Beckwith, G. Woolaver, E. Fuller, J. Fellit and W. Holmes—HANTSPOET, No. 62.

P.W.P. Wm. Shaw, John Boles, Geo W. Fisher, Holmes C. Marsters, Jas Beckwith, Abel Parker, Isaac Shaw, Benj. Eaton, Edward C. Foster, George Dimock, Theodore H. Parker and D. Chipman—AURORA No. 68.

W.P. Malcom Currie; P.W.P. Simon Fraser, Wm. Currie, E. H. Harrington, David Stuart, James Bradshaw and John McIlamish—AURORA, No. 70.

W.P. L. J. Walker ; P.W.P. Alex. Still, P. J. Archibald, W. Creelman, Robert Creelman, Robert Gammell, John M. Curdy, John Gammell, Hugh Dunlap, George Fulton, James S. Tupper and James Logan—*AGRICOLA*, No. 72.

P.W.P. Jon. Wier, Hector McKenzie, D. McKay, John Kerr, Neil McKay, Hector Fraser and W. M. Thurson—*ALBION MINES*, No. 79.

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W.P. Jas. J. Brenton ; P.W.P. J. McLochlan, Jas. Frame, John M. Teas, John Fulton, J. D. Putnam, S. F. Creelman, James Creelman, Robert Putnam and M. C. Beaton—*WILMOT*, No. 88.

P.W.P. William Jefferson, John Grant, Alexander Grant and Peter Andrew—*BETHLEHEM*, No. 89.

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W.P. James H. Parker ; P.W.P. Thomas Hardy, James Bent, John H. Burtiaux, Thomas Banks, B. H. Parker, S. McKeowan, Chas. Burtiaux, S. B. Willett, H. C. Beals, S. Beals, M. McKeowan and Elias Grimes—*VICTORIA MINES*, No. 108.

W.P. Jonathan Vickorey ; P.W.P. E. D. W. Ratchford, Ephraim Davison, John I. Lockhart, P. Bradley, Wm. Vickorey, E. Vickorey, David Lockhart, F. Yorke, Francis Carrol, H. A. Davison and Silas Newcomb—*PARRSBORO'*, No. 110.

W. P. Peter McDormand; P. W. P. Alex. Frame—RAILWAY, No. 111.

W. P. Jacob Bouser; P. W. P. W. H. Troop, John Rounsefelle, Watson Eaton, Wm. Rockwell, Reuben Reed, J. M. Cramp, D. D.—WOLFVILLE, No. 112.

W. P. J. J. Blackburn; P. W. P. E. Blackburn—EXETER, No. 113.

P. W. P. James Withrow, Jeffry Burgess, John A. Whittier, Geo. H. Madill, Andrew Pearson and Tim. H. Dimock—MAINE LAW, No. 114.

W. P. James Starritt, Junr.; P. W. P. B. W. C. Manning, James Starratt, Senr., Benj. F. Ward, J. V. Tabor and Daniel Waterman—PHENIX, No. 115.

W. P. Joseph Atkinson; P. W. P. Henry Harrison, Fillet Harrison, H'y C. Mills, D. J. Taylor and Jos. Atkinson, 2nd—SOUTHAMPTON, No. 117.

P. W. P. James Ross, Wm. McKenzie, John McKenzie and John B. McDonald—FLOWING FOUNTAIN, No. 118.

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W. P. James A. Scott; P. W. P. Donald Thompson and John T. Scott—VESPER, No. 124.

W. P. John Thomson—JUNE ROSE, No. 125.

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

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

Grand Division Room, Halifax, October 27th, 1855.

The Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats: Charles Legg, Alex. Robinson, Charles Underwood, No. 7; Charles W. Allen, Thomas Conran, No. 8; Wm. R. Waters, A. Robertson, John Coombe, No. 9; Richard Currie, James Tracy, John A. McDonald, No. 26; James Wallace, No. 96.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of Five be appointed, to consider the order of business to be observed, at the Annual Session, and report such recommendations as they may deem necessary, at the first Session on Wednesday—and that P. G. W. P. Brown, C. C. Vaux, G. J. Creed, A. Robinson and John Watson, be that Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Procession of the Grand and Subordinate Divisions take place during the Annual Session of G. Division, and that brothers Noble, Monaghan and McMillan be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

On motion, *Resolved*. That the question of a public meeting be left to the Committee on recommendations.

The Special Session was then closed.

WM. SCOTT,
G. Scribe.

ANNUAL SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, HALIFAX, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1854.

THE Grand Division opened in due form—the G. W. P. John S. Thompson in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—G. W. P. John S. Thompson; G. W. A. Rev. John Cameron; G. Scribe, William Scott; G. Treasurer, W. A. S. Blewitt; P. G. W. P. Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Absent—G. Chap. Rev. P. G. McGregor; G. Con. John Shean; G. Sent. J. P. Smith.

The vacancies were filled by appointing brother Ackhurst, G. Conductor, Rev. A. McArthur, G. Chap., P. Monaghan, G. Sentinel.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The Grand Division declared open.

Minutes of Special Session read and approved.

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

On State of the Order.—Rev. Dr. Cramp, C. Robson and Wm. Howe.

On Appeals.—Rev. A. McArthur, P. Monaghan and G. B. Sanford.

Auditing.—C. Robson, W. Lippencott and G. Creed.

The Committee appointed at Special Session reported several recommendations as to the business of the Session, and

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the subject of Prohibition be taken up at the Evening Session of to-day, and the circulation of Tracts and the Paper be the first business to-morrow afternoon; and the election of Officers at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon; the other subjects in order.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced representatives J. H. Drake, No. 8; G. Creed, No. 119; J. S. Thompson, No. 125; who were duly initiated and took their seats.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a public meeting be held in the Hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, admission free,

and that brothers A. J. Ritchie, W. A. S. Blewitt and J. H. Drake be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for holding the same.

The Grand Scribe handed in two appeals he had received against decisions of Chester and Star in the East Divisions, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Brother Robson reported from the Committee appointed at the July Session :

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Division at its last meeting, to report on the means best adapted to secure the enactment of a Prohibitory Law, beg leave to report as follows :—

That after carefully considering the present position of the Total Abstinence Cause in this Province, they are unanimously of opinion that it is the duty of the friends of Temperance to persevere in pressing the great principle of legal prohibition on both branches of the Legislature, by petitions as numerous as possible. At the last meeting of the Legislature a reluctant assent to our demands had been obtained from the House of Assembly ; and the tone of the discussions in the Council clearly indicated that it was gradually yielding to the moral power of the thousands who had arrayed themselves against the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Had no change occurred in the interval which has since elapsed, the cessation of our efforts would, in the opinion of your Committee, have deprived us of the vantage ground which we have gained by the exertions of so many successive years. Changes have occurred, however, which, while they are calculated to cast a shade of gloom over our own prospects, should certainly stimulate us to exhibit still greater diligence and zeal.

Your Committee cannot avoid the conviction that the result of the late general election has not tended to increase the prospect of the speedy enactment of a Prohibitory Law. In the present House of Assembly we have reason to fear that the friends of that measure are less numerous than in the last ; and this might have been avoided, without any sacrifice of political principle, if Temperance men in general had been as careful of the interests of Prohibition, as the state of public opinion on the question might have led us to anticipate.

In the State of Maine also, the birth-place of Prohibition, it

has received in the estimation of its enemies a heavy blow and great discouragement. To the important office of Governor of the State, an opponent of the Maine Law has been elected, in opposition to one of its supporters. In our House of Assembly, when the Prohibitory Law again becomes the subject of debate, this circumstance will not fail to be brought forward with all the exaggerations and distortions which characterised the statements of its opponents during the last Session.

To these facts your Committee allude not as grounds of discouragement, but as incentives to increased exertion. In this light our fellow labourers in Maine view their reverses. Repelled and thrown into confusion for a moment like the heroes of Alma, they are dressing their ranks and drawing their breath for the final rush which is to sweep away everything that obstructs their progress. From their very reverses they are drawing the sure presages of future triumph, and we may share their hopes if we but emulate their determination. We have reason to conclude that in the House of Assembly, what we have lost in numbers, we have gained in moral power, as more than one able advocate of temperance is included among the new members. We have good grounds for believing also, that the great principle of Prohibition, instead of losing its popularity, is gradually winning its way among the thoughtful minds and feeling hearts of our land. To promote its progress by every means that wisdom can suggest, or diligence execute, is the honorable and most promising duty of this Grand Division.

Your Committee strongly recommend, therefore, that greater exertions than ever be used to procure signatures to Petitions for the Prohibitory Law to both branches of the Legislature; and also that the subject be brought before the public as prominently as possible by competent lecturers, and through the newspapers friendly to our Cause.

All which is submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

CHARLES ROBSON, Chairman.

JOHN G. MARSHALL.

J. S. THOMPSON.

P. G. MCGREGOR.

Deferred until the Evening Session.

The Committee appointed at Special Session to arrange for a public procession of the Order, reported that they found it impracticable to get up a procession at the present time.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the suggestions of brother McArthur relative to obtaining statistics of intemperance, and that brothers McArthur, Dr. Cramp and Robert Noble be that Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That P.G.W.P. Cramp, W. A. S. Blewitt and C. Robson be a Committee to suggest the places at which the Quarterly Sessions for the next year should be held.

On motion, *Resolved*, That during this Annual Session of Grand Division that we regularly adjourn at 1 o'clock until half-past 2 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock, until half-past 7 o'clock. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Present—G.W.P., G.W.A., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, P.G.W.P.

Absent—G. Conductor, G. Sentinel.

Vacancies filled by brothers Vaux, G. Cond., Waters, G. Sentinel.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. Division declared open.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The Paper Committee appointed at last Annual Session reported :

The Committee on the Athenæum Newspaper, report, that the paper continues to be published under the proprietorship of Mr. Willoughby, and under the editorial supervision of Mr. Thompson.

That their Committee according to the instructions given them at the Quarterly meeting of the Grand Division, have paid

over to Mr. Willoughby, from funds collected for that purpose. One Hundred Pounds, as a condition under which he engaged to publish and perpetuate the paper.

That the Grand Division through their Committee, is still liable at Boston for One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, or upward, due nearly six months, for type and material ; which, with the furniture of the office, are held by the Committee as security for the payment of the debt. Their Committee stipulated with the publisher to provide for the payment of this bill, when it became due, requiring a part of it to be actually paid before now ; but such payment has not been made, and the honor and integrity of the Grand Division and their Committee stand compromised.

It is now submitted to the Grand Division, that means be immediately provided for the payment of the debt, by which their Committee will be released from the liability ; and by which the honor and dignity of the Grand Division will be sustained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD McLEARN.

CHARLES ROBSON.

A. JAMES.

W. M. BROWN.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

A. J. RITCHIE.

JOHN A. BELL.

On motion, the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee of brothers Cameron, Blewitt and Ackhurst, to consider and report.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced representatives George S. Webb, No. 8 ; and H. B. Mitchell, No. 32 ; who were duly initiated and took their seats.

The G.W.P. read his report as follows :

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

BRETTREN,—

I rejoice that the period has arrived for surrendering the important trust, with which I was so unexpectedly honoured at last annual session. My pleasure arises from several sources,—first, from a sense of relief from duties, which I could but very

inadequately perform, particularly under some peculiar circumstances of the year;—second, from a hope that a duly qualified chief of the Order, one having the requisite leisure, and talent and zeal, will be chosen for the ensuing yearly term;—and next, generally, from a consciousness that our affairs and those of the Cause, require, at this time, that special consideration and aid which an Annual Session of the Grand Division is so well calculated to supply.

Very few Deputies indeed, have rendered to me the returns essential for an accurate statistical view of the Order in this report. This want will be in a great measure supplied, I doubt not, by communications from the Grand Scribe. I take this opportunity of renewing my testimony to the regularity, and industry of that officer;—his friendly aid and advice were always ready when required,—and confidence in his integrity and efficiency materially lightened the responsibilities of the year.

I would also, in this place, make grateful acknowledgements concerning the courtesy and zeal, with which the Grand Conductor seconded any of my official efforts during the year, according to opportunity.

I attended, officially and otherwise, several public meetings during my term of office,—they were occasions of pleasure and usefulness, in reference to the Cause,—and of grateful recollection. personally, in consequence of the kindness and respect with which I was invariably treated, as the representative of this Branch of the Order.

I attended the Quarterly Sessions in Truro and Liverpool. The former was one of much animation;—the latter instead of excelling a preceding similar occasion,—exhibited painful evidences of depression if not of decline. A remedy, I understand, has been already applied;—that is cause of much gratulation. Queen's County stood honourably high, in the Cause of Temperance;—she should be careful that her fine gold, in this respect, become not dim through discord or apathy,—but, rather, shine brighter and brighter, as time advances and occasion demands.

Far as I can judge, my estimate of the state of the Order may be very briefly stated, as follows: some inactivity or declension, mark parts of the Province,—while the Divisions of the city, generally, are more than usually active and zealous. Considerable additions have been made to their numbers,—the

attendance in the Division Room has improved,—and more healthy and hopeful animation than in preceding periods, is the experience.

Some missionary visits to Hammond's Plains—an interesting locality, about fourteen miles from Halifax—have resulted in a very promising Division there. I fervently hope that the good commenced in the place, will go on abundantly increasing;—and that the "June Rose" will, like the Mayflower, bloom amid the snow, as well as in the milder seasons. Such visitations as that just mentioned are variously beneficial and pleasing; they extend Temperance,—they promote general good will,—and those ministering as well as those ministered unto, are blessed by the righteous exertion. If our Order cultivated more of the missionary spirit, the happy experiences would be more than proportionally multiplied.

Brethren, we still have to lament the want of a travelling agent and lecturer. If the right man could be obtained, the means, we have reason to believe, would be easily realized. The brethren assembled may be able to suggest the desired remedy.

The great question of Prohibition still remains before us. Last year's exertions seemed nearly crowned with legislative success,—when the right which we claimed was dashed from our extended hand. Perhaps we were not quite prepared for the boon. Shall we again arise to the rescue of our common country, or shrink, ingloriously from the contest? The question admits of but one honorable reply. Recreants and cravens would we be, if we hesitated until the enemy loaded his scourge and rivetted his chain. Recreants to the Cause we have espoused, to the succour of the oppressed, to the redemption of one national disgrace, to the vindication of a great natural and moral right. Craven also, before a foe whom to oppose righteously is to conquer,—because of the innate weakness and wrong of his quarrel.

The period of New Brunswick's trial of Prohibition, approaches;—let us as rapidly as possible, remove the damaging contrast, the facility for injuring, the temptation to evil, which a border country, caused by the Traffic, would present.

The question still agitates the neighbouring Republic. It has made wonderful advances there, but it is cruelly beset. A combination, desperate, reckless, wealthy and sordid, rage open-mouthed, on the phalanx of good men who boldly keep the flag of hope afloat. Let us pray that the machinations of folly and

wickedness may come to naught, and that, in this respect, the glory of Providence shall overflow the earth, as the waters cover the great deep.

Maine, so lately celebrated over Christendom, for leading the van in this national reform, has suffered some discomfiture. A host of circumstances and influences appear to have placed the Cause in a political minority there;—but the good men, who stand faithful and fearless, amid the treacherous and the timid, renew their exertions, and declare that the check shall lead to near and more decisive victory.

Let this seeming disaster arouse us to greater diligence. If the U. States Prohibitory centre, be shaken,—let this wing of the Provinces, endeavour to redeem and redress the momentary defeat;—let us throw our flag into the thickest of the moral fight, and follow it there; the right spirit, the courageous wisdom, will be sure to win. The quarrel is not personal, nor for the passing time; it is for the race to which we belong, and for all duration.

If ever there was a Cause which included right, and mercy, true economy, and extended prosperity, this does. We seek not to coerce opinion, but to put down an active virulent insult, and evil,—a temptation as cruel as it is influential.

Not a man who opposes us, but admits the existence of the curse which we deprecate, and the oppression we denounce;—but many of our opponents resort to sophistry and selfishness and obstinacy, in their battle with the right.

Let us not be deceived. Truth is truth;—the Almighty is not mocked by man's devices,—neither is His ear heavy, or His eye dull in reference to any great struggle of His rational creatures. If we deserve His aid, and seek it aright, we will have it.

Brethren, I commend this great question to your most serious consideration. How to advise the Temperance ranks,—what example to set, what train of events to put in motion, remains for you to determine. May the spirit of wisdom crown your deliberations, and a manly progress mark every succeeding step.

Were I differently circumstanced, I would speak more freely of the paper which more particularly represents the Temperance Press of the Province. Beset by difficulties, struggling for a daily existence, resting oppressively on one or two who feel pecuniarily unable to sustain its position;—it has been wading through anxieties and perplexities, when it should have been

free and buoyant, to aid all intellectual and moral progress. Notwithstanding these embarrassments—consequent on the first year of publication, without due means—the paper is on a good basis;—it has a sound list of 1300 subscribers,—and receives very encouraging countenance from most parts of the Province.

The public meetings of the year have been alluded to. In Halifax, they have chiefly been held in the Division Room, and by means of Divisional effort. Thus many pleasing and profitable occasions have been realized; and a spirit of mutual aid, and friendly rivalry, and brotherly harmony, has been promoted and experienced. May not some systematic exertions of this kind be arranged, for the Province generally? The means might be productive of reviving the ardour of the brethren, and the extensive spread of Temperance principles. A committee, appointed by a special meeting of the Order, intend, I understand, to present this and other topics for your consideration. To your best thoughts I commend their suggestions.

In conclusion, brethren, I cheerfully, by anticipation of a few hours, bid the Chair I occupy farewell. I am well aware of my numerous short-comings,—but I am as conscious of disinterested regard for the Cause in which we are engaged, and of an abiding and growing desire for the consummation of its triumph.

Let us never rest satisfied until that consummation is accomplished;—let us resolve that, with the blessing of Heaven, the earth shall be the better for our residing on it,—and the pious determination will include the germs of great rewards and conquests. Finally, brethren, may wisdom crown your deliberations, and perseverance characterise all your benevolent plans and proceedings.

J. S. THOMPSON,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Scribe read his report as follows :

HALIFAX, 31st October, 1855.

G.W.P., OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—

In presenting my report to the Grand Division now assembled in Annual Session, I feel deeply the great responsibility resting upon me, and every true Son of Temperance, to be prepared at this time to devote all their energies to the furtherance of the righteous Cause in which we are engaged; for if we but consider for one moment how the enemy is rallying; and

using his utmost exertions to prevent our further progress, we must be convinced that it behooves us likewise to buckle on our armour afresh, that our foe may not only be driven behind his defences but utterly routed; and I am sure when we reflect what a great amount of happiness would be restored to thousands and tens of thousands of our fellow-beings, by the entire prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, it must arouse us to greater efforts than have ever yet been put forth to secure so desirable an end, and for this purpose the Temperance body throughout the Province must be prepared to increase the number of signatures to the Petitions for presentation to the Legislature when it meets, not doubting but if the proper steps are pursued an influence will be brought to bear upon the minds of new members such as to cause them to grant the prayer of our Petitions.

It is needless to touch upon the vast amount of evil produced by the Liquor Traffic in the City and throughout the Province; the heart-rending scenes caused by it are familiar to us all, as well as to those who uphold it; and the only wonder is, that knowing this, so many persist in destroying their fellow-beings: it must surely arise from a love of gain—which in the end proves only a curse to themselves and their families. Much is expected of this Grand Division now assembled, and as the able report of the Grand Worthy Patriarch goes fully into the subject, I shall confine myself to statistics in connection with our Order. Two matters, however, I must press upon the attention of this G. D.: first, that efforts be made throughout the Province to extend the circulation of the Athenæum Paper, so as to place it on a permanent footing; it is our Organ, and the only advocate of our Cause in the Province, and so large a body as the Temperance one is, should have their Paper considered the first in every respect in the Province, and by proper patronage, this desideratum would be easily secured. The second is, the having a competent person constantly in the field to visit Divisions, instruct and counsel them in their working; for I am satisfied that a number of Divisions get into difficulty from want of a proper knowledge of the Constitution and Rules of the Order; the whole body would be benefitted by the services of such a person; and a small annual contribution from each Division would secure the desired object, which would result in permanent benefit to all. Much encouragement is needed to be given in several parts of the Province, where the zeal of some has almost died out;—and an effective agent and lecturer would

be the means of bringing them back to labour for the advancement of our Cause. On the 6th of October a new Division, the "Emblem," was instituted in Wilmot, by D.G.W.P. Beniah Morse, who speaks encouragingly of its future prospects,—I regret, however, to have to announce the surrender of Coldstream Division, No. 20, and Young Men's, No. 101; the latter has not been officially announced, but there is too much reason to believe it is true. There are as many as 18 Divisions not working, and I am fully satisfied that if the services of a competent agent could be secured, a large proportion of them might be resuscitated. Of the 80 Divisions supposed to be working, 65 have made returns to this office, and although the increase has not been so great as the two previous quarters, still on the whole it is encouraging.

Initiated during the quarter	-	-	-	179
" by Dispensation	-	-	-	11
Admitted by Card	-	-	-	4—194
Withdrawn by Card	-	-	-	11
" from the Order	-	-	-	7—18
Rejected	-	-	-	5
Suspended	-	-	-	42
Reinstated	-	-	-	35
Expelled for violation of Article 2	-	-	-	61
" for non-payment of dues	-	-	-	48—109
Violated the pledge	-	-	-	60
Signed over	-	-	-	36
Violated pledge 2nd time	-	-	-	27
Deaths	-	-	-	8
Temperance Meetings held	-	-	-	33
Tracts distributed	-	-	-	42
Representatives to Grand Division	-	-	-	623
Contributing Members	-	-	-	2850
Cash received during the quarter	-	£359	1	10
" paid for Benefits by 28 Divisions	-	115	0	3
" paid for Expenses, exclusive of	-	158	16	8½
benefits, by 46 Divisions	-			
" on hand including investments	-	2377	13	9½
Per Capita Tax received	£29	10	6	
" " not "	6	1	9	— 35 12 3

Several of the returns only reached me the present week, and as the period of the Grand Division meeting is so much later than usual, I was fully in hopes to have exhibited a complete return of all the Divisions in working order. Neglect in forwarding returns is injurious to the Divisions themselves by engendering carelessness, as well as detrimental to the Cause at large. Acadia Division, No. 1, has not sent any return for two quarters, and Walton for a year, and yet there are good sound Temperance men in both these Divisions, who ought to have influence enough to keep them working.

Returns for the quarter ending 30th June last, are still due from the following Divisions: Acadia, Central, Milton, Hebron, Stirling, Morning Star No. 59, Young Men's, and Lukerinn, St. Margaret's Bay—which has not made any return since it was instituted in March last.

The Grand Division of Newfoundland has remitted to this Grand Division the sum expended in the funeral of their late Grand Worthy Patriarch in March last, which will appear in the accounts submitted to the Grand Division.

Having thus touched upon the matters I felt it my duty to bring before you, I sincerely hope and trust that the deliberations of the brethren assembled may be guided and directed by infinite wisdom, so that good may result to the Province at large, and our hearts refreshed by the thought that he who is for us, is more than all they that be against us, and our Cause must therefore go on and prosper.

In L. P. and F.

WM. SCOTT,

G. Scribe.

Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Division recommend to the Subordinate Divisions throughout the Province, to hold a public meeting in each month, on their regular night, or at other times, for the purpose of spreading Temperance principles and administering the pledge.

The Committee on Statistics reported :

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of collecting information throughout the Province relative to the statistics of Intemperance, beg to report that they have considered the subject referred to them, and have

agreed to recommend to the Grand Division the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Divisions comprised in this Grand Division, be recommended and earnestly solicited to collect from time to time, and carefully to record, such facts as may come under their knowledge, illustrative of the progress and effects of Intemperance in their respective districts.

2. *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Divisions be requested, in carrying into effect the preceding Resolution, to take especial care that the facts recorded by them shall be such as are capable of being fully authenticated, and that dates and places be accurately ascertained, the statements being always presented in writing by the members furnishing the same.

3. *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Divisions be further requested to transmit to the Grand Scribe, in time for each Quarterly Session of the Grand Division, copies of the records collected by them, to be disposed of as the Grand Division may direct.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. and F.

J. M. CRAMP.
ALEX. McARTHUR.
ROBT. NOBLE.

Adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Evening Session close this Evening at half-past 10 o'clock, precisely. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

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

Present—G.W.P., G.W.A., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Conductor, G. Sentinel, P.G.W.P.

Absent—Grand Chaplain. Vacancy filled by brother McLearn.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The Grand Division declared open.

Minutes of Afternoon Session read and approved.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following

representatives : G. W. Longeill, No. 9 ; Richard Abbott, No. 26, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

On motion, It was decided that any papers handed in by brother Angus at the last Annual Session in reference to P. Murray's case, and not acted on, be returned.

The Report of the Committee on Prohibition was taken up, discussed and adopted.

On motion of P.G.W.P. Cramp the following resolution passed unanimously :

Resolved, That it is the duty of all friends of Temperance in this Province to employ their utmost energies in order to obtain from the Legislature, at the ensuing Session, the enactment of a stringent and effective Prohibitory Liquor Law ;—the Subordinate Divisions be recommended to co-operate with other advocates of the Cause in petitioning the Legislature to that effect ; and that it is peculiarly important and necessary to institute a thorough canvass in every district, so that the whole population of Nova Scotia may have the opportunity of expressing their views and wishes on this subject, and that so powerful a demonstration of public opinion may be made, that the Legislature will no longer hesitate to comply with the just wishes of the people.

Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, November 1st, 1855.

The Grand Division opened in due form, the G.W.P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called—all present.

Prayer by G. Chaplain. The G. Division declared open. Minutes of last Evening's Session read and approved.

On motion, It was decided that the form of petition used last year, for presentation to the Legislature, be adopted this year, and that the names of males and females be taken on separate lists.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Division present a petition to the Legislature at its next Session, signed by the G.W.P. and G. Scribe.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a circular be sent to our friends in the Legislature, respecting the Prohibitory Question,—and that brothers Dr. Cramp, A. McArthur and C. Robson be a Committee to prepare such circular.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following :

Your Committee to whom was submitted Communications, Appeals, &c., would state that two cases of Appeal came before them upon which they beg to submit the following report :

I. Upon the Case of Appeal of brothers G. T. Bradly and Thomas C. Hill. From the statements of these brethren your Committee are of opinion that "Star in the East" Division should have sustained the decision of their W. P. brother Bradly ; but as the rules of order of the Division were not before them they are unable to give a proper decision on the case, and would therefore recommend that it be dismissed.

II. Upon the Appeal of brother J. L. Chipman of Chester, your Committee beg leave to submit the following propositions :—

1. That from the report of the Investigating Committee there appears "no positive proof" sustaining the charge preferred against the brother for violation of Art. 2nd. of Constitution.

2. That the Division erred in expelling brother C. merely upon circumstantial evidence, without trial, and for other reasons than those contained in the charge.

3. The Division having rescinded the resolution of expulsion, and no charge pending against brother C. he had a perfect right to withdraw from the Division without giving his reasons for so doing.

4. That the reasons presented by the Division are not of sufficient weight to justify them in withholding a withdrawal card from brother C. and your Committee would therefore recommend that he have leave to withdraw from Chester Division.

Your Committee must be allowed to express their regret that from the confused state of the papers before them, the absence of dates and the manifest existence of personal feelings on the

part of all the parties concerned, they found so much difficulty in arriving at the above conclusions.

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

ALEX. MCARTHUR, Chairman.

G. B. SANFORD.

P. MONAGHAN

Adopted.

On motion, P.G.W.P. Cramp was added to the Paper Committee.

The Standing Committee on By-Laws handed in the following report:—

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 31st, 1855.

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws would report that they have examined the By-Laws of Rechab Division, No. 119, and would recommend the following alterations to be made, viz. :

The words "over 50, no benefit members will be admitted," in Sect. 1 of Art. 2, to be struck out, and the words "Persons over 50 years of age, will be admitted in accordance with Sect. 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution,"—inserted instead thereof.

The words "and Art. 2 of the Revised Rules," to be added to Sect. 2 of Article 7.

Your Committee would also report that on examining the journal of last Session of the National Division of N. A. they perceive that no alterations have been made in the Constitutions of Grand or Subordinate Divisions.

The following Report was submitted to that body—by the Committee on Constitutions—on the communication from this Grand Division containing the proposed alterations in the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, as recommended in the report of your Committee, which was submitted and adopted at the Quarterly Session held in Windsor, in January last :

REPORT.

"The Committee on Constitutions have had under consideration the communication from the Nova Scotia Grand Division, and would respectfully report, that they have already reported upon a portion of the matters in said communication and are of opinion that it is not expedient to legislate upon the other items thereof.

S. F. CARY.

C. EGINTON.

S. P. FRASER.

Agreed to."

The communication* alluded to in the above report, was on motion laid on the table of the National Division.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

WILLIAM L. BELL,
PATRICK MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN.

Adopted.

Brother Monaghan submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Division, that the formation of a National Division for the Colonies of British North America—so soon as arrangements can be made for organizing the same—is expedient and proper.

Resolved, That this Grand Division open a Correspondence with the Grand Divisions of the Colonies of the Canadas, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland on the subject of the propriety of establishing a National Division of the Colonies.

Which after discussion, was deferred until the Morning Session of to-morrow.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Present—G.W.P., G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Sent., P.G.W.P.

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

The vacancies were filled by brother Ackhurst, G.W.A., McLearn, G. Chaplain, Lippencott, G. Conductor.

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

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

On motion of Grand Scribe, a Dispensation was granted to Railway and Exeter Divisions, to elect their P.W.P.'s as representatives to this Grand Division, they having neglected to do so at the Constitutional period.

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

The Grand Scribe read a statement of monies received

* See Page 31, Jour. 12th Session of the N. D.

as donations to the Paper fund, and of sums collected by him on account of the old Paper, and how disposed of.

The P.G.W.P. as chairman of the Committee to consider the state of the Athenæum Paper, reported matters in connection therewith.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the Athenæum Newspaper should be continued to the end of the year, ending 31st January next, and that this Grand Division furnish funds for that purpose.

On motion, the further consideration of the subject of the Paper was deferred until to-morrow morning's Session.

On motion, the Election of Officers was proceeded with, and on the ballot being taken, the following brethren were declared duly elected:—

Rev. Dr. Cramp, G.W.P.
 W. A. S. Blewitt, G.W.A.
 William Scott, G. Scribe.
 William Lippencott, G. Treasurer.
 Rev. A. McArthur, G. Chaplain.
 G. B. Sanford, G. Conductor.
 Richard Baker, G. Sentinel.

In consequence of the public meeting to be held in the evening, the usual session was dispensed with. Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

Friday, Nov. 2nd, 1855.

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

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

Absent—G.W.A., G. Chaplain.

Vacancies filled by brothers McArthur, G. Chaplain, Lippencott, G.W.A.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The G. Division declared open.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

On motion of P.G.W.P. Cramp, the following resolution passed unanimously :

Whereas it has pleased God to remove from among us, since the last Annual Session of this Grand Division, our esteemed brother, P. G. W. A. Charles B. Naylor :—

Therefore *Resolved*, That in the death of P. G. W. A. Charles B. Naylor, this Grand Division has sustained a heavy loss. Brother Naylor was one of the earliest friends of the Temperance cause, in Halifax, and he was uniformly consistent. He rendered important service to that cause, by judicious advice and active effort. As a Son of Temperance, he was much beloved and respected. His adherence to our Order was based on principle, and was unswervingly maintained. Bowing with submission to the will of God, who has taken him from earth in the prime of life, may we be admonished by this dispensation to watch against remissness or delay, lest we lose the opportunity for action, and leave our work unfinished.

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed, with power to engage a suitable person as Lecturer and Agent, for the ensuing year, and that the following brethren be that Committee : Richard McLearn, John A. Bell, W. M. Brown, George J. Creed and Charles Robson.

On motion, brother Monaghan's resolution relative to the formation of a National Division was taken up, discussed, and passed.

The Committee on Quarterly Sessions submitted the following report :

The Committee appointed to recommend places for the Quarterly Sessions of the Grand Division during the year, beg to recommend as follows, viz. : for the January Session, Wolfville ; for the April Session, Railway Division Room, Shubenacadie ; for the July Session, Yarmouth—the fourth Wednesday in each month respectively.

J. M. CRAMP,
CHARLES ROBSON,
W. A. S. BLEWITT.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Session of this Grand Division be held in Halifax, on Wednesday, 22nd October, 1856.

On motion, *Resolved*, That in the present State of Temperance in this Province, it is expedient to hold a Temperance Convention in the City of Halifax, and that the following brethren be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for holding the same:—Richard McLearn, R. Noble, Patrick Monaghan, Ronald McMillan, Cuthbert C. Vaux, Judge Marshall and Alex. J. Ritchie.

The Resolution relative to the Athenæum Paper was taken up, discussed, and passed. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division opened in due form—the G. W. P. in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

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

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

Vacancies filled by brother Brown, G. W. A.; McArthur, G. Chaplain; Monaghan, G. Conductor.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain. The Grand Division declared open.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be paid to the Newspaper Committee, quarterly, until the amount they are responsible for be paid, and that the Types and Furniture of the Athenæum Office be held by that Committee for the Grand Division, or disposed of according to their instructions.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the expenses of the G. W. A. G. Treasurer, and G. Sentinel, in attending this Session of Grand Division, be paid.

On motion, *Resolved*, That three hundred copies of the Journal of this Annual Session, including the Special Session, be printed.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:—

Printing—Alexander J. Ritchie, James Spike, Patrick Monaghan.

By-Laws—William L. Bell, Patrick Monaghan, John Heenan.

Credentials—Robt. M. Barratt, John Heenan, Cuthbert C. Vaux.

Halls—J. Rounsefelle, William Burrill, J. B. Colter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Division be given to the Divisions in the city, for the use of their Room during this Annual Session.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Division be given to brother Judge Marshall for his services in lecturing during the past year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Scribe's salary be forty pounds during the ensuing year.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid:—

Public Meeting Committee expenses	£4	9	6
Alpin Grant, 5s., Thos. Annand, 5s.	0	10	0
William Grant, - - -	0	5	5
Athenæum Office, - - -	1	18	9
James Bowes and Sons, - -	5	12	6

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, for the past quarter, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct.

Adopted.

The Committee on State of the Order reported:

The Committee on the state of the Order have read with much interest the valuable Reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe. They learn with satisfaction from those documents that notwithstanding the alternations to which all useful enterprises are liable, our great and good cause steadily maintains its course. Its ultimate triumph, they doubt not, will crown the land with blessings, and raise society to an elevation before unknown.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch justly complains of the neglect of his Deputies, very few of whom, it appears, have transmitted the Quarterly Reports which their Commissions require them to furnish. This is an evil of long standing, and it is only to be remedied, in the judgment of your Committee, by the appointment of trustworthy and zealous men, who will faithfully discharge their duties, and the revocation of Commission in cases of neglect.

Much unnecessary trouble is occasioned to the Grand Scribe by delay in the transmission of the Quarterly Returns of Subordinate Divisions. This, also, is a long-standing evil. It will probably be necessary, in future, to fix a day, beyond which no Quarterly Returns shall be reported as received, the acknowledgement of those which shall arrive after the day fixed being deferred till the next Quarter.

The topics embraced in the Reports of the Grand Officers, having been separately considered by the Grand Division, the proceedings relative to them will appear in the Journal. It is needless, therefore, for the Committee to refer to them in detail, and it will be sufficient, in this Report, to offer an opinion on two or three points. The Committee cordially concur in the recommendation to hold frequent public meetings, whereby information will be communicated, zeal excited, and slothfulness rebuked. They record their conviction of the urgent necessity for the appointment, at the earliest possible period, of a permanent Agent, whose duty it shall be to visit the Divisions, and not only deliver lectures but also inquire into the working of the Divisions, correct irregularities, give advice, and render such aid as may be called for in the circumstances brought under his notice. And they beg to impress on the Grand Division the essential importance of acting on the Public mind, more vigorously than ever by means of the Press. They cannot bring themselves to believe that the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia will be so utterly regardless of their true interests as to suffer this Province to be destitute of a Temperance periodical. The loss of a Temperance Press would be the loss of a right hand.

The Committee will offer but one more remark. It is supposed by some that the prospect of procuring a Prohibitory Liquor Law is less favourable than it was last year. It may be so. But much will depend on the policy adopted by our Order, and the energy with which it shall be pursued. If by judicious

and persevering agitation, an energetic expression of public opinion shall be produced, our legislators will feel the influence, and concede what otherwise they might have been emboldened to deny. It may surely be hoped that such an expression of opinion will be procured. The Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia are more numerous in proportion to the population than are their brethren in any of the States of the Union, Kentucky and California excepted. The National Division comprises 41 Grand Divisions. In the following six Divisions the Sons of Temperance are more numerous than in all the rest, viz.:-

S. of T. in New Brunswick,	one to 40	of the whole population.
“ California,	one to 66	“
“ Kentucky,	one to 78	“
“ Canada West,	one to 85	“
“ Nova Scotia,	one to 87	“
“ P. E. Island,	one to 103	“

These figures are instructive and encouraging. Let us maintain our position and improve our advantages.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

J. M. CRAMP.
CHARLES ROBSON.
WILLIAM HOWE.

Adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a series of Tracts of 4 pages, and that the Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. A. McArthur, Rev. P. G. McGregor, John S. Thompson, and Charles Robson, be requested to prepare the same.

On motion, that the officers elect be now installed, the Grand Officers were installed by P. G. W. P. Brown, assisted by P.G.W.P. Thompson :-

P.W.P. Rev. Dr. Cramp, Wolfville Division,	112—G.W.P.
“ W. A. S. Blewitt, Victoria	“ 10—G.W.A.
“ William Scott, Howard	“ 26—G.Scribe.
“ W. Lippencott, New Glasgow	“ 18—G.Trea.
“ Rev. A. McArthur, Oriental	“ 16—G.Chap.
“ G. B. Sanford, Avon	“ 12—G.Con.
“ Richard Baker, Chebueto	“ 7—G.Sent.

On motion the following brethren were elected representatives to the National Division for the ensuing year:—

G.W.P.	Rev. Dr. Cramp,	P.G.W.A.	Rev. J. Cameron,
G.W.A.	W. A. S. Blewitt,	"	R. McLearn,
P.G.W.P.	J. S. Thompson,	"	John Campbell,
"	Wm. M. Brown,	"	Edwin Sterns.
"	J. W. Johnston,	"	Wm. Burrill.

On motion of P. G. W. P. Brown, *Resolved*, That in consideration of the incessant labours of our Grand Scribe, which are inadequately compensated by his salary, the sum of five pounds be given to him from the funds of this Grand Division on the first day of January next.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a subscription list be now opened for the purpose of raising funds to sustain the Athenæum Paper, in accordance with a resolution passed by this Grand Division.

Minutes of Session read and approved.

The Grand Division was then declared closed, to meet in Wolfville on Wednesday, 23rd January, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

WILLIAM SCOTT,
G. Scribe.

C. C. Hamilton,	No. 50.	Rev. J. Cramp,	No. 112.
— McCurdy,	No. 52.	G. Creed,	No. 119.
Rev. J. Cameron,	No. 92.	J. S. Thompson,	No. 125.
H. R. Cunningham,	No. 93.		
		AT SPECIAL SESSION ONLY.	
*W. M. Brown, Rev. P. G. McGregor,	} No. 96.	R. Dyer,	No. 9.
*W. Ackhurst, S. Creelman,		J. Tracey, J. McDonald,	} No. 26.
*John Shean, *Robert Noble,		J. M. Watson,	
Wm. Howe, Judge Marshall,			
*M. Herbert, W. L. Bell,			
*James Wallace,			

* Attended Special Session.

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

1855.		DR.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 20.	To	Amount paid account for Regalias,	10	0	0
	Do.	Do. A. J. Ritchie's account	1	0	0
	Do.	Do. G.W.P.'s expenses	5	5	0
	Do.	Do. G. Scribe's do.	5	10	0
	Do.	Do. G. Chaplain's do.	1	10	0
Oct. 31.	Paid	J. Bowes & Sons for Journals,	6	2	6
		Balance in hands,	37	18	3
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			£67	5	9

1855.		CR.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 1.	By	Balance,	18	15	9
Sept. 20.		Amount received from Grand Scribe,	18	10	0
Oct. 31.	Do.	Do. Do.	30	0	0
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			£67	5	9

Oct. 31.	By	Balance brought down,	37	18	3
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E. and O. E.

W. A. S. BLEWITT,
Grand Treasurer.

HALIFAX, N. S., 31st Oct. 1855.

Grand Division Agency Fund in account with the Grand Treasurer.

1855.		DR.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 1.	To	Balance,	5	3	10½
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			£5	3	10½

		CR.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 31.	By	amount received from Grand Scribe	5	0	0
	By	Balance,	0	3	10½
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			£5	3	10½

E. and O. E.

W. A. S. BLEWITT,
Grand Treasurer.

HALIFAX, 31st October, 1855.

WM. SCOTT. *Grand Scribe, in account with the Grand Division of Nova Scotia.*

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		£	s.	d.
July 25.	To balance per account	-	-	-
30.	Amount received from E. H. Harrington,	13	11	8
	Poll Tax for quarter ending 30th June:—	1	11	0
	Bethlehem, 9s. 9d.; Archangel, 7s.; Cape Breton,	0	16	9
	Ss. 3d.; Wellington, Ss. 3d.; Iron Age, 12s. 6d.;	1	9	0
	Wallace, 12s. 6d.; Pugwash, 8s.; Diligent River,	1	0	6
	1s.; Parrshoro, 12s. 3d.; Oriental, 10s.; Salem,	1	6	3
	7s. 9d.; Paradise, 4s. 6d.; Columbia, 2s. 3d.;	0	14	6
	Union, 12s.; Royal, 14s.;	1	6	0
	Blank Returns sold, 6s 3d.; Travelling Cards, 5s. 6d.	0	11	9
Sept. 13.	Charter fee, June Rose Division, and Ritual,	1	15	0
22.	Do. Do. Emblem Division, 25s.; Ritual, 7s. 6d.	1	12	6
Aug. 21.	Cash from James A. Tory, 20s. Oct. 6d.	1	0	6
27.	Grand Division, Newfoundland,	15	4	6
Sept. 19.	Dispensation, Mayflower Div. 1s. 3d.; Wolfville, 2s. 6d.	0	3	9
	Howard Division for Odes,	0	2	6
26.	Abridged Ritual, 2s. 6d.; Initiation Females Card, 1s. 3d.	0	3	9
Oct. 5.	Kellogg Division, amount of account. Books, &c.	0	11	3
31.	Victoria Division on account of Agency,	5	0	0
	Per Capita Tax received as per Returns,	29	10	6
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				£77 11 8

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Oct. 31.	By Postages paid during the quarter,	£1	6	2
	Carriage of Charter, &c., per coach, } to Emblem Division, }	0	1	3
	Carriage of Old Ritual from Digby, } per coach, }	0	1	3
	Cash paid Clements Arch Division,	0	7	9
Sept. 20.	Cash paid G. Treasurer,	18	10	0
Oct. 31.	Do. Do. Do.	30	0	0
	Do. Do. Do. on Agency acct.	5	0	0
	Grand Scribe's Salary,	10	0	0
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	Balance due Grand Division,	65	6	5
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				£12 5 3

HALIFAX, November 1st, 1855.