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QUARTERLY SESSION.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, April 26th, 1854.

The Grand Division opened in due form, at 10 A. M., the G. W. P., Revd. Dr. Cramp, in the Chair. Roll of Officers called.

Present—Revd. Dr. Cramp, G. W. P.; W. Scott, G. Scribe; D. Mosher, G. Con.; P. Monaghan, G. Sentinel.

Absent—R. McLean, G. W. A.; Nathan Tupper, G. T.; Rev. J. C. Cochran, G. Chap.; Rev. George Christie, P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled as follows:—L. Vanbuskirk, G. W. A.; G. G. Gray, G. T.; G. J. Creed, G. Chap.; W. M. Brown, P. G. W. P.

Prayer, by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open for Business.

Brothers Blewitt and O'Brien were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and reported those of the following brethren correct:—

W. P. George Butler,	Chebucto Division, No. 7.	
George J. South,	Victoria, " " 10.	
Walter Mills,	New Caledonia, " 14.	}
P. W. P. Jeremiah Gilliat,		
W. P. Charles Chesley,		}
P. W. P. I. E. Bill,		
Jonathan Woodbury,	Wilberforce, No. 28.	
Beniah Morse,		
Daniel C. Sanders,		
Alfred Dodge,		

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| P. W. P. James P. Dodge,
William A. Fowler,
William Gates,
William Baker,
Samuel C. Longley,
Joseph Dodge,
Manning McGregor,
Walter Welton,
Busby Gates,
Charles Armstrong, | } Wilberforce, No. 28. |
| W. P. Caleb Phinney,
P. W. P. Nelson Miller,
James D. Nicholl,
Edward Copeland,
Charles Peters,
Freeman McDormond,
Andrew H. Harris,
Wm. F. Marshall,
Wm. Dunn,
Wm. Hanley,
Wm. T. Purdy,
Edward Walsh,
Edward Clark, | } Royal, No. 37. |
| W. P. John Forsyth,
P. W. P. Saml. F. Neiley,
Silas F. Morse,
John A. Morse,
Benjamin Fellows,
James Fellows,
George Fellows,
Enoch Dodge,
Wm. H. Morse,
Wm. H. Chipman,
Thomas Spurr, | } Olive Branch, No. 44. |
| W. P. Harding Morse,
P. W. P. Edmund Bent,
Avard Longley,
Martyr Morse,
Daniel Nichols,
Alfred Marshall,
John Sanders,
John H. Poole,
George Starratt,
Ambrose Bent, | } Paradise, No. 45. |
| W. P. John Wright,
P. W. P. Israel Potter, 2nd.
Thos. O. Singer,
Jeremiah Ditmars, | } Clement's Arch, No. 86. |
| W. P. John Rounsell, W. P. V. Division, | No. 112. |

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated, and took their seats, viz :—

New Caledonia, No. 14.—Israel Young, Walter W. Mills, W. M. Weatherspoon, Isaiah DeLap, and J. D. Haltyard.

Wilberforce, No. 28.—Walter Welton.

Royal, No. 37.—William S. Purdy, Edward Welsh, James D. Nichol, Nelson Miller, and Edward Copeland.

Olive Branch, No. 44.—James E. Fellows.

Paradise, No. 45.—Ambrose Bent, H. Harding Morse, and John Sanders.

Port Royal, No. 46.—George A. Purdy and George LeCain.

Clement's Arch, No. 86.—G. F. Ditmars, John Wright, Israel Potter and James E. Potter.

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

On State of the Order—Brothers Van Buskirk, Blewitt and Allison ;

On Communications—Brothers Brown, Caldwell and Corbitt.

On Appeals—Brothers Christie, S. L. Morse and R. Harris.

Auditing Committee—Brothers Creed and George Whitman.

The G. W. P. read the following Report :—

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

Officers and Brethren—So few of the Deputies have forwarded their Reports that I am unable to furnish such information respecting the state of the Order in this province as it is desirable to lay before you at a Quarterly Session. It may be the less regretted on this occasion, perhaps, as when we next meet it will be to hold the Annual Session, and it will be proper then to review the history of the whole year ; but I earnestly hope that such arrangements will be made during the ensuing year as will enable my successor to communicate from time to time full and accurate accounts of the progress of the cause among us.

The Quarter which has just ended is one of the less stirring in Temperance matters, owing to the heavy demands of agriculture and trade on the time of the community. In some localities, it is difficult, during the summer months, to keep up the regular meetings ; in others, they are partially suspended. These fluctuations, however, do not necessarily involve any diminution of zeal, and it may be hoped and believed that after a temporary relaxation, the brethren will address themselves to the work with renewed vigour.

An extract or two from those Deputies' Reports which have reached me may help you to form some general idea of the existing state of the Order. Brother Corkum, of Chester, says—"It is with great pleasure I announce the increase of our Division since my last Report: our last Return showed but 19 contributing members; our present will show 38—thus doubling the number in one quarter." Brother Cameron, of Nine Mile River, states that the divisions under his care are "all working steadily, and increasing," and he suggests,—in which suggestion I cordially concur,—that the Deputies should become "Lecturers, and visit their divisions, and keep the subject constantly agitated." Brother Caldwell, of Windsor, observes—"I cannot say, as a whole, we are advancing, but some of the divisions are getting on very well." He alludes to some untoward circumstances connected with the recent election in Windsor, and judiciously remarks, that "if ever we get the object we are professing to look for, (a prohibitory law,) we must be united." Brother Blewett, of Liverpool, informs me that Victoria Division, No. 10, is "in the best working order," and is "rapidly increasing," but that Queen's Own Division, No. 54, "has been in a declining state of health for several months." The brethren in Liverpool, he says, "are more than ever determined, relying on Divine assistance, without which no good is effectual, to persevere in our present course, and build up our waste places, and help forward the ark of Temperance, until the demon alcohol is finally vanquished."

In the district under my personal charge, Wolfville Division, No. 112, is making satisfactory progress. The meetings are generally well attended, and an excellent spirit prevails in the division. Grand Pre Division, No. 47, has been so long out of working order, that I have found it necessary to require the surrender of its charter; but I trust there are worthy members of our Order in that neighborhood who will rally around our standard, and resuscitate the cause, by forming a new division. I fear there are many divisions, in different parts of the province, which are not in working order; and I regret being compelled to state that there is a lamentable want of regularity and promptitude in forwarding the quarterly Returns to the Grand Scribe. Serious embarrassment is occasioned by this neglect. The prosperity of public institutions, it may be further remarked, depends much, in addition to the punctual discharge of duty by its officers, on the employment of suitable agency, and on a wise use of the press. These topics, with some others, were referred to committees when we last met in quarterly session, and will be reported on, I expect, at the present meeting. The objects contemplated in the appointment of those committees are of the first importance, and must be pursued with unceasing ardor, if we would secure that ultimate triumph on which our hearts are set.

During the last quarter, the principles and character of our Order have been freely discussed by the public press of this

province. A sense of duty led me to take some part in the controversy,—with what success others must judge. I will only observe that we have no reason to regret the discussion. Our Order courts inquiry. Befriending man, even in his lowest and most degraded state, and conducting, by the just operation of its principles, to the promotion of individual happiness, social weal, morality and religion, it fears not the opposition of the evil-minded, and it challenges the respect and approval of the good.

One of our brethren, who was prominently engaged in the late controversy, has left us, being now stationed in the Island of Prince Edward. I allude to P. G. W. P. the Rev. J. McMurray, whose ardent attachment to the Temperance cause, and unremitting activity and gentlemanly bearing have won for him the general esteem of our Order. Although his habitation is now fixed beyond our limits, he will continue to be identified with Nova Scotia, and we shall still enjoy, I trust, the benefit of his valuable co-operation. The Addresses presented to him on his removal, by members of the Divisions in Halifax and its neighborhood, and by friends connected with the denomination to which he belongs, were appropriate and well merited expressions of brotherly regard and confidence.

And here I may digress for a moment, to congratulate you on the happy union of men of all religious parties in the support of Temperance Institutions, and on the general favor with which the great measure of the age, the prohibitory liquor law, is regarded. The New York Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at the late session, says, "Intemperance, or the use of Intoxicating drinks, we deem a serious evil, and equally averse to the laws of our physical nature and the laws of God. And we unite in expressing our conviction that the best remedy for the evil of intemperance is the adoption of a prohibitory liquor law, which we hope yet to see in this and every other state in the Union, and throughout the world."

At the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (new school) at Philadelphia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the General Assembly continue to view with great interest the progress of the Temperance Reformation, most intimately connected with the vital interests of men for time and eternity; and that they do especially hail its new phase through the action of several State Legislatures, by which the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is entirely prohibited. They commend this new system of legislation to the attention and support of all ministers and churches connected with this body, for its blessed results already experienced; and as able, if universally adopted, to do much to seal up the great fountains of drunkenness, pauperism and crime, and relieve humanity of one of its most demoralizing and distressing evils."

At the sixty-fourth anniversary of the New York Baptist Association lately held at New York, the following Resolutions were passed unanimously:—

“Whereas the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is productive of evil and desolation; and,

“Whereas, strenuous efforts are being made by moral suasion and by seeking legal enactments to remove the evil; therefore,

“*Resolved*, That in our opinion, the law commonly known as the Maine Law, is sound in theory, and thoroughly efficient in its results and operations.

“*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend to the members of this Association to use all possible and lawful means to seek for the enactment of the Maine Law, or some law which shall be equally efficient in its operations, to remove the great evil of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors from our land.

Resolutions of a similar kind have been also passed at the recent meetings of the Baptist Associations of this province and of New Brunswick. Other instances might be adduced, but these will suffice. Christianity, in all its forms and manifestations, extends its holy patronage to the Temperance enterprise.

It now devolves on me to refer to the Annual Session of the National Division, recently held in St. John N. B. Five Representatives of this Grand Division, viz., P. G. W. P.'s Burrill and Christie; P. G. W. A.'s Van Baskirk and Naylor; together with the G. W. P., attended that session. There we met brethren gathered from almost all the States of the neighboring Union, from New England to California, as well as from the British provinces of New Brunswick and Canada West. The champions of the Order were there, and were privileged to unite with them in council, and to listen to their eloquent and spirit-stirring addresses. The public demonstration which took place on the first day of the session, and the meetings which were held during the week, have exerted a happy influence in the city of St. John. Large accessions to their numbers have been since enjoyed by the Divisions, and the Order stands justly higher in the public esteem than ever before. Herein our brethren in that city will be in some respects rewarded for their extraordinary efforts and their profuse liberality. They spared no labor, they grudged no expense, and they will have no cause to regret it.

The proceedings of the National Division, as far as they affect the Order generally, require to be placed before you in detail. I will begin with the question of the new Ritual. The Reports forwarded to me by the few Deputies who attended to their instructions in that particular, indicated satisfaction, on the whole, with the new Ritual, the Initiatory Ceremony excepted, which some complained of for its complexity, and others for other reasons. These feelings were peculiarly strong in the city of Halifax, and I was at one time apprehensive that serious consequences would ensue. Fortunately, they were averted. The subject was brought before the National Division, and after considerable discussion a resolution was passed, authorizing the subordinate divisions to omit such portions of the initiatory ceremony as they may think proper, pro-

vided that no alteration be made in the prescribed forms for examining candidates, and for administering the obligations of the Order. A conception so large and liberal obviates all difficulties, and leaves nothing to be desired.

Rule 15 of the Constitution of Grand Divisions, which directed that not more than five cents per quarter should be paid by each subordinate division, for every member whose name was found on the F. S.'s books, has been altered, by substituting "twenty" cents for "five," and it has been declared that this payment shall not be made for suspended members.

The resolution passed by this Grand Division at its quarterly session in January last, respecting an alteration in the constitution of subordinate divisions, giving them power to regulate their entire financial affairs, was submitted to the National Division, and its request was granted—if the notes of the proceedings taken by your representatives are correct. But as there is no reference to it in the Synopsis furnished by the Most Worthy Scribe, I cannot speak positively on the subject, and must therefore refer the Grand Division to the Journal of the National Division, shortly to be issued. It is certain, however, that an alteration has been made in Article 5 of the Constitution of Subordinate divisions, Sect. 2, whereby the amount of initiation fees and weekly dues, in regard to "persons of old age, or under disability or disease," may be regulated by each division, at its discretion. This is manifestly an improvement, as heretofore the persons in question have been compelled to pay the same amount of weekly dues as other members, although they receive no benefits.

Sect. 1 of Article 5 has also been altered, and the age of admission into subordinate divisions is now "sixteen" instead of "eighteen" years; but with this proviso, "that no youth shall have the right to vote in division on any proposition, or hold office, or receive the Degrees, until he shall have arrived at the age of eighteen years; and to this end, on the proposal of any youth under eighteen years of age, the day and year of his birth shall be stated as near as may be."

An alteration has been made to Article 9, Sect. 1, and a brother is now eligible to the office of W. P. if he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices, "or as chaplain."

Article 10 has been revised and reconstructed. It now reads thus:—

ARTICLE X—Section 1.—It is the duty of every member who has evidence that another has violated Article 2, to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division within three weeks after coming into possession of such evidence.

Sec. 2.—The charge for violation of Article II, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a Committee of five members, who shall as soon as practicable, summon the parties and investigate the matter.

Sec. 3.—The Committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the Committee have reported.

Sec. 4.—If the Committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the member be reinstated, if they think proper, which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending member shall be notified of the character of the resolutions by the R. S., and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving an opportunity to make a defence.

Sec. 5.—If the Committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

Sec. 6.—When the Committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting, ballot in favour thereof, the offending person shall forfeit membership, and the W. P. shall direct the name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution, all further proceedings shall be stayed, subject to appeal.

Sec. 7.—If two thirds of those voting are in favour of reinstating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article 2, such member shall be restored to membership by re-signing the Constitution. The power to reinstate shall not, however, extend over the term of one month from the time of receipt of notice by the offending member that the charge has been proved. If a member neglect to come forward to sign the Constitution for one month after receiving notice of reinstatement, or if a member is not reinstated, the W. P. shall declare such member expelled.

Sec. 8.—The forfeiture of membership under this Article shall involve the forfeiture of all honours possessed by the member when the name was erased from the Constitution.

Sec. 9.—If a member come forward and acknowledge a violation of Article 2, the Division, after erasure of his name, may at their option reinstate the member on the same evening, in the manner prescribed in Sec. 7.

Sec. 10.—No member against whom a charge has been preferred under this Article, shall be present when any vote is taken in the case, either in Committee or in Division.

It will be observed that the principal changes made in this article are the following :—Fines connected with the violation of Art. 2 are abolished ; honours possessed by a member violating that article are in all cases forfeited ; and such member, if reinstated, has to begin his course anew ; and an opportunity is afforded for the earlier

restoration of those who have fallen by the repealing of the section, which prohibited their readmission to the Order till six months after their expulsion.

In compliance with the instructions of the Grand Division at its last quarterly session, I presented to the National Division a resolution embodying the views then expressed relative to the desirableness of consulting the whole Order before making important changes in the Constitution. The proposition was not favorably entertained, on the ground that the National Division is itself a representative body, and that its members are therefore supposed to be well acquainted with the wants and wishes of the Order, so that no reference of any subject to the body at large is necessary.

Power was given by the National Division to introduce two important additions into the usages of the Order. The first is, the admission of females. That subject was referred to the Committee on Constitutions, who reported as follows :

“ The Committee on Constitutions, who were especially instructed to report a plan for the admission of females as visitors, or as full members, and to whom were referred the resolutions of the Grand Divisions of Pennsylvania and Georgia, would respectfully report a plan which should for the present satisfy the wishes of the more anxious friends of the proposition, and at the same time can be tried with perfect safety—and if experience shall hereafter dictate a repeal, it can be had without injurious consequences.

“ The plan proposed is embodied in the following, which we recommend to be adopted.

“ 1. That any subordinate division may, by a two-thirds vote, determine to admit Females over sixteen years of age, as visitors, at such times as may be deemed appropriate, on their being proposed, reported by a Committee, and balloted for under the rule observed for the admission of members ; and that a form for their introduction, together with the law on the subject, be furnished on Cards by the National Division.

“ 2. That visitors shall not be entitled to vote, or participate in the deliberations of the Order.

“ 3. That any Bye-Law which shall determine the question, &c., as to the admission of visitors generally, or any one in particular, may for satisfactory reasons be suspended.

“ 4. That the following shall be the Card of Address to accepted visitors :—

“ Having been invited by the Division to visit its Sessions and witness its Ceremonies, we would respectfully ask your assent to the following PLEDGE :

“ Do you, in the presence of these witnesses, solemnly promise that you will not, either by precept or the influence of your example, countenance or approve the use of Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine

or Cider as beverages, or the Manufacture thereof, or the Traffic therein; and that you will not, in any manner, make known the private affairs of the Order of the Sons of Temperance to any person not a member thereof! If so, answer—I do.

“ All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EGINTON.
GEORGE CROSBY,
H. N. HAWKINS.
Committee.”

The Report was agreed to, and the subordinate divisions are now authorized to admit females, as visitors, in the manner and with the limitations prescribed above. Should any of our subordinate divisions avail themselves of this permission, it will be carefully borne in mind that females are to be admitted as visitors only, not as members, and therefore that the pass-words will not be communicated to them.

The other addition relates to the establishment of Degrees in the Order. The subject has been before the National Division for several years, and the introduction of degrees has been repeatedly declared to be inexpedient; but at the Annual Session of 1853, permission was given to the Grand Division of Maryland to institute three degrees, with a view to the adoption of the same, should they be found to work satisfactorily. Full explanations respecting them having been given by G. W. A. Anderson, of Maryland, certain alterations were made in the ceremonials which had been framed by the Grand Division of that state; and the degrees were so far adopted as to authorize their introduction by the Grand Divisions. The following is an extract from the “ Constitution of Degrees ”:—

“ Article 1. Each Grand Division may determine whether it will introduce the degrees within its jurisdiction; and each subordinate Division may introduce them or not after its Grand Division has accepted them.

“ Article 2. A Grand Division introducing the degrees shall notify the M. W. S. of that fact as soon as practicable, and shall procure for him the Degree Books and necessary Cards.”

Two new Grand Divisions have been added to the number since the last Annual Session, viz.: the East Tennessee and the Cherokee Nation. The Order now consists of forty-three Grand Divisions. The Grand Division of Great Britain has received permission to become a National Division, with full power, under certain restrictions, to manage its own affairs, independently of the National Division of North America.

The Grand Division will doubtless learn with much satisfaction that our esteemed brother, P. G. W. P., S. L. Tilley, of New Brunswick, was unanimously elected Most Worthy Patriarch, and is now at the head of the Order of the Sons of Temperance. He has

been five years a member of the National Division, and has rendered important services to the Order, both on this Continent and in England. His intelligent and persevering zeal, business habits and enthusiastic devotedness to our cause are well known and highly appreciated.

The length to which this Report has unavoidably extended renders it desirable to close without offering some practical suggestions which I had designed to present, but which may be reserved, perhaps with advantage, for our next meeting. I conclude, therefore, by inviting the members of this Grand Division to pledge themselves anew to unwavering fidelity, and to resolve that they will not cease to labour and to agitate till the traffic in intoxicating drink as a beverage is banished from the soil of this province—why not from all North America? Why not from the whole world? For the traffic is evil, and “only evil,” and that “continually.”

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

J. M. CRAMP,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Annapolis, July 26, 1854.

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

The Grand Scribe read the following Report:—

ANNAPOLIS, July 26th, 1854.

Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brethren:—

We are again called upon to give an account of our stewardship, and passing events remind us of the uncertainty of all things, impressing upon us the necessity of working while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work, and especially will this hold good at the present crisis of affairs, in connection with the great moral reform for which we are associated together to perpetuate. Can any one of us say that he has done his duty in respect to this cause, or even a tithe of it? But, on the contrary, must we not confess our short-comings, and lay, in a great measure, the present depressed state of affairs at the door of inactivity on our part, and a want of that zeal which should fire the breast of every true Son of Temperance. Many unite themselves with us, run well for a season, and then leave us. Some who held high positions in the Order are now using all their influence privately against us; and some who should be leaders in this great and holy cause, winning their flocks by love, to come to the help of our banner, are in open warfare against us, and do not hesitate to denounce us publicly. This state of things is to be deplored; however, we must not slacken our energies; rather let us be animated with renewed zeal, and vigorously and boldly persevere in our onward march, showing to the world that our faith is strong in believing in the final

triumph of Temperance throughout the world; but let us purify ourselves for this good work, that our example may be such as is worthy of being followed, then we need not fear all the opposition that can be brought against us, and strong opposition we are experiencing and must expect.

The cause is in our hands, and it depends on us whether it advance or retrograde; we should individually consider the cause as our own, and individually strive for its promotion; and not depend for triumph on the collective action of the Order, in the Division room or otherwise, but apply ourselves to the task of reclaiming the inebriate, not knowing how soon some of the members of our own families may fall victims to the tempter's snare, and which by our example and influence may be prevented.

The traffic in alcohol is alarmingly increasing, notwithstanding the efforts being made to prevent it; but when the custom is sanctioned by the highest authorities of the land, and boldly advocated in our legislative halls, we have no right to expect other than that this evil and powerful influence will be felt throughout the length and breadth of the land. In several counties this reaction has been felt, and I can appeal to the brethren of this fine fertile county for a proof of the assertion; and who can wonder that judgments are abroad in the earth when a county like Annapolis, capable of producing in abundance the necessaries and many of the luxuries of life, is actually being polluted with this iniquitous and unholy traffic, many glorying in their shame, and devoting their energies to destroy and bring to want those around them that it should be their duty to uphold and protect, leading them in the paths of happiness and virtue. The eye is charmed on beholding all the beauties and advantages nature has conferred upon this county; but the heart is pained, when reflecting on the satanic influence which is crushing many of the bravest and stoutest hearts by the liquid fire which is vended among the population, we must sigh for better times. But, oh! does it not become us as men to boldly and openly attack this monstrous evil, trusting in the promised aid of the Most High, until our banner shall be unfurled victorious in both branches of the legislature, and we can proudly lift our eyes to the blue vaulted canopy above us, and render hearty thanks for the completion of our labor of love. Our Grand Worthy Patriarch has informed us that many important subjects will be brought before us at this session, the most prominent of which is the effort to be made, by petition or otherwise, to obtain the passage of a prohibiting Liquor Law by the legislature at its next session. Let us enter upon these duties with calmness and determination, weighing all things well, and then, adopting a course, pursue it with all the energy that our nature commands.

The recent session of the National Division held in the city of St. John, was an important one, many wholesome alterations being made in the constitution of subordinate divisions, calculated to facilitate the working of the Order; and the privilege granted with

respect to the new ritual, although not all that was sought for, will have a good effect, for which we are mainly indebted to the strenuous efforts of our much respected G. W. P., aided by G. W. P. Ryerson of Canada West.

The spirited manner in which the New Brunswick brethren received the members of N. D., and the genuine hospitality extended to them during their stay in St. John, does them much credit, and entitles them to our warmest thanks. The question has often been asked—why were the debates in the House of Assembly on the prohibitory law never published, while others of much less importance to the people were? Our opponents say that the arguments were all against us, and unanswerable. The reply is, let us see them, and they shall be answered effectually—if not on the floors of the legislature, in the press. Perhaps some course may be pursued by the Grand Division which will bring to light these hidden debates.

I cannot speak in too strong terms of the neglect in not sending in the quarterly returns to the Grand Scribe's office, previous to my departure for the quarterly session: it causes everything to be hurried, and no accurate account of our position can be given in consequence; and I trust that the G. D. will adopt such measures as they may think best to accomplish so desirable an object as that of having full and explicit statements of our progress at each session of G. D. There appears to be a deal of apathy and indifference among many who are associated with us; and some who are ever ready to raise their voice before an audience, are backward when exertion is required to be put forth in private, there being more popularity with the former than the latter; and in many instances our cause is more injured by the conduct of false friends, than by the avowed and open hostility of our enemies.

One new division has been instituted during the past quarter, "Salem," 106, in Upper Musquodoboit, by D. G. W. P. Wm. Layton.

Returns from the following divisions, for quarter ending 31st March, 1854, have been received since last report, viz.: Concord, 5; Avondale, 13; New Glasgow, 18; Walton, 23; Cape Breton, 27; Prince of Wales, 30; Pugwash, 36; Archangel, 40; Olive Branch, 44; Stirling, 51; Albion Mines, 79; Bethlehem, 89; Chedabucto, 93; Wilmot, 103.

The following Divisions have not sent in their Returns for the quarter ending 30th June:—Acadia, 1; Central, 2; Milton, 4; Concord, 5; Union, 6; New Caledonia, 14; Westport, 15; Hebron, 19; Walton, 23; Roseway, 25; Prince William, 29; Pugwash, 36; Royal, 37; Truro, 41; Rising Sun, 52; Morning Star, 59; Harmony, 67; Aurora, 68; Aurora, 70; Lalla Rookh, 83; Chedabucto, 93; Invincible, 100; Young Men's, 101; Wilmot, 103; Garland, 105; Friendship, 106; Railway, 111; Salem, 116. North, 99, and Iron Age, 82, have not sent Returns for the two last quarters. The following divisions are not working: Union, 39;

Oak, 43; Grand Pre, 47; Stirling, 51; Queen's Own, 54; Elysian, 77; Port George, 87; Bethlehem, 89; Britannia, 91; Nelson, 95; Cowper, 107.

Out of 77 divisions supposed to be in working order, 28 Returns are absent. This certainly speaks volumes as to the manifest indifference displayed by many who call themselves Sons of Temperance, and would feel indignant were they supposed not to be. In what consists a Son of Temperance? Is it the mere keeping of the pledge, without caring if the machinery of the Order be in working condition or not? Or does it not rather consist in rigidly adhering to the pledge, and strenuously endeavoring, by all the means we can, to advance the interests and preserve unsullied the reputation of the Order? How is this done, if the most important duties are neglected? And I am fully convinced from the facts constantly brought before us, that those divisions most rigid in discipline, strict and punctual in all the observances of our Order, are the most prosperous, and have the greatest influence in their several localities. Some steps should be taken to compel divisions to work who have been for a length of time dormant, or otherwise surrender. Fifty active divisions are of more service than a hundred half dead and alive ones. We have too many sleepers among us. Cannot we bring our artillery to bear upon them, and arouse them once more into action? The interest of the cause demands it at our hands, and woe be unto us if we do not occupy the land prepared for us by the pioneers of the cause of Temperance.

Many of the Returns of the past quarter are incorrect, some not even stating from whence they came—the names of the officers guiding me as to the division that sent them. This ought to be sufficient to convince every one that I do not complain without reason; and to expect a seal to be attached to the Returns is out of the question—twenty-one of those sent in are without that necessary appendage. As before stated, there are honorable exceptions, and from the divisions thus alluded to everything is as correct from quarter to quarter as the strictest disciplinarian could wish, and they are the most prosperous in the whole Order. I have to record the loss of one of the most zealous D. G. W. P.'s in the Order, the late Samuel B. Locke, of Ragged Islands, who was ever ready to spend and be spent in the cause of Temperance, and I truly sympathize with the division in the loss they have sustained.

Having discovered, on taking office in 1852, that the journals of National and Grand Division had not been preserved, I felt it to be my duty to rectify the evil. The M. W. Scribe furnished me with a complete set of the former, and a brother of North Star Division, previous to my coming to this session, has presented me with a set of G. D. journals, bound, up to the end of 1853.

The Financial affairs of the G. D. are in a wholesome position, being entirely free from debt, with a balance in hand, both on the general and agency account; and this suggests the idea of the absolute necessity of having an agent to visit the divisions. This

could tend more to revive the Order than anything else; and [the response by the divisions to the call now being made upon them shows much liberality, and an evident desire to promote the cause in this way. Effort should at once be made to obtain the services of one or more competent persons to visit divisions and lecture in the several districts of the province: our cause will be more advanced in this way than by any other. The cause is languishing for want of something of this kind, and I hesitate not to say that much depends upon the efforts to accomplish this desirable object. Having commenced the labors of the session, may our deliberations be guided by infinite wisdom, so that we may be led to adopt such measures as will best tend to promote the interests of our noble Order and the spread of Temperance throughout the province.

Submitted, in L. P. & F.,

WM. SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*

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

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, July 26, 1854.

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

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

Absent—G. W. A., G. T., G. Chap., P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled same as in the morning session. Prayer, by Grand Chaplain. The G. D. declared open for business.

Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced the following Representatives, who were duly initiated, and took their seats, viz.—Stephen D. Troop, No. 14; Samuel C. Longley, 28; Andrew B. Harris, Charles Peters, Freeman McDonald, 37; John H. Poole, 45; Moses Shaw, John P. Burrell, John G. Balcomb, Thomas O. Singer, Jeremiah Ditmars, John H. Ditmars, 86.

The G. S. submitted an appeal from Patrick Murray, against the action of Chebucto Division, No. 7. On motion, referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Read a Communication from Mechanic's Division, No. 34, relative to the Prohibitory Law. Referred to Committee on Communications.

P. G. W. P. Rev. George Christie entered and took his place.

The G. S. read a Communication from the G. S. of Maryland, informing the G. D. how the Degree Ritual was to be obtained.

Report of Committee appointed at Cornwallis to make collections for the Agency Fund, was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Report of the Committee on Tracts was read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Report of the Committee appointed at Cornwallis relative to the Athenæum Paper, was read, and on motion a Special Committee consisting of Brothers Christie, Gray, Blewitt, S. L. Morse and A. Longley, was appointed to take the matter into consideration and report.

The G. S. read his own and the G. Treasurer's accounts, which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

It being decided to walk in Procession in connection with the Subordinate Divisions at 4 o'clock, the G. D. was adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, July 27th, 1854.

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

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

Absent—G. W. A., G. Trea., G. Chap., P. G. W. P.

The vacancies were filled by appointing Brother Van Buskirk, G. W. A.; Gray, G. Treas.; S. Caldwell, G. Chaplain; Brown, P. G. W. P.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G. Division declared open for business. Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

The Auditing Committee reported as follows:

ANNAPOLIS, July 27th, 1854.

The Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the G.D. beg leave to report: That they have examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. Submitted in L. P. and F.

GEORGE J. CREED,
GEORGE WHITMAN.

Adopted.

The Committee on Communications reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the communication from Mechanics Division, No. 34, having reference to legislative influence for securing a Prohibitory Liquor Law—beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee consider it a desirable object to secure the co-operation of members of the Provincial Legislature on this important subject; and recommend the appointment of a committee, to whom may be given the communication of Mechanics Division, with a request that they will use all endeavors which may appear suitable for securing Parliamentary influence, and report at the Annual session in October.

W. M. BROWN.
SAMUEL CALDWELL.

Adopted.

On motion a Special Committee was appointed in conformity therewith, viz.: R. McLearn, C. Robson, W. M. Brown, Wm. Bell and A. J. Ritchie.

The Bye-Laws of Port Royal Division was submitted for approval,—referred to the Standing Committee.

On motion of Brother Brown, seconded by Brother Blewitt:

Whereas, the Reporters in the Legislature have failed to furnish the debate on the Prohibitory Liquor Bill of last Session, whereby the numerous friends and promoters of this Cause, in Nova Scotia, are deprived of information on a subject which is to them more interesting than any other question debated during the Session, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to use endeavours to have said debate given in full to the people of the Province, in some of the leading periodicals, at an early date.

Committee appointed—Bros. C. Robson, Honbles. J. W. Johnston and S. Creelman.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid :

James Bowes & Son,	- - -	£6 6 3
Wm. Grant, Junr.	- - -	0 9 10½

On motion of Brother Brown : *Resolved*, That the expences of the Officers in attending this Session of G. D. be paid.

It being announced that several Representatives were in waiting to be initiated, the Grand Conductor retired and introduced the following, who were duly initiated and took their seats, viz : Edward Clark, No. 37; Charles James, James Corbitt, Wm. H. Roach, Andrew Davidson, No. 46.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted their report :

ANNAPOLIS, July 27th, 1854.

The Committee on the State of the Order, having carefully examined the reports of the G. W. P. and G. S., beg leave, in reporting thereon, to remark that these reports are so replete with general information on the state of the Order, as to render it unnecessary for them to make any lengthy comments, especially as they agree with the remarks made, and concur in the recommendations suggested.

The Committee learn, with deep regret, the serious inconvenience and difficulty the G. D. has had to contend with, in consequence of the remissness of several of the Deputies, who have failed to forward the Returns from their different localities, thereby preventing any accurate statements being presented as to our actual position, at the present day. We would therefore urge on this Grand Division the necessity that immediate steps be taken, to remedy this important difficulty, by appointing other Deputies in those localities, where such indifference is manifested, and we would most heartily concur in the recommendations of the G. W. P., that if obtainable, such Deputies should be engaged to deliver lectures as frequently as possible.

The subject of the late discussions in the public press, with reference to our principles, has been alluded to by the G. W. P., and we are of opinion that it has tended in a great measure to strengthen the determination of the brethren in general, and to give an additional impetus to the friends of the cause, and cannot but express our gratitude that the subject was so ably defended by the Head of this Grand Division.

We heartily concur in the brotherly allusion to P. G. W. P. Revd. John McMurray, who has lately stood in the forefront of the battle, to confront the enemies of the cause of Temperance, and who, we are proud to say, has come off as a valiant soldier should do, *victoriously*.

The late celebration in honor of the Annual Session of the National Division at St. John, New Brunswick, was attended by a great number of Sons of Temperance from all parts of the United States and British Provinces, many of whom have long been distinguished for their sincere piety and bright talents, and we do sincerely rejoice that such an impression was made on the minds of the inhabitants of the city of St. John, as will not soon be removed, but will have such a weight as will result in immense and lasting good to that flourishing province.

The proceedings of the National Division have been so ably alluded to in the G. W. P.'s Report, that we are of opinion it would be needless for us to allude to them generally; but there are two important items that demand a passing remark.

1st. The Admission of Females, it must be conceded, is a very great privilege granted, which, we trust, will result in permanent good, and no doubt will be cordially acted upon, by the several subordinate divisions under this jurisdiction.

2nd. The subject of Degrees having been accepted by the N. D., and the same having been laid before this Grand Division by our G. W. P. we would recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of the brothers here assembled, for their acceptance. On the question of a Prohibitory law, we are decidedly of opinion that until the members of our Order act unitedly, as far as their votes are concerned, in sending to the legislative Assembly such representatives and such only as will pledge themselves to vote for a prohibitory Liquor Law, our efforts will not be productive of much success; and we earnestly hope that this united action will henceforth characterize the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia.

We would recommend that the G. W. P. instruct the Deputies, where the divisions are not in working order, or are not likely to be, to demand the surrender of their charters.

The suggestion of the Grand Scribe with reference to a Travelling Agent, is worthy the thoughtful consideration of the brethren now convened, and we would ask this Grand Division to adopt such steps in this matter as they shall deem most advisable.

All of which we submit, in L. P. & F.,

L. E. VANBUSKIRK, *Chairman.*
D. P. ALLISON,
W. A. S. BLEWITT.

Which on motion was taken up clause by clause, and passed. On the clause referring to degrees being read, Brothers Monaghan, Brown and Scott, called for the vote by Divisions. On the Roll being called there appeared,

For the report,—Acadia Division, No. 1.—1 vote.

Victoria	"	10.	1	"
Avon	"	12.	1	"
New Caledonia		14.	1	"
Coldstream	"	20.	1	"
Wilberforce	"	28.	1	"
Mechanics	"	34.	1	"
Olive Branch		44.	1	"
Paradise	"	45.	1	"
Port Royal	"	46.	1	"
Canard	"	50.	2	"
North Star	"	58.	1	"
Harmony	"	67.	1	"
Clements Arch		86.	1	"

15 votes.

Against adopting the Clause—Chebucto Division, No. 7.—3 votes.

Athenæum	"	96.	1	vote.
Howard	"	26.	}	
Even, vote lost.				

4 votes.

The Report was finally passed.

The Committee reported further as follows :

HALL OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE, }
Annapolis, July 27th, 1854. }

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the Report of the Agency Committee, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:—

The Committee appointed in April last, to collect funds for the Agency and Lecture Account, not being fully prepared to report at this session, we recommend their reappointment, and they be requested to report at the Annual Session in October next.

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

L. E. VANBUSKIRK, *Chairman*.
D. P. ALLISON,
W. A. S. BLEWITT.

Adopted.

The Special Committee in reference to the Athenæum Paper reported as follows :

ANNAPOLIS, July 27th, 1854.

The Committee appointed to report upon the statement and suggestions of the late Committee on the Athenæum, have attended to that duty. And while they have felt the very great importance of the subject entrusted to them, and the difficulty of determining what is best to be done in the circumstances, they have agreed among

themselves to offer to the Grand Division the following suggestions :

Your Committee believe that the G. D. will not fail to appreciate the conduct of the brethren in Halifax who came forward and made themselves personally responsible for such a sum of money as was necessary to secure the continuation of the Athenæum when otherwise it must have ceased to be issued.

And they feel that it was right for those brethren to devolve upon the G. D. the charge of sustaining it for the future. Your Committee do therefore recommend that this G. D. make immediate arrangements for taking the Athenæum off the hands of the Committee by whom it has been sustained since the new arrangements took place. And inasmuch as there must occur a constant outlay of money while there is no sufficient guarantee that the payment from subscribers will come in with equal regularity, your committee recommend to this G. D. to furnish means to that Committee to enable them to continue the publication of the paper up to Oct. 31st.

It is also recommended that D. G. W. P.'s be urged to use their utmost efforts to collect such sums as are now due for the Athenæum.

In order that this duty may be attended to in the most effectual manner, and the accounts with subscribers for the Athenæum adjusted properly, your committee recommend that a circular be addressed to the different deputies throughout the bounds of this G. D., or to such other persons as may be acting as agents for the paper, requesting their attention to the last recommendation, and at the same time requesting specific answers to the following inquiries :—

1st. How many subscribers for the Athenæum have you in your district, and what are their names ?

2nd. How many have paid in advance for the whole of the present year—and their names.

3d. How many—and the names—who have paid the first half of the current year ?

4th. How much money have you remitted on the present year ?

Your Committee would further recommend that the brethren who have assumed the responsibility of carrying on the paper since the 30th of June, be requested to continue their labors up to the time of the Annual meeting of this G. D. in October next, the necessary funds for that purpose being furnished by the Grand Division.

And farther, that the same brethren be a Committee to ascertain on what terms an individual of whom they might approve would take the paper as a private speculation.

Respectfully submitted, in L. P. and F.,

GEORGE CHRISTIE.
G. G. GRAY.
AVARD LONGLEY.
W. A. S. BLEWITT.
S. L. MORSE.

On motion, it was taken up clause by clause and passed.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, 27th July, 1854.

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

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

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

The vacancies were filled by Brothers Beniah Morse, G.W.A., Gray, G. Treasurer, Caldwell, G. Chaplain.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G. Division declared open for business.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The G. Conductor retired and introduced Representative Samuel McCormick, New Caledonia Division, No. 14, who was duly initiated and took his seat.

The following Resolution moved by Brother Blewitt and seconded by Brother Whytal, passed :

Resolved, That the degrees be adopted, and that such Subordinate Divisions as may desire to introduce them, be directed to make application to the Grand Scribe for the necessary Books and Papers.

The Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

The Committee on Appeals have had before them one from Bro. Patrick Murray, of Chebucto Division, complaining of the action of said division, by which he has been expelled from the Order.

The case, as appears from papers laid before the Committee, so far as it bears on the appeal taken, seems to be as follows:—

Bro. P. Murray is dissatisfied with the action of his division, granting him one week's benefits, when he claims benefits for three weeks. And it appears that for the purpose of securing what he considers his rights, he conveys to the W. P. what is equivalent to a threat to have recourse to legal proceedings. After this a charge is preferred against Bro. P. Murray, of improper conduct towards the division of which he was a member, and also of receiving benefits improperly.

Whether said charge is founded upon Bro. Murray's letter to the W. P. or not, does not clearly appear from the documents before

the committee, either as furnished by the appellant or the division. It is presumed, however, that on this the charge is founded.

The committee to whom the above charge was committed unanimously reported it sustained, and from this decision the brother appeals; but while appealing, he has failed to present any sufficient ground for so doing.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of Chebucto Division be sustained.

Submitted, in L. P. and F.,

GEORGE CHRISTIE,
D. P. ALLISON.

Adopted.

The Committee on State of the Order reported further as follows:

HALL OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE, }
Annapolis, July 27th, 1854. }

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the Report of the Tract Committee, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:—

The Committee appointed at the last session of this body, to procure Temperance Tracts, and provide for a Temperance Tract for Nova Scotia, having reported their inability to accomplish anything without first being placed in funds,—

We would therefore recommend that a small grant of money be voted by this Grand Division, to enable such Committee to prosecute the duties assigned them, and that the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the Rev. J. McMurray, be forthwith filled up.

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

L. E. VANBUSKIRK, *Chairman*.
D. P. ALLISON,
W. A. S. BLEWITT.

The further consideration of which was deferred until next quarterly Session, with the exception of that part to fill up the vacancy in the committee, which was done by appointing Brother C. B. Naylor in place of Brother McMurray.

On motion of Brother Blewitt, *Resolved*, that 300 copies of the Journal of this Session of G.D. be printed.

On motion of Brother Van Buskirk, *Resolved*, That Twenty Shillings be paid for the use of the Room occupied by the G. D. during this Session.

Brother Brown moved the following, which was seconded and passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of this G.D. be given to those Brethren in this locality, who secured for us the use of this spacious Hall, and provided the abundant entertainment of which we partook yesterday.

Minutes of Morning Session read and approved.

The G. D. was then closed to meet in Halifax on Wednesday, 25th October, next.

WM. SCOTT, *G. Scribe.*

The Grand Division in account with N. TUPPER, G. T.

1854.		Dr.	£	s.	d.
April 29.	To paid J. Bowes & Son,	- - -	4	17	6
May 3.	" G. Scribe's expences to Canar	- - -	2	8	0
	" G. Conductor's Do. to Canar and Stewiacke,	- - -	2	18	0
June 10.	" J. Bowes & Son,	- - -	5	17	6
13.	" E. G. Fuller,	- - -	1	16	10½
July 18.	" Athenæum Office,	- - -	1	17	6
	" Knight & Son,	- - -	0	17	6
	" G. W. Patriarch's expences to St. John,	- - -	3	15	7½
19.	" Athenæum Office,	- - -	3	18	8
	Balance on hand,	- - -	18	9	11
			<u>£46 17 1</u>		

		Cr.	£	s.	d.
April 29.	By Cash from last Quarter,	13 17 1			
May 3.	" Cash from Grand Scribe,	11 0 0			
July 18.	" Do. Do.	£22 0 0	46	17	1
Balance of Cash on hand to next Quarter,			<u>£18 9 11</u>		

For NATHAN TUPPER, G. T.
M. G. BLACK, Jr.

Halifax, July 20th, 1854.

Agency Fund in account with N. TUPPER, G. T.

1854.		Dr.	£	s.	d.
May 27.	To paid Mr. Johnston, Agent, £15 3s. 0d. at 2½ per cent.	- - -	46	5	7
June 16.	Do. for 76 Post Office Stamps,	- - -	0	19	0
	Balance to next Quarter.	- - -	34	14	11½
			<u>£81 19 6½</u>		
		Cr.	£	s.	d.
April 25.	By Balance from last Quarter,	- - -	74	7	3½
May 3.	" Cash from West River Society	- - -	1	0	0
July 18.	" Do. Grand Scribe,	- - -	6	12	3
			<u>£81 19 6½</u>		
July 20.	Balance to next Quarter,	- - -	£34	14	11½

For NATHAN TUPPER, G. T.
M. G. BLACK, Jr.

Halifax, July 20th, 1854.

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

		Dr.	£ s. d.
1854.	April 29.	For balance due per account rendered,	4 14 5
		per centage for quarter ending 31st March, from Olive	
		Branch, 7s. 9d ; Oak, 5s. 9d.; Canard, 30s. 3d.;	2 3 9
		Lake, 11s. 6d.; Aurora, 63, 9s. 6d ; Garland, 6s.;	1 7 0
		Invincible, 12s. 3d ; Wallace, 11s.; Chester, 4s. 9d.;	1 8 0
		New Glasgow, 11s. 3d.; Albion Mines, 10s. 9d.;	1 2 0
		Walton, 6s. 3d.; Concord, 15s. 9d. Stirling, 5s. 6d.;	1 7 6
		Wellington, 10s. 6d.; Avondale, 12s ; Pugwash, 4s.;	1 6 6
		Aurora, No. 70, 5s. 6d ; Cape Breton, 6s.; Cheda-	0 13 6
		bucto, 19s.; Bethlehem, 5s.; Archangel, 8s. 3d.;	1 12 3
		Wilmot, 103, 6s ; Prince of Wales, 5s.;	0 11 0
		Cash received for New Ritual from 19 Divisions,	7 0 0
May 3.		West River Total Abstinence Society, on account	1 0 0
		of Agency Fund,	0 12 3
		Amount of Collection at Annapolis,	1 5 0
		Charter Fee for Salem Division (116)	0 3 6
		Beniah Morse,	0 2 9
		Wilmot Division, No. 103, per ceptage Sept. 9, 1853,	1 3 9
11.		E. H. Frenchville, per centage Chedabucto, 93, for	1 3 9
		December quarter,	1 5 0
12.		Charter for New Division not yet opened,	0 6 0
		L. N. Young,	0 16 3
June 6.		T. O. Geddis, per centage Concord Division, No. 5,	0 16 3
		December quarter,	5 0 0
July 3.		Athenæum Division, on account of Agency,	0 1 3
		Dispensation Fee Athenæum Division,	0 1 0
20.		B. G. Page,	0 2 9
21.		Wellington Division, over-remitted	0 6 3
22.		Blank Returns sold during the quarter,	1 0 11
		Travelling Cards, &c.	£36 12 7
		Per centage from 39 Divisions, for quarter ending	23 17 6
		30th June,	£60 10 1
Cr.			
May 7.		By Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	11 0 0
		Do. on account Agency,	1 0 0
July 15.		Do. Do.	6 12 3
		Do. paid Grand Treasurer,	22 0 0
22.		postages this quarter,	1 0 4
		Grand Scribe's Salary,	7 10 0
			49 2 7
		Balance due G. D.	£11 7 6

Halifax, 22nd July, 1854.

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE
SESSION.**

Rev. George Christie, Acadia, No. 1.

P. Monaghan, }
D. O'Brien, } Chebucto, No. 7.

G. J. Creed, Micmac, No. 8.

W. A. S. Blewitt, Victoria, No. 10.

D. P. Allison, Avon, No. 12.

Israel Young,
Walter W. Mills,
W. M. Weatherspoon,
Isaiah DeLap,
J. D. Halfyard,
Stephen B. Troop,
Saml. McCormick,
Robert Delap,
Job Wade,
Samuel Pickup, } New Caledonia, No. 14.

S. Caldwell,
D. Mosher, Junr. } Coldstream, No. 20.

G. G. Gray,
Wm. Scott, } Howard, 26.

Beniah Morse,
Walter Welton,
Samuel C. Longley, } Wilberforce, No. 28.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, Mechanics, No. 34.

Wm. S. Purdy,
Edward Welsh,
Jas. D. Nichol,
Nelson Miller,
Edward Copeland,
Andrew B. Harris,
Charles Peters,
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