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OF THE
GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T.,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.



QUARTERLY SESSION,

Held in Amherst, Cumberland Co., July 27th, 28th & 29th, 1869.

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QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW PUBLIC HALL,
Amherst, Tuesday, July 27, 1869. }

The Grand Division met at eight o'clock, p. m., the G. W. P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called :

Present: Hon. Samuel Creelman, G. W. P.; Patrick Monaghan, G. Scribe; Rev. G. O. Huestis, G. Chap.; Robinson Thompson, G. Sent.

Absent: Wm. C. Bill, G. W. A.; John Heenan, G. Treas.; C. H. Harrington, G. Con.; David Marshall, P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by Bros. Rev. G. F. Miles, G. W. A.; R. J. Wilson, G. Treas.; P. G. W. P. Taylor, G. Con.; A. Longley, P. G. W. P.

P. G. W. P. Taylor moved, seconded by S. McNaughton,—

That Lady Visitors and members of Subordinate Divisions, on being duly vouched for and obligated, be admitted to the sittings of this Session as spectators.

Agreed to.

The following Report was read and adopted :

The Committee on Credentials report that they have examined the following and report them correct so far as can be ascertained.

They would call the attention of Divisions and Recording Scribes to the fact that many of the returns are sent in with scarcely sufficient data to certify the Credentials.

The Committee will not in future report as correct credentials which do not contain the name and the number of the Division, the signature of the R. S., and the date. It is not sufficient that "quarterly returns" be properly signed

and dated. The same care must be bestowed upon that part containing the "credentials" as it is really a separate return, and is torn off and given to this Committee, without any reference to the other, and must therefore be complete in itself.

We would also call the attention of Recording Scribes to the foot note at bottom of the Credential Sheet, explaining that in filling them up in October, the names of all the representatives elected for the year are to be inserted; but that in filling them up for January, April and July, the names of those only who have been elected during the quarter should be inserted.

Attention to this would lighten very materially the labours not only of the committee, but of the R. S. themselves.

ROBERT J. WILSON.
JOHN E. BUTLER.

Halifax, July 24, 1869.

- 8 MICMAC—W. P., Jas. Kerr.
- 9 MAYFLOWER—W. P., H. B. Sanford.
- 12 AVON—W. P., James Forest.
- 16 ORIENTAL—P. W. P., John D. McDonald
- 44 OLIVE BRANCH—W. P., Robert Foster.
- 57 MAINMAST—P. W. P., E. L. Nash, J. D. Gould.
- 62 HANTSPOINT—W. P., Wm. E. West; P. W. P's., Jno. McCabe, Jno. Woolave.
- 71 LAKE—W. P., J. E. Denham.
- 7 WALLACE—W. P., Allison Fulton.
- 82 UNION AGE—W. P., Jas. Gormley; P. W. P., J. M. Campbell.
- 98 KE. BOGG—W. P., Hugh Fraser.
- 96 ATHENÆUM—W. P., J. McCrow.
- 110 PARRSBOROUGH—W. P., J. W. Jenks; P. W. P's., T. J. Seamour, Chas. Y. Small, J. Vickery, A. P. Bradley, B. N. Fullerton.
- 115 PHOENIX—P. W. P's., P. Fraser, John McKinnon.
- 117 SOUTHAMPTON—W. P., D. Lodge; P. W. P., J. Lodge.
- 142 WHITE ROSE—P. W. P's., A. Lewis, C. Lewis, C. Boyce.
- 170 ISLAND HOME—W. P., J. Howe Dobson.
- 180 GREEN TREE—W. P., Hallet Cole; P. W. P., M. Shankle.
- 182 AMHERST—W. P., R. Black; P. W. P's., B. Roach, A. Robb, A. S. Blenkhorn, J. A. Black, W. C. Dimock, J. H. Black, M. D. Pride, G. Christie, C. Christie, Rev. G. F. Miles, H. O. Black, W. M. Read, A. Doncaster, R. Barry, J. Barnes, (D. R. McElmon?)
- 196 CANNING—W. P., H. Lockhart.
- 199 RESCUE—P. W. P., A. Knowlton.
- 200 ROSIGNOL—W. P., Z. Whitman
- 212 ST. ANDREWS—W. P., D. Murphy.
- 221 MARINE—W. P., W. Y. O'Brien.
- 226 NOBLE—W. P., Wm. S. Drew, senr.
- 231 RANDALL—W. P., S. P. Sabean
- 233 PALMERSTON—W. P., Wm. Dixon; P. W. P., E. Nickei.
- 237 RICHMOND—W. P., Jas. F. Walker.
- 241 ROCKPORT—W. P., A. G. McDonald; P. W. P's., Charles Eat Margeson. L. M.
- 244 SPRING SIDE—W. P., E. Logan.
- 247 CRYSTAL—W. P., J. B. Brenton.
- 250 MONAGHAN—W. P., J. J. R. Swain; P. W. P., D. Thomas.
- 262 GRANITE ROCK—W. P., J. W. Henebury.
- 264 MILFORD HAVEN—W. P., Jas. Atwater; P. W. P., Jos. Murray.
- 265 SPARKLING WATER—W. P., T. W. Ferguson.
- 267 LADY OF THE LAKE—W. P., H. Stewart.
- 294 MARTOCK—W. P., J. McDonald.
- 296 BRULE—W. P., J. Temple, senr; P. W. P., T. Maleom.
- 298 STAR OF PROMISE—W. P., John Dean.

- 304 CRYSTAL ROCK—W. P., Jos. Conrod.
 305 FRASER—W. P., Wm. Grant.
 308 ORIOR—W. P., J. McWilliam.
 310 BEACON—W. P., A. Ross.
 311 DOMINION—W. P., D. McLean.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following named Representatives who were duly initiated : R. L. Schwartz, of No. 9 ; Nathan Davison, Allison Fulton, of Wallace No. 75 ; W. D. Corbett, of Iron Age No. 82 ; Saml. McC. Black, A. S. Blenkhorn, Harvey O. Black, Matthew David Spence, W. M. Reid, W. C. Dimock, Robt. Barry, George W. Christie, Rupert Black, G. Allan Doncaster, Botsford Roach, Charles Christie, of Amherst No. 182 ; Wells Cole, Wm. A. Plushaw, of Greville No. 219.

The G. W. P. appointed Committees as follows :

On State of the Order — P. G. W. P. Longley, P. G. W. P. McRobert, J. Albert Black, Rev. T. W. Smith, Saml. McNaughton.

On Communications — H. L. Everett, J. D. McDonald, C. F. Myers.

On Enrollment of Representatives — Robinson Cox, J. Hiram Black.

Several Representatives presenting themselves for initiation, it was agreed that they be obligated in the ante-room by the P.G.W.P. They were accordingly obligated, signed the Roll, and took their seats. [Names of these Representatives added to list of those initiated.—G. S.]

Read Communications from Chebucto Division No. 7, Avon No. 12, and Crystal No. 247, cancelling credentials of Representatives.

Communications ordered on File and names of members erased from Roll.

Read Communications from George Oxborrow, P. W. P. late Star of Hope Division No. 290, and J. R. Stubbert, P. W. P. late Alexandra Division No. 216, asking the Grand Division to grant them Clearance Cards.

Referred to Committee on Communications.

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

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Under the kindness of Divine Providence, we have been permitted to assemble in this wealthy and beautiful village, on the border of our beloved Province, at a season of the year when the face of nature in every place charms the eye and fills the heart with gratitude to Him who crowns the year with His goodness.

We have come to meet and greet each other as brothers and fellow-workers in promoting the common good of our fallen fellow men.—We have met not

only to tell and to talk of the mighty wastes of intemperance, but to strengthen and encourage each other in the arduous but noble work of reclaiming the miserable drunkard,—of drying up the tears of the orphan and the widow,—of bringing back to the fold of the Redeemer the apostate and the backslider,—of arresting the progress of the moderate drinkers, saving them and the rising generation by ultimately banishing the soul-destroying liquor from the face of our fair Province, in order that the blessed Gospel of our Saviour may have free course and be glorified in this our cause.

This is our object, and to stop at any point short of this, I trust that we, as true Sons of Temperance, are all and every one ready to promise we never will.

In taking a bird's eye view of the present movement in regard to the promotion of Temperance in our own as well as other countries, there is much ground for encouragement and congratulation. It is with no small degree of satisfaction that I can refer to the recent action of our own Provincial Legislature in regard to the traffic in intoxicating drinks. We have now on our statutes a law which, although not so short and comprehensive as that of Massachusetts, will, I believe be almost as effectual. No licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any quantity less than ten gallons, can now be granted in any polling district in the Province, unless two thirds of the rate-payers petition the Court of Sessions, praying such license to be granted. The city of Halifax, it is true—and it is a pity that it is true—is excepted in this law. That highly favored city must still be allowed to enjoy the privilege of having a law for degrading, debasing, and destroying, not only its own citizens, but the strangers within its gates. Still, even in Halifax, the traffic will be greatly modified, and it is to be hoped to some extent checked, as no general licenses can, after the expiration of this year, be granted in the Province. Such then is the principal feature of our license law, which it is hoped will effectually prevent the legal traffic of retailing intoxicating liquors in the towns and villages of Nova Scotia, so soon as the present licenses have expired.

Now, Brethren, it is our work, *our bounden duty*, to see that the law of our land in reference to this matter be not violated. The accursed traffic will ere long be stripped of the sanction of law to cover its hideousness. We must combine with all friends of Temperance in this department of the work. Every Division of our Order, and every Son of Temperance should unitedly and individually be an informer and prosecutor of the violators of the law. Our Provincial Temperance Alliance and our County organizations can be made to operate most efficiently in this service.

The movements of our Legislative bodies might also be referred to, which would prove that the opinion of Legislators is fast undergoing a wholesome modification in regard to the action which they should take in the suppression of this colossal evil. The correct principle of Legislation in respect to it is, that as the dram-shop is the great manufactory of incendiaries, madmen and murderers, therefore it is the duty of every civil government to legislate it out of existence; or in other words, the statute book of every country should contain a law totally prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Another pleasing and encouraging feature of the present day is the interest manifested in the Temperance cause by the various denominations of Christians by their representatives in their Synodical or conventional capacity. In this Province at a number of assemblies of this nature the subject of Temperance has excited a large degree of interest, and assumed such a prominence in their deliberations and debates, as to prove that these bodies are beginning to be convinced that as overseers of the flock of Christ they have too long been mere spectators in this grand movement which is so intimately connected with the prosperity of Zion, and that soon we may hope to see them in their proper position in the noble army of Temperance.

In Great Britain and the United States two similar movements are going on, one of which I may refer to. At the convocation of the Houses of Canterbury which met a few weeks ago, a long and important discussion took place in the Lower House upon the question of intemperance, and that House passed resolutions to present an address to Her Majesty the Queen, praying her to direct

the attention of both Houses of Parliament to the evils of intemperance, with a view to the enactment of measures which may remedy those evils, and thereby promote the happiness and welfare of Her Majesty's subjects.

In reference to the progress of the cause in our own Divisions in this Province during the past quarter, I am, for the want of information compelled to refer you to the Report of the Grand Scribe. The Report of our worthy Agent, who is still efficiently employed, will also be submitted to you, and will afford information on this point.

Shortly after the last meeting of this Grand Division I was officially informed by the G. S. of the death of our worthy and lamented brother P. G. W. P., Jas. D. B. Fraser, of Oriental Division. A letter of condolence in the name of this G. D. was accordingly prepared and forwarded to his bereaved wife and family—a copy of which is herewith submitted, and which I hope you will approve of:

HALIFAX, MAY 8, 1869.

DEAR MADAM,—Allow us to assure you that it is with feelings of deep sorrow and regret that we have heard of the death of your husband. Occupying, as he did, from a period shortly after the institution of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, a useful, and for a large portion of that time, a highly honorable and prominent position in the Order, and having at all times proved his sincere love to the noble cause of Temperance by an incessant and untiring industry in its promotion, by a brave readiness ever to engage the foe—"the foe of all mankind"—and by a strict and faithful observance of his duty and obligation as a Son of Temperance,—we cannot refrain from thus conveying to you, his bereaved widow, and your sorrowing family, our deep sympathy for the irreparable loss which, in the dispensations of a wise Providence, you have sustained.

And in so doing we feel confident that we do not fully express to you the sentiments and feelings of the body on whose behalf we speak, when we say that by the stroke of death one has been removed from our ranks who by his labours of love had endeared himself to their hearts, and whose memory they will long revere and remember with tender emotions, and that the members of the Order in this Province universally regret the loss of an energetic and valuable Brother.

We are, Dear Madam,

Yours, in bonds of sympathy,

SAM'L. CREELMAN, G.W.P.
PATRICK MONAGHAN, G.S.

MRS. J. D. B. FRASER, Pictou.

The meeting of the N. D. which took place so recently in Washington, is of such late occurrence that I am unable to give you any authentic account of its proceedings, but as our Grand Scribe and P.G.W.P. McRobert were both there, and are also with us here, we may expect information from them in reference to what transpired at that meeting.

As the Grand Division of N. B. is now in session in the contiguous village of Sackville, a delightful opportunity is thus afforded for an interchange of fraternal greetings with that branch of our beloved Order, which I have no doubt you will gladly avail yourselves of.

And now let us see what we have to do, and do it with all our might. Time is passing swiftly by, and the fell destroyer is slaying his myriads. We have a great work to do, but we are not alone in the battle field. We have a tremendous opposition force to contend with; but right and the God of truth is on our side, and through him we will do valiantly. Let us fervently invoke the blessing of the Almighty on our deliberations. "Let love be the guiding star of our conduct—let *Purity* of heart and life mark our whole intercourse, and *Fidelity*, like a silken cord, bind us to Temperance, virtue and honor."

Submitted in L., P. & F.,

SAM'L. CREELMAN, G. W. P.

Amherst, July 27, 1869.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order, except so much of it as related to decease of P. G. W. P. James D. B. Fraser, which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of P. G. W. P. Huestis, A. S. Blenkhorn, P. G. W. P. Taylor.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report, which was referred in same manner as the G. W. P.'s Report:

To the Grand Division, S. of T., of Nova Scotia.

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

Since our last quarterly meeting

THE NATIONAL DIVISION

of the Order held its twenty-fifth annual session in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 9th day of June, *ultimo*, and three following days. At that meeting twenty-one Grand Divisions were represented by one hundred and twenty-one members. This Grand Division was represented by P. G. W. Ps. McRobert and King, and your Grand Scribe. There was not a large amount of business transacted, and but one change of importance made in the Constitution of the National Division, viz: the requiring Grand Divisions to pay the sum of ten cents on each new member initiated within their respective jurisdictions during the year.

According to the report of the Most Worthy Scribe, there were on the 31st December, 1868, *thirty-six* Grand Divisions. During the year ending on the date mentioned, there were 1,968 Subordinate Divisions in operation; 51,257 new members, and 9,129 lady visitors were admitted; the total number of members was 96,673, and total number of visitors 40,781.

The membership of the Grand Divisions in the Dominion of Canada, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland, was as follows:

Jurisdiction.	Members.	L. Visitors.
New Brunswick.....	3,049	1,850
Nova Scotia.....	7,463	6,972
P. E. Island.....	857	328
Ontario.....	5,232	2,084
Newfoundland.....	1,034	
Quebec.....	938	500
	<hr/> 18,623	<hr/> 11,734

The total of members and visitors as above was 30,357.

The total of members and visitors in Nova Scotia was 14,435, showing them that this jurisdiction lacked but 487, of half the whole number in the B. N. A. Provinces.

The membership of N. S. footed up more than New Brunswick, P. E. Island, Newfoundland and Quebec added together.

The membership of the Provinces was nearly *one-fifth* of the whole in North America, and the Lady Visitors more than *one-fourth*.

During the financial year, the G. D. of Nova Scotia paid \$252.89, and I am pleased to state its accounts with the N. D. are square—as has been the case for some years past.

The alterations made in the Constitutions of the Order are as follow :

Constitution of the National Division.

Part VIII.—Add the words “Each Grand Division shall also pay annually to the propagation fund of the National Division, which fund is hereby established, the sum of *ten cents per capita* on each new member introduced within their jurisdiction during the year.”

Constitution of Grand Divisions.

Rule XXII.—At close of form of application for Charter, strike out the words “granting the charter,” and insert “having jurisdiction.”

Code of Laws, Subordinate Divisions.

Chapter VI., Section 2—Add the words, “Provided, that in case of failure

to appear for re-obligation within *thirty days* after notification, the vote may be rescinded, and the ballot again taken on the question of expulsion."

Chapter VII.—Strike out the whole of Section 1.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That any member of a Grand or Subordinate Division, or Lady Visitor, may be admitted to the sessions of the National Division as a visitor, on giving to the M. W. Sentinel the Current Quarterly Password and Explanation for Subordinate Divisions, or being vouched for.

Resolved, That the form of Certificate prepared by the Most Worthy Patriarch, to be granted under the Resolutions adopted at Montreal, in any portion of country heretofore under the jurisdiction of a Grand Division which has ceased to exist, to all persons who have been Sons of Temperance, who may desire to resume their places in the Order, and whose constant fidelity to the pledge of total abstinence is satisfactorily assured, be approved, and that authority is hereby conferred upon the Most Worthy Patriarch to grant such certificates in localities under the jurisdiction of the National Division where no Grand Divisions have heretofore existed.

Resolved, That all propositions relating to the subject of representation in the National and Grand Divisions be deferred until the next session of this body.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred all proposed amendments to the Ritual, that it may be made to conform to the changed condition of our Order, and that the committee have power to sit during the recess of the National Division and submit a printed report at the next session.

Resolved, That the committee be directed to report on the first day of the next session, that the members of the National Division may have an opportunity to properly digest any proposed alterations that may be suggested, prior to action being had.

Resolved, That Grand Divisions be constituted Trustees, to hold in trust the property of defunct Divisions, to be used for the benefit of the Order in the several localities where such Divisions may have existed.

Resolved, That the M. W. Patriarch be and is hereby requested, under the Seal of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America, to tender by letter the happy greetings of this National body to the National Division of Australia, through their M. W. P., Brother George Lucas, of Australia.

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Scribe be and he is hereby authorized to publish an edition, in German, of the Ritual of the Order, at the expense of the Grand Divisions desiring to use the same.

The Committee on new Ritual for Lady Visitors not being satisfied with any of the manuscripts submitted, was continued, with same powers as before. The committee consists of R. M. Foust, 729 Brown street, Philadelphia, Penn.; Dr. John H. Curry, Nashville, Tenn.; Saml. W. Hodges, 14 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

The next meeting of the National Division will be held in Newark, N. J., on Wednesday, 22nd day of June, 1870.

NEW DIVISIONS.

On June 14th, Division No. 314, was organized at Cold-stream, Gay's River, Colchester County, by D. G. W. P. Peter McDonald.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, a Charter has been granted for a new Division to be instituted at Annapolis.

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS, ETC.

The names of 180 Subordinate Divisions are on the Grand Division Roll, of which number 158 are supposed to be in working order, 21 inactive, one dead.

The inactive Divisions are: No's 13, 14, 38, 59, 63, 89, 106, 141, 150, 169, 173, 177, 193, 194, 202, 218, 229, 254, 273, 278, 279. Total, 21.

There is a prospect of a large majority of these Divisions resuming operations before next winter season.

Oceanica Division, No. 181, Portaupique Mountain, Colchester County, is dead.

STATISTICS.

The following is a summary of the Returns received from the Divisions for the Quarterly Term ending June 30, 1869:

Members Admitted.....	319
" Withdrawn.....	153
" Expelled	255
" Died.....	12
" On Financial Scribe's Books	4,462
Lady Visitors Admitted.....	183
" Withdrawn, Died, &c.....	36
" Whole No.....	4,319
Violated Pledge 1st time	76
Retained.....	39
Violated Pledge 2nd time	18
Public Temperance Meetings held.....	30

Financial.

Receipts of Quarter	\$1,202 14½
Expenses, exclusive of benefits.....	900.00
Paid for benefits.....	100.20
Cash on hand and invested.....	11,344 29½
Per Capita Tax to Grand Division.....	238.86

FINANCES.

The receipts at this office to 22nd inst., amounted to \$170.47, including \$132.22 for Agency Fund.

AGENCY.

P. W. P., Bro. A. B. Fletcher, has concluded a six months' engagement as Lecturer and Agent of the Grand Division. The amount now in the Grand Treasurer's hands to credit of Agency Fund, will (less a few dollars) about pay the balance still due Bro. Fletcher for his services. It will be necessary for this body at the present meeting to instruct the Agency Committee as to whether they shall resume operations before the Annual Session. For information respecting this department, I would refer you to the Reports of the Committee and Bro. Fletcher.

ASYLUM FOR INEBRIATES.

Throughout the Province the feeling in favor of the establishment of an Asylum for Inebriates is becoming general, and a number of Religious bodies and Temperance organizations have petitioned the Local Legislature in favor of the project.

During the recent Session the Provincial Secretary laid on the table of the House correspondence on the subject between the Provincial Government on the one part, and Bros. Charles Robson, G. G. Gray, and P. Monaghan on the other. The letter of the latter urged the establishment of an Asylum and strongly pressed the Government to take action towards its accomplishment. All that was done in the matter was the reading of the documents referred to in the Lower House, and a brief conversation on the subject in the Legislative Council. It is intended to bring a strong pressure to bear on the Legislature, at its next sitting, with the view of having something practical done before the expiration of another year.

In order to evince our earnestness in the matter, I would suggest that this Grand Division appropriate the sum of \$100 towards the creation of a fund to establish an Asylum in this Province. Did the state of the funds allow it, I would recommend a larger amount. It may, perhaps, not be advisable to vote

the money at the present meeting, but it may be recommended that it be granted at the Annual Session in October next.

THE LICENSE LAW.

The Report of the Special Committee appointed at the last quarterly meeting will inform you that a few important amendments have been made in the Provincial License Law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors. As originally introduced by Bro. John A. Kirk, M.P.P., the amending bill was very stringent. Several alterations were made, and some of the clauses amended, with the intention, no doubt, of rendering it inoperative, and as far as possible non-effective. If properly enforced by honest Magistrates, Clerks of License, and other officers who should be encouraged in the prosecution of their duties by the energy and faithfulness of Temperance men and the lovers of good order, the law will be to a great extent prohibitory in character, and capable of effecting much good.

To the watchfulness and earnestness of Bro. John A. Kirk (the originator and introducer of the bill) in the House of Assembly, and the Grand Worthy Patriarch as a member of the Legislative Council, is due the credit of carrying the measure through both branches of the Legislature, and preventing some of the most stringent clauses from being mutilated.

N. D. PROPAGATION FUND—TEN CENT TAX.

As by its action at the recent Annual Session held at Washington, the National Division has enacted that Grand Divisions shall pay the sum of *ten cents on each member initiated within their respective jurisdictions during the year*, said amount to be forwarded to the Most Worthy Scribe with the Annual Returns and Per Capita Tax, it will be necessary for this body to consider the best mode of meeting this new requirement. The money thus raised is to form a "Propagation Fund" for the advancement of the Order and the cause of Temperance generally.

In order that you may more clearly understand the object of this fund, and at the risk of being tedious, I herewith give extracts relating thereto from the Reports of the Most Worthy Scribe and Most Worthy Patriarch.

From Most Worthy Scribe's Report.

"The original proposition to establish the propagation fund was for the purpose of 'advancing the interests of the Order, more especially in those States and Territories which have no Grand Divisions.' The general idea was, that the funds were to be used in the United States, and largely, to re-establish the Order in the Southern States. The British Provinces were not expected to contribute to this fund. The first year the contributions to this fund were by no means general, though the larger jurisdictions did very generally make appropriations. Massachusetts, Tennessee, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Michigan, West Virginia and Iowa each sent the full amount asked for. Eastern New York, Western New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and District of Columbia sent each an amount nearly equal to the amount called for. The receipts from this source were \$923.01. The action of this body last year in refusing to repeal the resolution demanding the propagation tax, as requested by the Grand Division of Pennsylvania, virtually confirmed the obligatory nature of the proposition, and consequently, in the circulars to Grand Scribes, as well as the return sheets, I called their attention to the tax. The amount paid to the fund the present year, to the time of closing the financial accounts, has been very small. The amounts due from New Jersey, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Missouri, and Michigan only being paid in full, and a small portion of the amount has been paid by Rhode Island. The total payment being \$294.78, and the amount still due being \$1,228.40. Since closing the books, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire have paid the amount due from those Grand Divisions. Believing in the utility of such a fund placed on a permanent basis to be used for the advancement of the Order in every part of

our jurisdiction, I propose in another part of this report a constitutional amendment to secure it. I make the amendment general, as we are as likely for the future to need funds to promote the Order in the British Dominion as in the United States, and even at the present time I believe that some help is needed in Prince Edward Island to place the Grand Division on a better footing, and enable them to extend the sphere of their usefulness. Some action should be taken of this kind, and the amount now due the fund collected, or the amount heretofore paid to the fund should be returned or credited to the Grand Divisions who have paid the same, and the fund should be discontinued. The only Grand Divisions that have paid anything to the fund at present are Eastern New York, Western New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Missouri, New Hampshire, Michigan, District of Columbia, West Virginia, and Iowa. This subject is deserving of your careful consideration."

From Most Worthy Patriarch's Report.

"The Propagation Fund was created by a tax of two cents upon each member of the Order, and has enabled the National Division to keep one laborer in the field almost constantly during the past year. It has been the means of adding to the number of our Divisions in New York, Minnesota, Kansas, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, besides aiding weak ones in Texas and other places. Its creation was a movement in the right direction, and can not but yield the most advantageous results to the Order in every point of view.

"On assuming my present duties, I received, as Chairman of the Committee on Propagation Fund, from P.M.W.P. Stearns, and M.W.S. Hedges, the amount in their hands, and herewith present the account of the expenditure of the same for the year, as follows, viz:

Cash received from John N. Stearns, P.M.W.P.....	\$55 03
" " " S. W. Hodges, M.W.S.....	14 98
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	\$337 01
Cash paid D.M.W.P. Blackie, Ga. and Ala.....	\$50 00
" " " M.W.S. Hodges for materials for Texas..	75 00
" " " " " " Minnesota	19 00
" " " D.M.W.P. Horton Minnesota.....	90 55
" " " M.W.C. Bradley, Kansas and Michigan..	250 00
" " " M.W.P. Foust, Florida and the South....	197 36
	—————
	681 91
Balances in Treasury of Propagation Fund this date	\$191 10

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Following is the Constitutional amendment referred to in the extract from the M.-W.S. Report, and proposed by him:—

"Constitution National Division Part VIII., alter to read "Each Grand Division shall pay twenty dollars for its charter, and also a per capita tax of five cents for each member in its jurisdiction, two cents of which shall be paid to the propagation fund, and three cents to the general fund, to support the National Division, not counting suspended members. The per capita tax must be forwarded to the Most Worthy Scribe with the Annual Returns."

This recommendation was not agreed to, but the addition to Part VIII of the Constitution, as noticed in another part of this Report, adopted instead—providing that "*ten cents per capita* on each *new* member introduced during the year," be paid to the N. P.

The funds of this Grand Division will not enable it to meet this new requirement, especially in view of the fact that for some years it has sustained its own Agency for the propagation of the Order within its own jurisdiction, and expended a large amount of money in prosecuting that important work.

I can conceive but one mode of raising the fund to enable this Grand Division to comply with the amended rule of the N. D., viz: to request subordinate Divisions to pay the sum of ten cents on each new member to the funds of this

body, and suggest to them the advisability of adding 12½ cents, or 25 cents to the initiation fee of members.

THE LATE J. D. B. FRASER, P.G.W.P.

Occasionally it becomes the painful duty of your officers to report the decease of active and prominent members of this body. It now devolves upon me to announce to you the decease of one of the veterans of the cause, an energetic, useful, *faithful and honest Temperance man*, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch, James D. B. Fraser, Esq., of Pictou. Our deceased friend and Brother was well known throughout the Province as a sincere lover of the Order, an unflinching and uncompromising advocate of Prohibition. As an earnest worker in the Temperance movement, a friend to the poor, and a useful citizen, his loss will be felt; and although he has passed away from among us, his memory will be long revered.

Brother Fraser passed away, after a protracted illness, almost immediately after the Oriental Division, No. 16, concluded a meeting held to celebrate its *twenty-first anniversary* on the evening of May 4th. He was a charter member of that Division, and was initiated at its Organization on May 1st., 1848. He was initiated a member of this body on July 31st, 1850, installed as its chief officer, October 31st, 1861, and became a member of the National Division June 14, 1865.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, I would congratulate the Grand Division on the pleasing circumstances under which we meet, in anticipation of the pleasure to be derived from an interchange of visits with our brethren over the border, the Grand Division of the Province of New Brunswick being now in Session at Sackville.

Seventeen years have elapsed since the two Grand Divisions met together and interchanged greetings of an exalted friendship. Many changes have occurred within the period mentioned, some of which have brought sadness on the heart, while others call forth our gratitude to the Almighty for the manifold blessings bestowed upon our labours. Some of the brethren who were then present have been prevented from participating with us in the business of this session; many have gone out from the Order, and a few have passed away from earth. *Two only* of the members of this body who attended the meeting held in this village in July, 1852, are in attendance at this session. Let us improve the occasion and profit by the hint given us by Divine Providence, that life is brief, and that we should be ever active in the performance of the work in which we are engaged.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. & F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, *Grand Scribe.*

Amherst, July 27th 1869.

Bro. J. Albert Black, on behalf of Amherst Division, extended an invitation to the Grand Division to attend a Pic Nic at Fowler's Hill, to-morrow afternoon.

On motion the invitation was accepted.

Bro. J. Albert Black having explained to the G. D. the nature of the arrangements made by the Subordinate Divisions of Sackville, N. B., and Amherst, in reference to the Pic Nic, &c., to be held to-morrow afternoon, and proposed fraternal meeting of the Grand Divisions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the same were approved of on motion of P.G.W.P. Longley, seconded by P.G.W.P. Huestis.

P. G. W. P Longley moved — *That* an Address be prepared to be presented to the Grand Division of New Brunswick to-morrow afternoon.

Agreed to, and P. G. W. P. Huestis, P. G. W. P. Longley, and Saml. McNaughton appointed a Committee to draft the Address.

P. G. W. P. Longley moved — *That* when the G. D. adjourns this evening, it will be to meet to-morrow morning at 8.45 o'clock.

Agreed to.

On motion, Brothers Samuel McNaughton and Robinson Cox were appointed a deputation to wait upon the Grand Division of New Brunswick, now in Session at Sackville, to inform that body of the intention of this Grand Division to present them with an Address at Fowler's Hill to-morrow afternoon, and ascertain if said arrangement would be acceptable.

Bro. J. Albert Black, on behalf of Amherst Division, invited the Grand Division to a public Temperance meeting to be held to-morrow evening.

On motion the invitation was accepted.

Grand Division adjourned.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1869.

FORENOON SITTING.

Grand Division resumed business at 8.45 o'clock, a. m.

Roll of Officers called :

Present: G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Sent.

Absent: G. W. A., G. Treas., G. Chap., G. Con., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled as at last evening's sitting, Rev. T. W. Smith being appointed G. Chap. *pro tem.*

The G. Chaplain entered immediately after opening ceremony.

The Minutes of last evening's sitting were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. G. F. Miles it was *Agreed* that the G. D. do now receive report from the Special Committee appointed last evening to prepare draft of an Address to the Grand Division of New Brunswick.

P. G. W. P. Huestis, as Chairman, read draft of an address prepared by the Committee.

On motion the draft of Address, as read, was adopted.

On motion of Bro. R. J. Wilson, it was agreed that the members of Grand Division wear Regalia at the Pic Nic this afternoon, and at the public meeting to be held this evening.

The following Report was read and approved :

HALIFAX, July 24, 1869.

The Standing Committee on Charters and institution of new Divisions would report that since last quarterly meeting they have recommended the granting of Charters as follows :

1. On May 26, to Samuel Moore, and *twelve others*, residents of Coldstream, Gay's River, Colchester County, for Division No. 314.
2. On July 9, to Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and *eleven others*, residents of Annapolis Annapolis County, for Division No.

In L. P. & F.

PAT. MONAGHAN,
M. A. SHAFFER.

The following Report was read and adopted :

HALIFAX, July 24, 1869.

Your Special Committee appointed at the last quarterly Session, held at Windsor, to petition the Local Legislature for an amendment to the License Law, beg to report—

That having been favored with a perusal of a bill prepared by John A. Kirk, Esq., M. P. P., in amendment of the Provincial License Law, and the said bill commanding itself to their approval, your Committee petitioned the Legislature praying them to pass said bill.

During its consideration in both branches of the Legislature, one important clause was struck out, and several amended.

Upon the whole, the amendments are such as will make the law effective—almost prohibitory in character—provided that Magistrates and other officers act honestly in enforcing its provisions, and Temperance men do their duty in seeing it faithfully executed.

A copy of the amending bill, as passed, is herewith appended, and your Committee would suggest that it be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of the forthcoming Session of the Grand Division.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.

PAT. MONAGHAN, G. S.
HENRY A. TAYLOR, P. G. W. P.

(See copy of Act in Appendix.—G. S.)

The Financial Statements of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read and ordered on File.

The following Report was read and adopted:

HALIFAX, N. S., July 24, 1869.

The Auditing Committee having examined the books, vouchers, and prepared statements of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, have much pleasure in

reporting the same correct, with the exception of \$1.92 too much credited to International Division in June quarter.

The following accounts are recommended for payment;

G. & T. Philips, binding 2 vols. Journals.....\$ 0 80
Wm. MacNab, printing Journals April Session..... 28 00

In Love, Purity & Fidelity,

ROBERT J. WILSON,
On behalf of Auditing Committee.

The following Report was read and adopted :

The Committee on Communications having under consideration requests from Bro. John R. Stubbart, P.W.P., of late "Alexandra" Division, No. 216, and Bro. George Oxborow, P.W.P., of late "Star of Hope" Division, of St. George, Bermuda, asking this Grand Division to grant them Clearance Cards, (said Divisions having ceased working), recommend that the G.W.P. and G.S. be instructed to provide the Brothers with the Cards asked for.

Submitted in Love, Purity & Fidelity,

HENRY L. EVERETT,
JOHN D. McDONALD,
CHAS. F. MYERS, A.B.

Amherst, July 28, 1869.

P. G. W. P. Taylor, as Chairman, presented the following Report from Agency Committee:

AMHERST, July 27, 1869.

The Agency Committee in presenting their third Quarterly Report have to state, that for want of the requisite funds they have been necessitated to discontinue the services of our very active Lecturer, Bro. A. B. Fletcher, at the end of June last.

Your Committee find that since their last Report our Brother has travelled no less than 454 miles, and through five different counties, viz., Hants, Kings, Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland. He has visited 37 different places, holding public meetings, and visiting Divisions in the various localities through which he passed.

Your Committee regret again to report the smallness of the amounts taken as collections at public meetings, or as donations given in aid of our very important Agency work. Will it be believed, that in the three months ending 20th June, the sum of twenty-one dollars and seventeen cents was the total amount received in that way by our brother; true, no notice of collection was given at the time some of the meetings were announced; and here your Committee would again wish it to be understood that collections are to be, and should be, taken up at every meeting held under their auspices, and that Brothers and Sisters and other friends of our Cause attending such meetings should govern themselves accordingly.

Your Committee believe the laborer in this Cause is worthy of his hire, and as the amount in the Grand Treasurer's hands will be insufficient to liquidate the liabilities of your Committee with our lecturer, your committee rely upon the proverbial liberality of the Grand Division to enable them to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the small balance due our brother.

Your committee did not deem it prudent to continue our brother in the field during the warm summer, haying and harvest months, and would, as on former occasions, appeal to our brothers and friends for a more extended liberality in aid of this important work. They trust that such a response will be made during the next three months to their funds, as will place their successors to be appointed at the annual session, in such a position as will warrant them in beginning again, and carrying on our great work; that of making known our distinctive principles of Love, Purity and Fidelity.

Your Committee trust this Grand Division will well and truly consider the action of the National Division at its recent session at Washington, respecting the 10 cents per capita tax from Grand Division on New members, and also the suggestion of the Grand Scribe in a recent number of the *Abstainer* in reference to the addition of 12½ or 25 cents extra to Initiation Fee, as an offering to our Agency or Propagation Fund, so that this, our greatest work may be carried on in the future without any undue interruption.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY A. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

Amherst 27th July, 1869.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. A. B. Fletcher's Report, as Agent of G. D., to Agency Committee was read and referred to same Committee. [See Appendix A.—G. S.]

P. G. W. P. Taylor moved — That 500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings at this Session be printed.

Agreed to.

P. G. W. P. McRobert entertained the Grand Division with an interesting account of the proceedings at recent Session of the National Division held at Washington, D.C., and the public gatherings, &c., in connection therewith.

P. G. W. P. Huestis presented the following Report from Special Committee :

Your Committee on that portion of the Reports of the G. W. P. and G. S. referring to the death of Bro. J. D. B. Fraser, of Pictou, would express its entire approval of the course pursued by the Grand Officers in reference to the letter of condolence to the widow and family of our deceased brother.

Deeply impressed with the important lesson thus providentially placed before us, we would, while acquiescing in the will of God, express our regret at the removal from our midst of a brother so distinguished by eminent moral virtues and unwavering attachment to the principles and usages of our noble Order.

We trust that the remembrance of our brother's many excellences will be of great service in stimulating every member of our Order to do quickly all that can be done for the good of man.

In L. P. and F.

G. O. HUESTIS,
HENRY A. TAYLOR,
A. S. BLENKHORN.

The G. D. was addressed by P. G. W. P. McRobert, the Grand Scribe, A. S. Blenkhorn, J. D. McDonald, and P. G. W. P. Taylor; each of whom spoke in eulogistic terms of the character of J. D. B. Fraser. The remarks of Bro. McDonald, respecting the deceased Brother were interesting, and feelingly expressed.

The Report was adopted by rising vote, on motion of P. G. W. P. McRobert, seconded by J. D. McDonald.

On motion of Bro. A. S. Blenkhorn, seconded by P. G. W. P.

Huestis, the Grand Scribe was instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing Report, and copies of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Session, and of last meeting of National Division, to the widow of deceased Brother.

On motion the Grand Division adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1869.

FORENOON SITTING.

Grand Division resumed business at 9 o'clock, a.m., the G.W.P. in the Chair.

Roll of Officers called:

Present: G. W. P., G. Scribe, G. Chap., G. Sent.

Absent: G. W. A., G. Treas., G. Con., P. G. W. P.

Vacancies were filled by Sam'l. McNaughton, G. W. A.; R. J. Wilson, G. Treas.; P. G. W. P. Taylor, G. Con.; C. F. Myers, P. G. W. P.

The Minutes of yesterday's sitting were read and approved.

The G. W. P. announced that in accordance with arrangements previously made, the Address from this Grand Division to the Grand Division of New Brunswick was presented to that body yesterday afternoon, at Fowler's Hill, and that he would call upon the Grand Scribe to read the Reply to the Address.

The Grand Scribe then read the Reply. [See Appendix for Address and Reply.—G. S.]

On motion of Bro. McNaughton, seconded by Bro. Myers, the Grand Scribe was instructed to prepare a Minute of the proceedings at Fowler's Hill yesterday afternoon, and publish the same, with copies of the Address to the Grand Division of New Brunswick, and the Reply thereto, in the Appendix to the Journals of this Session.

P. G. W. P. Longley, as Chairman, presented Report from Committee on State of the Order.

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On motion it was *agreed* that the Report be considered by clauses.

Representatives J. L. Marsh, P. G. W. P.; J. Gowland, Wm. Needham, M. P. P., and — Marr, members of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, being present, were invited to participate in the business before the G. D.

The Report of Committee on State of the Order was considered by clauses, and adopted as a whole as follows:

The Committee upon the State of the Order beg leave to report:

(1) It is with mingled feelings of joy and sadness, of pleasure and pain, that your Committee survey the temperance field at the present stage of our history as a Grand Division. This Grand Division has been in existence for a period exceeding twenty years, and during this long interval has witnessed the accomplishment of much good; the fallen have been raised up, the weak strengthened, the wayward restrained: and many reclaimed from habits of intemperance; the co-operation of many of the strong and virtuous has been secured, and the sympathy of thousands now, who, as yet have given us no direct aid.

(2) In view of these cheering results, we may well indulge in some pleasurable emotions, and take courage still to battle for the right, until our "Mission is accomplished." But it is painful to think, that after so many years of earnest, almost wearisome toil, so much remains to be accomplished. The demon of intemperance still stalks abroad, destroying, blighting and subverting to its unhallowed sway the sons of pleasure and folly, and not these alone, but some seemingly virtuous, and strong in moral rectitude of purpose, are led captive at his will, despite the most strenuous exertions of friends to save them.

(3) What but the evidence of our own senses could convince us, that after nearly forty years of temperance agitation, and, at a period when nearly all good men unite in pronouncing the traffic in intoxicating drinks an unmitigated evil, and the greatest curse that ever afflicted society; that vast capital is still invested in the trade; that social custom, especially in the higher circles of society, still keeps this public iniquity in continuance, and, more amazing still, that even religious sentiment, to some extent, sanctions these enormities. True, there are no open advocates of drunkenness, but the moderate use of intoxicants is advocated by many of the most influential in society, and by some who by precept and example—save in this respect—sedulously seek to benefit their fellow men. Strange delusion that these men labor under! When shall it be dispelled, and they, too, lend their aid to the temperance reform? In vain have the advocates of teetotalism sought to dispel the fallacies which surround the question of "moderate drinking." A thousand times has the plain, pertinent question been propounded to them, from whence come the annual quota of drunkards? Come they from the ranks of teetotallers? No! From whence come they then? From the ranks of moderate drinkers is the logical, irresistible conclusion, and the only reply that an honest, intelligent mind can give to the enquiry. How many of the most highly endowed; the most generous-hearted of "Scotia's" sons, who have passed to the drunkard's tomb, began timidly, cautiously—almost abstemiously—if the term is not misapplied, to sip the exhilarating beverage, scarcely, perhaps, exceeding the bounds of moderation for years after beginning to drink, and yet ended their career as absolute drunkards? Others pass by rapid stages from moderation to excess, and end their career in shameless debauchery and crime, and perchance in the horrors of *delirium tremens*. Sad, startling, horrible, are the pictures presented to the imagination as we dilate upon this painfully frightful theme. But we cannot pursue this subject further, and turn to the more pleasing task of briefly

depicting the delightful transformations wrought upon society through the benevolent agency of our own and kindred organizations.

(4) Forty years ago it was considered no disgrace to get drunk. There was then scarcely a house whose furniture did not include decanters, wine-glasses, and all the paraphernalia required for drinking and the treating of friends. Then—

“The rites of hospitality were only half performed,
Unless the side-board's ample store had all the feelings warmed.”

But how pleasingly changed the scene now. Few now deem it necessary or even becoming to drink on the occasion of visiting, or the interchanging of visits. Hay-making, harvesting, and the variously important branches of industry are now successfully and creditably carried on without the keg or demijohn of rum. Marriages, christenings, funerals, and even most of the merry-makings are now dis-associated with the demoralizing custom of drinking which prevailed in the days of yore.

In view of the wonders thus wrought, may we not hope that the day is not far distant when the wine-cup shall be banished from the festive board, from official circles; and the highest dignitaries in the land, both in Church and State, adopt the principles of teetotalism.

(5) From a perusal of the Reports of the G. W. P. and the G. S., and other official documents placed in our hands, we feel ourselves justified in stating, that the Order within this jurisdiction is in a healthy and comparatively prosperous condition. Only one new Division has been instituted during the last quarterly term, but several Divisions, for a long time past inactive, are showing signs of renewed vitality, and indications of a general rallying of the temperance forces, not only in N. S. but throughout the National jurisdiction, give hopeful promise of the “good time coming.”

(6) The general, simultaneous, and co-operative action already taken, or in contemplation throughout the national jurisdiction, in relation to the question of Prohibition, is both significant and encouraging to every one interested in the suppression of the liquor traffic. If this movement be energetically carried on, both the rumseller and his victim may yet be saved from ruin.

(7) You are all familiar with the “platform” adopted at the Temperance Convention held in the city of Halifax in March last. Nova Scotia can claim the credit of having been the first, or among the first, to re-affirm the principles of former years in regard to the great question of Prohibition; and of having incorporated into her platform the most definite and advanced ideas in relation to political action on this vitally important subject. It is highly gratifying, however, to find almost identically the same sentiments and views incorporated into the platforms adopted by several of the leading States in the neighboring Union, and also, we believe, either already adopted or intended to be adopted shortly in the Province of Ontario.

(8) The following include some of the States which have already taken, or which contemplate taking, early action upon the question of Prohibition:—Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Doubtless other States will soon take corresponding action, until the movement shall include the whole American Union.—A vote which was recently taken in the British House of Commons upon the Permissive Bill exhibited a great increase of legislative strength since the vote on the same question a few years ago. Then the vote stood 40 for, 297 against. In May last it stood 93 for, 199 against. There were 300 petitions presented recently, one of which contained 10,579 names. We feel inclined to say, “Well done, Old England!”

A few brief extracts culled from the series of resolutions or Platforms adopted by these Temperance Conventions held in the United States, may not at this juncture be considered inappropriate or uninteresting.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION.

(1.) That it is the province and duty of government to protect its citizens against the crimes and vices of Society.

(2.) That the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a crime, and should be suppressed by law.

(3.) That we, the delegates here assembled, representing the Temperance sentiment of the State, declare that we are unqualifiedly in favor of the total prohibition of the manufacture, importation, or sale of alcoholic drinks; that the people have a right to demand such a law, and that it is the duty of law-abiding citizens to unite in creating a public sentiment that will sustain and enforce a Prohibitory law when enacted.

(4.) That we respectfully ask the existing political parties of the State to incorporate into the platform, to be adopted at their next annual conventions, the principles of Prohibition, and to nominate men who will faithfully represent their principles in all their private as well as official acts.

WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION.

After making provision for a Temperance ticket at the next election, should such be necessary, the following among other resolutions were passed:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That in view of these facts the only thing that now remains for us to do, aside from the employment of ordinary means and instrumentalities, is to make the temperance question a political question, for the purpose of procuring a prohibitory law.

(2.) *Resolved*,—That the Executive Board of the State society are instructed if they deem it advisable, to call a State delegate convention to nominate a ticket for the next fall campaign.

IOWA.

(1.) *Resolved*,—That the end to be attained is a legal prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks; that to attain that end, we pledge ourselves to united and persistent action.

(2.) *Resolved*,—That this convention pledges its support only to such candidates as will squarely stand on temperance principles, and pledge themselves to carry them out.

(3.) *Resolved*,—That a prohibitory law to be effective must be the exponent of the public will, and that our pressing duty, therefore, is to educate the people to a clear understanding of their rights and obligations.

The foregoing extracts will serve as an illustration of the public sentiment and of the action taken in several of the States of the Union; and 'tis believed that the movement already begun but heralds corresponding action whenever our distinctive principles have been propagated.

THE ABSTAINER.

(9) Your Committee would earnestly recommend this valuable and interesting paper to the hearty patronage of all friends of temperance. They are fully impressed with the belief that no human agency is more potent for the dissemination of temperance truth than that of the press. The "Abstainer" has done good service in that way, and it is, so we hope, destined to do still greater good. Already has it, on several occasions, successfully combatted certain fallacies put forth through the columns of some of the city papers, by those who but imperfectly understand our principles, and who find it hard to disguise their hostility to teetotalism and prohibition.

The "Abstainer" should be looked to as the prompt, fearless exponent of our sentiments upon the great question of prohibition, and in order to this end, all who are capable of vigorously wielding a pen should aid its indefatigable editor, Bro. Monaghan, by contributing well-considered articles occasionally as may be required by the exigencies of the times.

And as it is highly desirable to have concentrated effort in temperance literature your Committee would recommend that this G. D. appoint a Committee to confer with the Grand Lodge of Good Templars at its next sitting with respect to united action in supporting a temperance paper.

AGENCY.

(10) Your Committee are sorry to learn that the funds of the Agency Com-

mittee are exhausted, and that for the ensuing quarter at least, and until after the meeting of the G. D. in October next, there will be no agent in the field. The Agency Committee in their report represent themselves as unable to meet a small balance still due to the Agent recently employed, Bro. Fletcher, and your Committee would respectfully recommend that this G. D. should immediately vote from its funds a sufficient sum to liquidate this debt. Your Committee notice with regret the smallness of the collections generally taken at the lectures given by the Agent, and would earnestly exhort the members of the Order and the friends of temperance generally to greater liberality. The Committee deem it of great importance that a really efficient Agent should be continually kept in the field, and trust that some means may be devised to accomplish this object. Comparatively few men possess all the requirements of a good temperance agent and lecturer, and when one such is found his services can seldom be secured, except at an exorbitant rate altogether beyond the reach of ordinary means.

(11.) Your Committee hail with pleasure the success attending the efforts made in the way of promoting the good cause by kindred organizations, but recognize in connection with our own beloved Order agencies second to those of no other existing organization for the successful working out of the great problem of sobriety and good government, by the overthrow of the Liquor Traffic, and cordially invite all who desire to make themselves useful in promoting this moral reform to come within the circle of the brotherhood.

(12.) Your Committee are of the opinion that the agitation already begun for the passing of a prohibitory enactment for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic should be firmly and energetically carried on until our aim is accomplished. This enterprise involves many sacrifices, and doubtless some stern work, but we cannot recede without proving recreant to principles long avowed, and firmly and sincerely held; so we have, seemingly, no alternative but to push the agitation to its legitimate and final conclusion—prohibition of the traffic.

(13.) The National Division at its recent session imposed upon each G. D. ten cents for each new member introduced into the Subordinate Divisions within its jurisdiction during the year, with a view of raising a propagation fund.

In this way a very considerable sum will probably be raised for the dissemination of our principles throughout the jurisdiction. Still, while we shall duly participate in the benefits consequent upon the distribution of this fund, we should not relax our efforts in the way of replenishing our funds for purely local purposes.

It has been suggested by some that the initiation fee of Subordinate Divisions should be raised 25 or 12½ cents, and your Committee would recommend to Subordinate Divisions the adoption of the suggestion, but leave the matter to the G. D.

(14) Your Committee note with pleasure that some important amendments were made in the License Law at the last session of the Legislature, and trust that the law will thereby be rendered more efficient. While we aim at nothing short of prohibition, it is well for us in the meantime to avail ourselves of all improvements made in the existing License Law.

The most important alterations made in the law relates to the fixing of a scale of fines and penalties for violations of the law; the right of searching suspected premises and the requiring of the recommendation of the two-thirds of the Grand Jury, and accompanied by the petition of two-thirds of the rate-payers in the polling district where the tavern is proposed to be opened.

Respectfully submitted,

A. LONGLEY,
W. E. McROBERT,
SAM'L MCNAUGHTON,
J. ALB. BLACK,
T. W. SMITH.

Amherst, July 29, 1869.

P. G. W. P. Marsh, and P. W. P. Needham, of New Brunswick, being called on, entertained the Grand Division with interesting remarks.

On motion of Bro. S. McNaughton, seconded by C. F. Myers, a vote of thanks was passed to Amherst Division for providing the hall in which the sittings of the Session have been held.

On motion of Bro. Robinson Cox, seconded by P. G. W. P. Longley, a vote of thanks was passed to Amherst Division, the ladies and other friends of Amherst, for the pleasure and enjoyment afforded members of this Grand Division at the Pic-Nic held at Fowler's Hill yesterday afternoon.

Bro. J. D McDonald moved, seconded by G. Sent. Thompson, That a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. J. Albert Black, of Amherst Division, for kindly loaning his Organ Harmonium and presiding thereat during the Session, as also for his kind attentions to Representatives during their stay in Amherst.

Adopted by a rising vote.

P. G. W. P. Taylor gave notice, in writing, that at the Annual Session he would move to amend Article XI. of the Bye-Laws of this Grand Division by adding the following:

Every Subordinate Division shall also pay to this Grand Division the sum of *ten cents* on each new member admitted, said amount to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe with the quarterly Returns and Per Capita Tax.

On motion of Bro. Robinson Cox, seconded by Rev. G. F. Miles, a vote of thanks was passed to the Superintendent of Railways, and to Mr. C. B. Archibald and T. S. Lindsay & Co., for granting the privilege of reduced travelling fares to Representatives attending this Session.

The Minutes of this sitting were read and approved.

Grand Division closed in due form at 1.30, p. m.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

C. and Scribe.

HALIFAX, N. S., August 2, 1869.

THE GRAND SCRIBE *in account with the GRAND DIVISION.*

1869.	DR.
April 26 To tax from Hantsport Division, qr. ending Dec. 31 1867....	\$ 3.60
" " " from Divisions quar. ending March 31, 1868; Hantsport \$3.12; Champion 3.18.....	6.30
" " To tax from Divisions, quar. ending June 30, 1868; Hantsport \$2.76; South 1.50; Amherst 4.44; Champion 3.48..	12 18
" " To tax from Divisions quar. ending Sept. 30, 1868; Hantsport \$1.86; South 1.50; Amherst 4.44; Champion 3.60..	11 40
" " To tax from Divisions quar. ending Dec. 31, 1868; Phoenix \$4.02; Cobequid 2.52; South 1.50; Amherst 3.42; Rosignol 3.06; Pereaux 3.48; Champion 3.96; Ingraham 1.08; Oakland 2.10; International 0.96.....	26 10
" " To Tax from Divisions quar. ending March 31, 1869; Concord \$2.34; Hebron 2.76; Cape Breton 3.66; Archangel 5.40; Rising Sun 2.76; Hantsport 2.52; Lake 3.42; Iron Age 3.60; Bethlehem 0.96; Parrsboro' 1.50; Phoenix 3.18; Southampton 1.80; Vesper 1.26; North American 1.74; Cobequid 2.40; South 1.50; New Era 5.82; Amherst 3.42; Canning 1.86; Rosignol 2.94; Waverley 2.58; Ray of Light 2.64; Pereaux 3.72; Ingraham 1.20; Palmerston 3.00; Fenwick 2.40; Rockport 1.56; Pleasant Valley, on acet., 1.02; Morien 2.10; Home of the West 1.08; Granite 2.46; Rockland 1.50; Gold Hunter 3.60; Milford Haven 1.74; Sparkling Water 1.74; Lady of the Lake 1.56; Homeville 1.98; McMurray 2.16; Rainbow 2.28; Montrose 1.62; Longley 1.92; Miners' Own 2.10; Evening Tide 1.14; Martock 1.14; Highland 1.14; Lake Echo 1.02; International 0.96; Crystal Rock 1.14; Conquerall 1.50; Orior 2.10; Still-in-Time 1.26: Dominion 1.02.....	113.22
July 22. To tax from Divisions quar. ended June 30, 1869; Chebucto 7.08; Miemac 1.14; Mayflower 6.66; Avon 3.54; Howard 5.16; Cape Breton 3.42; Archangel 5.64; Olive Branch 3.36; Star 2.58; Mainmast 2.58; Star in the East 5.10; Wallace 1.86; Kellogg 3.36; Athenæum 4.02; Vesper 1.20; North Sydney 5.16; Amherst 2.46; Rescue 3.84; Rosignol 2.70; Ray of Light 2.40; Bethesda 2.46; St. Andrews 5.52; Day Spring 3.12; Randall 0.90; Ingraham 1.32; Marathon 2.40; Richmond 1.80; Pleasant Valley 1.26; Springside 2.46; H. A. Taylor 1.20; Granite 2.34; Granite Rock 3.12; Lady of the Lake 1.68; Preservation 2.10; Great Eastern 1.56; Fowler 2.04; Brule 1.56; Star of Promise 3.00; Lake Echo 0.66; International *3.12; Crystal Rock 1.02; Western Home 2.46; Orior 1.56; Beacon 2.88; Fellowship 1.38; Young Branch 0.72.....	126.90
" " To amounts received towards Agency Fund.....	132.22
" " " " for Charter.....	5.00
" " " " Band of Hope Certificates.....	7.87
" " " " Band of Hope Rituals.....	5.92
" " " " T. and W. Cards.....	5.80
" " " " Bye-Laws.....	3.00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$459.52</i>

* By error International Cr. \$1.92 too much.

THE GRAND SCRIBE *in account with the GRAND DIVISION.*

1869.

Dr.

	<i>To amount brought forward.....</i>	\$459.52
July 22.	To amounts received for Blank Returns.....	3.00
" "	" " " " Ode Cards.....	2.25
" "	" " " " Blue Books.....	2.00
" "	" " " " Band of Hope Melodies.....	1.57½
" "	" " " " Officers' Cards.....	1.20
" "	" " " " Visitors' Ritual.....	0.80
" "	" " " " Clearance Card.....	0.12½
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		\$470.47

1869.

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May 31.	Paid Grand Treasurer, on general account.....	\$100.00
June 30.	do. do.	100.00
July 22.	do. do.	131.82½
" "	do. Agency Fund.....	137.22½
" "	Error against G. S. in last quarter's account.....	1.42
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		\$470.47

PATRICK MONAGHAN, *Grand Scribe.**Halifax, July 22nd, 1869.*

Examined and found correct, except error noted.

R. J. WILSON,
On behalf of Auditing Committee.

THE GRAND DIVISION *Cash account PER CONTRA.*

1869.	DR.	
April 24.	To Cash in Saving's Bank.....	\$100.00
	Do. balance in hand	339.41 — \$439.41
May 31.	Do. from Grand Scribe.....	100.00
June 30.	Do. do.	100.00
July 22.	Do. do.	131.S2½
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		\$771.23½
1869.	CR.	
May 5.	By pd. Z. S. Halls' bill.....	A 29 1.85
" "	Wm. MacNab, printing Journals, & " of H. Rituals..	A 30 5S.00
" "	Abstainer Office, printing Charters &c.....	A 31 18.50
" "	G. W. P's. expenses to Jany & April Sess. G. D.....	A 32 7.00
" "	Remittance to M.W.S. \$129.03, U.S. currency.....	A 33 100.00
" "	G. S. expenses to April Session.....	A 34 3.50
June 25.	Expenses delegates to National Division.....	A 35 100.00
July 20.	G. S. salary to July 1st, 1869.....	A 36 75.00
" "	Editor Abstainer to June 30, 1869.....	A 37 60.00
" 23.	G. S. Postage and Office expenses.....	A 39 34.66
" 24.	Cash in Savings Bank, see book, \$300.00.....	{ 312.72½
	do. Balance in hand.....	{ \$ 12.72½
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		\$771.23½

THE AGENCY FUND *Cash account PER CONTRA.*

1869.	DR.	
April 24.	To Cash balance in hand.....	\$140.81
July 23.	do. from Grand Scribe.....	137.22½
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		\$278.03½
1869.	CR.	
July 15.	By pd. A. B. Fletcher, agent G. D. on account.....	A 38 \$165.52
" 24.	Cash Balance on hand.....	112.51½
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E. & E. O.	Submitted in L. P. & F.,	\$278.03½
	JOHN HEENAN, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>	

The above statements examined and found correct.

R. J. WILSON,
On behalf of Auditing Committee.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT SESSION.

No. 7.

A. Longley, P.G.W.P.
 H. A. Taylor, P.G.W.P.
 P. Monaghan, G. Scribe,
 R. J. Wilson, D.G.W.P.
 H. L. Everett,
 H. D. Holloway.

No. 9.

Alexander Hutt,
 Robert L. Schwartz,

No. 16.

J. D. McDonald.

No. 75.

Henry Smith,
 Arthur Davidson,
 Allison Fulton.

No. 82.

W. E. McRobert, M. D., P.G.W.P.
 W. D. Corbett, D.G.W.P.

No. 93.

Robinson Cox,
 Samuel McNaughton.

No. 112.

C. F. Myers.

No. 140.

R. Thompson, G. Sent.

No. 75.

Miss Augusta Fulton,
 " Lydia Fulton.

No. 82.

Mrs. W. E. McRobert,
 Miss Mary Cox.

No. 182.

Mrs. Maggie Sutherland,
 Miss Louise Pipes,
 " Amelia Black,
 " Sarah Quigley,
 " Martha Sibley,
 " Helen McKenzie,
 " Eliza Bulmer,
 " Annie Dodge,
 " Maritta Travis,

No. 155.

A. B. Fletcher, Prov. D.G.W.P.

No. 182.

J. II. Black, Co. D.G.W.P.
 J. A. Black, D.G.W.P.
 Rev. G. F. Miles,
 A. S. Blenkhorn,
 David Spence,
 D. R. McElmon,
 A. Robb,
 W. C. Dimock,
 Charles Christie,
 G. W. Christie,
 Rupert Black,
 G. Allan Doncaster,
 Botsford Roach,
 Robert Barry,
 H. O. Black,
 W. M. Read,
 Samuel McC. Black,

No. 212.

C. N. Harrington,

No. 219.

Wells Cole, D.G.W.P.
 Wm. A. Plushaw.

No. 244.

Hon. S. Creelman, G.W.P.

No. 307.

Rev. G. O. Huestis, G. Chap.

LADY VISITORS.

Miss Lottie Miles,
 " Rosina Sibley,
 " Augusta Quigley,
 " Ella Treen,
 " Olivia Codles,
 " Annie Baxter,
 " Sarah Greenfield,
 " Sarah Brooks,

No. 293.

Miss Selina Leck.

VISITORS G. D. NEW BRUNSWICK.

J. L. Marsh, P.G.W.P.
 Wm. Needham, M.P.P.
 J. Gowland,
 J. H. Marr.
 Miss Mary Dobson, Jolicure Division.

APPENDIX.

A.

BROTHER A. B. FLETCHER'S REPORT.

To the Agency Committee of the G. D.:

When the Grand Division met in Windsor I had filled up all my appointments. The members of your Committee present at the meeting not having time after the adjournment of the Grand Division and before the departure of the train which was to take them to Halifax, to make out my appointments for May, I was told by one of your number to arrange a few meetings for myself till your Committee should have time to make out and forward my appointments. This I did, and believing that my course was westward the arrangements for meetings were made in that direction. Missing a letter from the G. S. which was to have met me at Lakeville, Cornwallis, I still went on towards Annapolis, holding meetings as frequently as the arrangements could be made. When I reached Wilmot, on the 15th, I received a letter from the G. S. dated the 7th, containing appointments running eastward, commencing at Wolfville on the 10th. As I could not possibly overtake any of the appointments in that letter, I thought it better to remain where I was till I had addressed two meetings which were then advertised, I did not, therefore, reach Pictou, where it had been notified that I should be on the 17th till the 24th. The disappointment thus experienced interfered very much with my visit to Pictou county. The notices of the meetings had to be short and a few missed altogether. In some cases the notice of a collection had been overlooked.

Since the last session of the Grand Division I have been busily at work up to the 1st of July, disseminating the principles of our Order. I have lectured once in Hants, seven times in Kings, three times in Colchester, and twenty times in the county of Pictou. I have travelled 454 miles, and collected \$21.17 $\frac{1}{2}$.

My field of labor for nearly half of the time since I last reported has embraced ground occupied by other organizations, and although I do not complain (being quite willing to go where I am sent), yet nothing can be done in the way of extending the sphere of our beloved Institution. This, however, is done: the fact that our Order is alive and earnestly at work is made known.

I am happy in being able to state that the Order of the Sons of Temperance is becoming better understood and more highly appreciated in our Province. The value of the "Abstainer," as the organ of our body as well as of other institutions, and the efficiency which characterizes the management of our Organ is frequently the subject of approving remarks by many who take an interest in the Temperance movement and who are not associated with us under our banner.

Space would fail to mention the names of those from whom I have received marks of kindness and attention in my rambles. Not one of these are forgotten. May happiness and peace be their lot in this world and in the world that is to come!

Submitted in L. P. and F.

A. B. FLETCHER.

STATEMENT OF LABOR BY AGENT FROM APRIL 26 TO JULY 1, 1869.

Date.	Places Visited.	Miles.	Collected.	REMARKS.
April 29	Windsor.....	30	\$5 15	G. D. Public Meeting.
May 3	Brooklyn, Hants.....	8	.....
" 4	Lockhartville.....	18	0 54	
" 6	Cambridge.....	22	0 39	
" 8	Canaan.....	10	0 10	
" 10	Morristown.....	17	.....	No collection.
" 13	Upper Aylesford.....	5	0 63	
" 15	Kingston.....	6	.....	No meeting.
" 17	Melvern Square.....	5	.....	No notice of collection.
" 18	Brooklyn, Annapolis.....	7	0 50 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" 25	New Glasgow.....	140	4 25	
" 26	Fisher's Grant.....	7	.....
" 27	Albion Mines.....	10	0 73	
" 28	New Glasgow.....	2	.....	Meeting of Band of Hope.
" 29	Westville.....	5	.....	No meeting.
" 31	Pictou.....	12	1 13	
June 1	Churchville.....	13	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" 2	Springville.....	4	0 56	
" 3	Hopewell.....	4	.....	No notice of meeting.
" 4	Marsh Settlement.....	3	.....	Met with Division.
" 7	Glengarry.....	3	1 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" 8	Toney River.....	30	1 66	
" 9	River John.....	14	1 00	
" 9	Brule, Colchester.....	6	1 22	
" 10	Sand Marsh.....	3	0 29	
" 11	West Branch.....	11	.....	No notice of collection.
" 12	Hillsdale.....	5	.....	do.
" 14	Earlton Village.....	3	.....	do.
" 16	Roger Hill.....	18	.....	Very small meeting.
" 17	3-Mile House.....	5	1 03	
" 18	Durham.....	4	.....
" 20	Green Hill.....	4	.....
" 22	Alma.....	2	.....	No meet., defective notice.
" 23	Middle River.....	3	.....	do.
" 24	Rocklin.....	4	.....
" 25	Marsh Settlement.....	4	0 65	
" 28	Middle River.....	7	.....
	Total.....	454	21 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	

A. B. FLETCHER.

B.

G. D. AGENCY FUND.

Amounts received by Grand Scribe between April 26th and July 22nd, 1869.

Champion Division.....	\$3.00
Western Home Division.....	2.00
Avon Division, quarterly subscription.....	2.00
Home of the West Division	2.00
Lake Echo Division.....	2.00
New Era Division, 1½ cents on members, March quarter.....	1.45½
North American Division.....	1.25
Sparkling Water Division.....	1.00
Crystal Division.....	1.00
Ray of Light Division	0.50
Brule Division.....	0.50
A. B. Fletcher, Agent, collections at meetings and donations.....	115.52
	132.22½
Add one Charter fee	5.00
	137.22½

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By paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$137.22½
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PAT. MONAGHAN, G. S.

(See G. S. account.)

Halifax, July 22, 1869.

C.

AMENDMENTS TO LICENSE LAW.

An Act to alter and amend Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors," and the Acts in amendment thereof. Passed the 10th day of June, A. D. 1869.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. Every Clerk of the License, or Justice of the Peace, or any other person acting under the written authority of a Clerk of the License, or Justice of the Peace, is hereby empowered to enter into or upon the premises, or into the shop, store, dwelling-house, or other building of any person, or persons, who (whether holding a license or unlicensed) is, or are generally reputed and suspected of violating any law respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, or of violating the license law, or of selling liquors without license; and all persons who are so suspected shall upon being required by any of the said officers or persons so authorized as aforesaid, immediately open their said premises and grant free admission to the same, and any person or persons who shall refuse admission to his, her, or their premises, shop, store, dwelling house, or other building, or who shall not open the same and grant free access thereto, and who shall not permit any of the said officers or persons to so enter, or who shall obstruct any such officer or person in the performance of his duty, shall be liable on conviction, to a penalty of twenty dollars for every such offence to be prosecuted in the name of the Crown before any two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County in which the offence is committed, and in the event of the fine not being paid, the party convicted shall be imprisoned in the gaol of the County or District in which the offence is committed, for a term of not less than twenty days, nor more than ninety days. The fine when received shall be paid in to the Treasurer of the County or District in which the cause of action originated, towards the general funds of such County or District.

2. Any Clerk of the License, or any person authorized by him may seize and destroy all intoxicating liquors found exposed or intended for sale within the limits of any proclaimed Gold District, and for that purpose if necessary, upon reasonable grounds of suspicion, may enter into any house or building within such limits and seize, take away, or destroy all such intoxicating liquors. And no licenses shall hereafter be granted in any proclaimed Gold District.

3. The penalties for violating the law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors shall hereafter be; for the first offence ten dollars, or imprisonment for twenty days in the County or District gaol in the event of non-payment of the fine; for the second offence, twenty dollars or forty days imprisonment; for the third offence forty dollars or eighty days imprisonment; and for every subsequent offence eighty dollars or three months imprisonment; the first offence to mean the first time that the accused party shall have paid a fine or suffered imprisonment, whether upon confession or conviction.

4. Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall only be granted by the sessions upon the recommendation of the Grand Jury, concurred in by two-thirds of the members of the Grand Jury present, accompanied by a petition from two-thirds of the rate-payers of the Polling District in which the tavern is intended to be established, praying for such license. The genuineness of the signatures of such petitioners shall be established to the satisfaction of the Court, and such petition and recommendation from the Grand Jury may be rejected in whole or in part by the Sessions.

5. Section 4 of the said Chapter 19 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

No licenses other than Tavern or Shop licenses shall hereafter be granted; and no intoxicating liquors shall hereafter be sold in any tavern or other licensed house after the hours of nine o'clock in the evening, except to regular and constant boarders and travellers. No person resident within one mile of such tavern or licensed house shall be considered a traveller within the meaning of this section.

6. Section 30 of said Chapter is amended by omitting the word "knowingly" between the words "shall" and "sell," and by inserting the words "or deliver" between the words "sell" and "intoxicating."

7. Any person who shall bribe, or attempt to bribe, intimidate, or attempt to intimidate a witness with a view to hinder him from giving testimony as to any violation of this Act, or of the Chapter or Acts hereby amended, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty dollars.

8. Any Justice of the Peace who shall purchase intoxicating liquor in any quantity less than ten gallons from a person not holding a Tavern license, shall forfeit twenty dollars to be recovered in the name of the Crown, and shall be liable to forfeit his commission.

9. The summons shall be in the form of Schedule A. hereto annexed.

10. Nothing herein contained, with the exception of Section 5, shall apply to the city of Halifax.

11. This bill shall not go into operation in the city of Halifax until the first day of January next.

12. So much of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes and of the Acts in amendment thereof as is inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE A.

To any of the Constables of the County of

SS.

You are hereby commanded to summon A. B., of , in the County of , to appear before us, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at , in said County, on the day of next, to answer C. D., Clerk of License for the District of , for violating the Laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors within six months previous to the issuing hereof.

Witness our hands and seals this day of A. D. 18

E. F., J. P. (L.S.)
G. H., J. P. (L.S.)

D.

FRATERNAL MEETING OF THE GRAND DIVISIONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA, AT FOWLER'S HILL, JULY 28, 1869.

The Grand Divisions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, holding their July quarterly sessions at Sackville and Amherst, respectively, arrangements were made for holding a Pic-Nic on Fowler's Hill, half way between the places named. The Grand Division of Nova Scotia decided upon presenting an address to their sister Grand Division, on the Pic-Nic grounds.

Accordingly, on Wednesday afternoon, July 28, the Pic-Nic was held at the place mentioned. The following account of the proceedings is taken from the *Amherst Gazette* of July 30th, published by Bro. J. Albert Black.

"On Wednesday afternoon a monster Pic-Nic was held among the picturesque beauties of Fowler's Hill, Westmorland, under the united auspices of the Divisions of Sackville and Amherst, to which members of both Grand Divisions and of the surrounding Divisions and Lodges were invited. A more successful entertainment of the kind has probably never taken place in the country. In it were combined the "feast of reason and flow of soul" with the pleasure drawn from the well-filled baskets provided by the well-favored ladies of the country, who are ever ready in every good work, and the inspiration afforded by the sweet notes from the "Amherst Brass Band" which reverberated among the trees. The procession which left this place extended over about a mile and a half in length, while that from Sackville and intermediate places must have produced a line of equal extent. An address embodying a fraternal greeting from the G. D. of N. S. to that of New Brunswick, was read by G. W. P. Creelman, and presented to G.W.P. Currie of the latter body, who read a reply.—Seventeen years ago, the two organizations exchanged fraternal greetings at Sackville and Amherst during G. D. Sessions. Of the members of our G. D. present then there were only two at this Session—P. Monaghan and A. S. Blenkhorn, Esq's. The speakers were:—The two G. W. Ps., A. Longloy, Judge Steadman, Rev. G. F. Miles, W. Needham, Esq., M. P. P., J. R. Stubbett, J. L. Marsh, Esq., Rev. G. O. Huestis, and Mr. S. McNaughton. In the speeches were exhibited a degree of talent and logical and oratorical ability such as may justly cause members of the Order to feel proud that there are engaged as associates with us in the work, men of such stamp. Any person who has enjoyed the fun of hearing "Billy Needham," who though but recently reclaimed from the opposite ranks, is now a whole souled temperance man, may know that we were not without a good spicie of humor on the occasion. Mr. N. was for several years Mayor of Fredericton,"

Grand Worthy Patriarch Creelman of Nova Scotia prefaced the presentation of the address with the following remarks:—

"Seventeen years ago this day, the Grand Divisions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had the privilege of an interchange of sentiments upon the noble Cause in which as Sons of Temperance we are happily engaged."

In looking back upon the record of that event, we find that from various causes but few who took a part in the proceedings on that occasion are here to-day. Some are not here from causes which we would avoid calling to mind; others there are whose absence gives rise to mixed feelings of joy and sorrow. They have gone, but they have left a pure record. Their course was full of joy to others, and when their star set at life's close, it set as sets the morning star, which goeth not down behind the darkened West, but melts away into the brightness of Heaven. Of them it may be said that they cease from their labors and their works do follow them. We hope that they have gone to that Haven of rest where sorrow is never known, and where love and harmony reign for ever.

I can assure you that it is with no common feelings of delight that we meet you to-day as the representatives of the same noble band which formerly listened to the voice of fraternal love from our predecessors.

With these remarks I will now proceed to read you an address from the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, expressive of the feeling of that body to-day towards you as fellow laborers in the same glorious work.

He then read the following

ADDRESS.

To the Members of the G. D. of New Brunswick:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS.—We cordially embrace the auspicious opportunity now afforded us of interchanging with you "The greetings of an extended friendship."

With cheerfulness we recognize the historical fact, that you were engaged in those benevolent operations characteristic of our noble Order, at least twelve months previous to the institution of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia. We therefore approach you as Juniors, rejoicing to know that age has not enfeebled, but matured and rendered more effective the temperance mind of your extensive jurisdiction.

At one with you in the sublime objects contemplated and cherished by the friends of temperance, we have ever rejoiced in the intelligence of your prosperity. Nor has the impulsive prayer of fraternal sympathy been checked for the day when the billows of adversity swept rudely against your tossing bark.

Having learned from our holy Christianity to "love as brethren" we are delighted to know that you are ready to extend to us, as we to you, a "Brother's hand and a Brother's welcome."

Although there is an evident unity in our three-fold order, it is not only desirable but highly important that this unity in theory should be as frequently as possible manifested by personal interviews, which doubtless are adapted to awaken new desires, prompt zealous efforts, and animate cold hearts, thus giving a fresh impetus to the onward movements of our philanthropic enterprise.

The unshaken principles of Total Abstinence are as dear as ever to our hearts, and in order to their wide-spread diffusion we have not yet found any organization equal to that of the Sons of Temperance. While rejoicing in all well-directed efforts of temperance men, we are resolved to ply with renewed vigor the various means afforded us in our well tried Order. Never were calls to duty more imperative than at the present time. Never was there more need of action and sympathy than now. "The destroyer of millions" is ever on the alert, putting forth all his energies, in order to bring back to our hearths and homes the insidious customs and usages of former years.

Let us in warm fellowship one with another exhibit a manly courage in stemming the fearful tide, assured that truth and right shall prevail, in accordance with the predictions of the infallible word.

Wishing you and yours the utmost success in the Temperance enterprise, and praying that re-unions similar to that enjoyed to-day may often occur,

We are yours in L. P. & F.,

Signed in behalf of the G. D. of N. S.

SAMUEL CREELMAN, G. W. P.

P. MONAGHAN, G. S.,

[L. S.]

Fowler's Hill, N. B., July 28th, 1869.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. D. D. Currie, then read the following

REPLY OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the Members of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—It affords us great pleasure to interchange with you "the greetings of an exalted friendship."

'Tis true we are your Elder Brother, but we rejoice to know that in effort and result in the glorious work of the redemption of the drunkard, you are our twin brother.

We rejoice to be assured that when untoward circumstances for a time conspired to retard the onward march of our glorious Order in N. B., we had the warm sympathies of our Brethren in N. S.; and it was the conviction that hearts beat in unison with ours on this Continent, that determined the true hearted Sons of New Brunswick to press on to victory.

With feelings of true Christian philanthropy do we reciprocate your fraternal kindness, and receive and extend to you "a brother's hand and a brother's welcome."

We cordially agree with you that no other organization exists better suited to accomplish the object we have in view than our own noble Order, and while acknowledging the great usefulness of other organizations for the destruction of our common enemy, we

rejoice to know that their prosperity is based in the glorious and undying principle of our Order: "Touch not, taste not, handle not."

We thank you most sincerely for your fraternal greetings, and we hope and pray that every blessing may attend you, that we may always work in harmony and love, and that by the united efforts of N. S. and N. B., our common foe may be vanquished, drunkards saved and this fair land protected from the devastating effects of the inciting cup.

Yours in L. P. & F.,

D. D. CURRIE, G. W. P.,
W. W. DUDLEY, G. S.

Rev. D. D. Currie then said:

Grand Worthy Patriarch and Members of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia,—

I am very glad that it is my privilege to meet you on this interesting occasion. There are various personal considerations which make it a pleasure for me to meet you to-day. I believe it is just seventeen years this day since the Grand Divisions of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick met, in fraternal intercourse, in Amherst, and exchanged brotherly greetings. I had the joy of being present at that gathering as a member of the Grand Division of New Brunswick. My recollections of that occasion are fresh and fragrant. I do not know that there is any member of the Grand Division of New Brunswick in attendance at this Session, who was present then, except myself. I think I was the youngest representative then present of either Grand Division. It was not at that time possible that I could look far enough into the future to see that at the next similar assembling of these two Grand Divisions, seventeen years hence, I would be present as a Grand Worthy Patriarch. I am glad that I am here to-day. I esteem it an honor, and I cherish a feeling near akin to pride, that my connection with the Order dates from its first introduction into New Brunswick, and that I am therefore older as a Son of Temperance, I presume, than any of the brethren in Nova Scotia.

Since our last gathering of this kind we have funded seventeen years of discussion, and of agitation, and of experience. We have fought for the right in New Brunswick according to the wisdom and power that we possessed—now with waxing, and now with waning fortunes. We have witnessed your greater growth, and have rejoiced therein. Closely identified as our Provinces are in many things, we must be deeply interested in each other's movements in behalf of the Temperance Reform. Your success will be our triumph; your disaster will be our defeat.

The work which we aim to accomplish is gigantic in its proportions, and we may expect it will be slow in attaining maturity. We aim in creating a public sentiment hostile to the use of intoxicating drinks, and favorable to a prohibitory policy: and to do this is to work a moral revolution. And though this is a herculean task: and though there are arrayed against us the formidable forces of appetite, and avarice, and ambition, yet our cause is just, and God is with us, and we must prevail. Let us then with brave hearts, and unfaltering heroism, accept the duty and the responsibility to which, in the providence of God, we are called.

With these remarks I beg you to accept the reply of the Grand Division of New Brunswick which I have just read.

The gathering, consisting of about fifteen hundred persons, was a very pleasant one, and will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of being present.

As before stated, the two Grand Divisions held fraternal meetings seventeen years ago, July 28th and 29th, 1852; their Sessions being held then, as on this occasion, at Sackville and Amherst, respectively.

Of those who attended the meetings in 1852, there were only three present on this occasion, viz.:

G. D. of New Brunswick—Rev. D. D. Currie, G. W. P.

G. D. of Nova Scotia—P. Monaghan, G. S.; and A. S. Blenkhorn, Esq., of Amherst.

In connection with the foregoing, it may be well to give the following notice of the public meeting held in Amherst on evening of 28th July, as published in the *Amherst Gazette*, of the date before mentioned:

"In the evening one of the most successful meetings we remember to have attended in this place was held in the new hall. The G. W. P. presided, and, after prayer by the G. Chaplain, the following gentlemen addressed the meeting—

"The G. W. P., G. Chaplain Huestis, S. McNaughton, Rev. W. George G. Scribe, and P. G. W. P. Longley.

"P.G.W.P. Taylor enlivened the proceedings materially by some of his humorous anecdotes which he produces in humorous style; while music by a select choir, accompanied by the cabinet organ, interspersed the addresses. The auditory must have numbered nearly four hundred. A vote of thanks to the speakers and one to the choir were passed.

"The representatives present expressed unqualified appreciation of the beauties of our country and of the affability of its inhabitants with whom they have mingled; while we who have been associated with them in the business which convened us have experienced much pleasure from the meeting. But of more importance is the fact that the occasion cannot fail to exert a highly beneficial influence in the advancement in this community of a cause whose importance cannot be overrated."

The following telegram in reference to the New Brunswick G. D. meetings is copied from the St. John *Daily News* of July 29th:

"SACKVILLE, July 28, 10.30 p. m.—Quarterly Session of the Grand Division of New Brunswick opened in Temperance Hall, Four Corners, last evening. Attendance much larger than usual at quarterly sessions. Twenty representatives initiated. Rev. D. D. Currie, G. W. P., presiding. Reports from Grand Officers show gratifying increase in membership. At the Session this morning, motion to admit ladies to full membership deferred until October Session in St. John. No important business transacted. Session closed at twelve. This afternoon a Pic-Nic was held at "Fowler's Hill," near Fort Cumberland, at which time Grand Division of Nova Scotia, now in Session at Amherst, presented an address to Grand Division of New Brunswick. Fifteen hundred people present. There was a procession of about one hundred and fifty carriages from Amherst, headed by Amherst Brass Band. Address from Nova Scotia Grand Division was presented by G. W. P. Hon. Samuel Creelman, and reply from New Brunswick Grand Division by G. W. P. Rev. D. D. Currie, both gentlemen making eloquent speeches; in addition, spirited addresses were also delivered by Hon. Mr. Longley, late Railway Commissioner, and Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. G. O. Huestis, Dr. McRobert, Mr. Stubbart, Mr. McNaughton, and others from Nova Scotia, and by Judge Steadman, W. H. Needham, Esq., M. P. P., and John L. Marsh, Esq., from New Brunswick. The whole affair well carried out. Many distinguished strangers present. Largest Temperance meeting ever held in this County now going on at Bethel Church. Rev. D. D. Currie, Dr. McRobert of Nova Scotia, Judge Steadman, and E. Willis have made eloquent speeches, and W. H. Needham, Esq., now occupies platform; is in his happiest mood, keeping the immense audience in the best humor."

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

Halifax, August 3, 1869.

QUARTERLY RETURNS to Grand Division of N. S., for Term ending June 30th, 1869.

170 New Lanes.....	N. E. Margaret.....	\$5 64 \$.....	\$59 43
180 Green Tree.....	Greenpoint, Queens Co.....	2 10	18 63 ¹
181 Clematis.....	Portauplate, Col. Co.....	4 20	30 06 ¹
182 Amherst.....	Amherst.....	2 46	2 46
183 Prince Albert.....	Mill Village, Queens Co.....	2 04	50 00
186 Italy of Hope.....	Port Medway.....	123 50	\$31 50
186 Italy of Hope.....	Queens Co.....	29 1	7 50 ¹
181 Mariner's Guide.....	Argyle, Yarmouth Co.....	10 75	10 75
182 Reid.....	Hamilton, Berwick Co.....	1 1	1 1
193 Green Vale.....	Musquodobit Harbour.....	16 84	3 71
161 Tander.....	Tander.....	15 00	8 00
165 Port Williams.....	Port Williams, Kling's Canting.....	3 71	3 71
100 Cannery.....	Seots Bay, King's Co.....	3 84	3 84
100 Renate.....	Advocate Harbour, Cun.....	2 70	2 70
202 Roskien.....	Caledonia Cor., Queens.....	5 60	5 60
202 Brooklyn.....	Brooklyn, Hunter Co.....	117 1	117 1
203 Incheior.....	Milton, Queens.....	14 25	6 46
203 Wayfay.....	Wayfay.....	74 1	74 1
208 Ray of Light.....	East Port Medway.....	13 38	6 62
209 Belheada.....	North Brookfield, Qua.....	4 50	9 72
210 Argus.....	Warwick, Bermuda.....	1 1	1 1
212 St. Andrews.....	Antigonish.....	92 1	73 1
213 Arcadia.....	Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.....	24 37 ¹	23 82
214 Perennia.....	Perranix, King's Co.....	112 1	13 12 ¹
217 Day Spring.....	Dartmouth.....	6 95	15 66
218 Centerville.....	Centerville, King's Co.....	1 2	9 25
219 Greville.....	Greville, Cun. Co.....	3 38	8 75
220 Youth's Refuge.....	Port Greville, Cun. Co.....	1 1	1 1
221 Marine.....	Melrose, Guys. Co.....	6 75	7 35 ¹
222 Maritime.....	Noel, Hunter Co.....	1 1	6 40
222 Crystal Spring.....	Maliland, Annapolis Co.....	4 50	4 00
222 Morality's Light.....	Saint of Grawe.....	1 44	1 44
224 Champion.....	Sheet Harbor, Ix. Co.....	3 12	3 12
225 Banyan.....	Clive, Shelburne Co.....	2 52	69 81
226 Noble.....	Petite Riviere, Lun. Co.....	0 90	0 90
228 Hopewell.....	Chedrogs, Yarmouth.....	1 32	1 32
229 Tusket.....	Tusket, Yarmouth Co.....	4 20	6 84 ¹
231 Kannah.....	New Tusket, Digby Co.....	15 1	2 76
232 Ingraham.....	Ingraham River, Ix. Co.....	22 1	1 1
233 Palmerston.....	Woods Harbor, Shel Co.....	29 1	4 20
235 Guiding Star.....	Shag Harbor, Shel Co.....	1	1
236 Marion.....	Indian Harbor, Ix. Co.....	20 37 ¹	12 05 ¹
231 Richmond.....	Richmond (Rich's Depo).....	24 1	18 20
230 Fenwick.....	Bronkyn St., Kinge Co.....	4 25	4 25
240 Ecton.....	Tatamagouche.....	8 72 ¹	8 72 ¹

P. MONAGHAN, G. S.

Talifax, N. S., August 2, 1869.

GRAND SCRIBE'S OFFICIAL NOTICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., August 2, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the GRAND DIVISION of Nova Scotia will be held in HALIFAX, on TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Quarterly Returns to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe, *direct*, by 19th of October.

The Grand Scribe's Financial Statement will close on 20th October.

Divisional Deputies are requested to report on state of the Order in their respective localities, to the County Deputies, before the 8th day of October. County Deputies will please forward their Reports to the Grand Scribe by the 15th of October.

The Grand Scribe will endeavor to secure a reduction of traveling fares over the Railways and Stage lines, of which due announcement will be made in *The Abstainer*.

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Officers' Cards singly.....	0.12½
Installation Ceremony, second Rit.....	0.25
Lady Visitors' Ritual, per set (8 books)	0.80
Ode Cards, per dozen.....	0.75
T. and W. Cards, Members and Visitors, each.....	0.10
Public Ceremony Books, each.....	0.30
Blank Quarterly Returns, per dozen.....	0.50
Band of Hope Ritual, per 100.....	3.00
Band of Hope Melodies, per 100.....	3.50
Band of Hope Members Cards, per 100.....	3.50
" " per dozen.....	0.50
" " single.....	0.05
Charter and Ritual New Divisions.....	7.00
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