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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND DIVISION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

SOUTH RAWDON, N. S., January 28, 1857.

The Grand Division met at 10½ o'clock, A. M., the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Rev. Alexander McArthur, in the chair. Roll of Officers called:—

Present—G. W. P., Rev. Alexander McArthur; G. Scribe, Patrick Monaghan; G. Conductor, R. M. Barratt; G. Sentinel, Wm. Murray.

Absent—G. W. A. James Mosher; G. Treasurer, John A. Bell; G. Chaplain, Rev. S. N. Bentley; P. G. W. P., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

The G. W. P. filled vacancies by appointing brothers Knowles, G. W. A.; John Lanigan, G. T.; George J. Creed, G. Chaplain; George Creed, P. G. W. P. *pro tem*.

Standing Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to Report the Credentials of the following named Representatives correct, viz:

7 CHEBUCTO.—P. W. P. Rev. Saml. N. Bentley. W. P. Richard Anderson.

9 MAYFLOWER.—W. P. David Neville.

12 AVON.—W. P. John Van Malder.

16 ORIENTAL.—(No Seal.) James Monro, Geo. Beatie, Jas. Allen; Colin Mackenzie.

19 HEBRON.—W. P. Thos W. Longstaff.

24 COLUMBIA.—P. W. P's. Chas Randall; Sterns Jones; J. P. Dahlgreen; Jno Dahlgreen; Christopher Passow; W. P. Patk Condon.

32 CHESTER.—W. P. Danl S. McDonald.

49 STAR.—W. P. Xerxes L. Chipman.

52 RISING SUN.—W. P. James Guild.

61 STAR IN THE EAST.—W. P. D. H. Macqueen, Chas. Hill; Geo Brabley; Peter S. Clarke; Nelson Dobson; C. H. Harrington; Jas Dobson; John Richardson.

62 HANTSPORT.—W. P. George Woolaver.

85 FATHER MATHEW.—David Goodwin; Saml. Rosely.

86 CLEMENTS ARCH.—W. P. Isaac Potter.

92 KELLOGG.—Herbert Fraser.

93 CHEDABUCTO.—P. W. P's. H. R. Cunningham; Wm G. Scott; Chas Jost; Wm. Moir; Jas Harts; Jas A. Tory; David Scranton. W. P. Louis DesBarres.

108 VICTORIA MINES.—P. W. P's. Thos Banks; Benj H. Parker; Saml McKeon; Jas Benly; S. B. Willett; Jno H. Barteaux; Jas H. Parker; Henry C. Beals; Thos Holland; Abel Banks; J. Wm. H. Balcomb.

112 WOLFVILLE.—W. P. Andrew Johnson.

119 RECHAB.—Wm Burton Dimock.

122 LOWER HORTON.—P. W. P. Taylor; Matthew L. Fuller; Jas E. Rathbun; J. M. Curry; Jas W. Harris; Geo M. Gregor; W. H. Gould. W. P. Oty Rathbun.

124 VESPER.—W. P. Hugh McNeil.

127 HERO OF KARS.—Simeon L. Freeman.

Your Committee have to Report the following Credentials incorrect, but recommend that the Representatives be admitted to their seats in Grand Division :

4 MILTON.—Wanting date, locality, name of Division and number, Representative W. P. Henry R. Richards.

13 AVONDALE.—Wanting date, locality, name, number, and Recording Scribe's signature, Representative W. P. Wm Forrest.

60 LUNENBURG.—Wanting Recording Scribe's signature, Representatives, W. P. Charles Anderson, P. W. P's. Henry King; J. W. Daupheny; Jno C. Burns; Francis Morash; Geo Anderson; Saml Selig; Joshua Herling; Wm Biggs.

75 WALLACE.—Wanting date and Recording Scribe's signature, Representative, Andrew N. MacKay.

Your Committee would recommend that the attention of deputies be called to this subject, and especially those from whom the above were received.

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

R. M. BARRATT.
JOHN LANIGAN,
W. A. S. BLEWITT.

Grand Division Room, South Rawdon,
January 28, 1857.

The Grand Conductor introduced the undernamed representatives, who were duly initiated and took their seats:—Alexander Thompson, 92; W. B. Dimock, Charles Dimock and John McLearn, 119; Hugh McNeil, 124.

The G. W. P. appointed the following committees:
On State of the Order.—George Creed, J. W. Quinan, R. M. Barratt.

On Communications.—George J. Creed, E. Dimock, William Murray.

Auditing.—J. Lanigan, D. Mosher, G. Butler.

The G. W. A. entered and took his seat.

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

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

Officers and Brethren:

I greet you in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

In presenting you with my first quarterly report I regret to be compelled to enter the complaint so frequently made by my predecessors in office, that the D. G. W. P.'s have not been found—except in a few cases—faithful to their duty in presenting me with quarterly returns as to the state of affairs in their respective districts. I have heard only from Deputies Creed, Cameron, Cramp, Shean, Porter, Nichol, Allison, Bill, Freeman, Corbet, Eldridge, Harrison, and VanBuskirk; the other twenty-nine have not been heard from. In this state of things it is impossible that I can give you a full statement of the condition of the Order in this Province; but must refer you for fuller information to the report of the Grand Scribe, hoping that the Recording Scribes of the Subordinate Divisions have proved more dutiful than the Deputies.

I am happy to state that the Cause in the City of Halifax continues in a very flourishing condition. The appointment of brother Shean to the office of D.G.W.P. for the metropolis has given very general satisfaction. He reports that the Divisions under his charge never were in a better condition. The brethren have exhibited praiseworthy zeal in holding public meetings for the furtherance of the Temperance Cause, and the result has been a general revival of Temperance interest, the organization and re-organization of Total Abstinence Societies, and a considerable increase of the membership in the Divisions in the city.

The address of the Grand Division to the Military, and the commendable efforts of the friends of Temperance to enlist in their Cause the Soldiers of the Garrison have been followed with gratifying success. Many soldiers have joined the Temperance ranks under the approbation of their officers and the chaplain of the garrison.

In Hammond's Plains the June Rose Division still continues to blossom, with a Total Abstinence Society by its side.

In Queen's County the Cause is at low ebb. A few still adhere with unyielding fidelity to the Divisions; many, however,

are discouraged at the rapid increase of Intemperance in that region. The Deputy deems the state of things "heart-rending."

From Lunenburg the report is not so satisfactory as could be desired. I am given to understand however that Temperance there is *not* on the decline. Vast changes have silently crept over the community through the influence of the Divisions. Their ground is still maintained.

From the County of Shelburne no report except from the Ragged Islands. The progress of "Star Division" is retrograde. This may seem strange as there is no grog-shop in the community; but the curse is conveyed to them in the packet from Halifax in the form of "Rum jugs."

From the County of Yarmouth no report—Divisions believed to be in a cold state.

From the County of Digby no report save from Hillsburgh. There is no spirituous liquor sold in this village. Royal Division is encouraged to hope for continued success.

Annapolis County—only one district heard from. New Caledonia Division in good working order, but intemperance in Granville on the increase. Also in Annapolis.

King's County. Division in Wolfville holds its ground. Division in Horton on the increase. Many staunch Sons of Temperance in this district. In Aylesford there is a slight decrease in the memberships of the Order, but a strong determination on the part of those who still adhere to keep the Cause up and to enforce the law against the sale of Rum.

Hants County—the Temperance Cause in Windsor is on the decline. The Division there once one of the strongest in the Province, exists only in name. The leading members of the community are apathetic in this reform. In Deputy Cameron's district, however, I am pleased to state that a handful of stones are frequently flung upon the Devil's Rum Machinery, displacing some wheels and breaking some logs so that he has in a great measure withdrawn from that section of Hants County. The Divisions in brother C.'s district are doing pretty well—"Vesper" is flourishing. There is perhaps less drinking in the Eastern part of this county than in any other part of this Province. In South Rawdon also the Cause is prosperous. Rechab Division is in a healthy and vigorous state. A Temperance Hall for the accommodation of the Division is nearly completed.

Colchester County—no report.

Cumberland County—In Maccan the Cause of Temperance is sustained but the Division is not working so orderly as is desirable.

Pictou County.—In the town of Pictou I am sorry to state the Cause is still stationary. The traffic is on the increase and drunkenness prevails to an alarming extent. In New Glasgow, however, there has been a powerful avenue of Temperance interest. The Division is in an exceedingly prosperous condition. The brethren are full of zeal and determination. The same may also be said of Albion Mines Division. But Flowing Fountain Division is in a very low state. I fear it will be compelled from local causes to resign its charter. Mainmast Division is also in a very feeble condition.

In Cape Breton—as I am gratified to learn from the report of the Temperance Committee for that County—the Divisions are increasing, and the Cause is progressing. The exertions of the Committee cannot be too highly commended. It is very probable that our Order will soon be extended to other parts of the Island.

From Guysboro'—no report. As far as can be gathered from the reports of the D. G. W. P.'s our Cause is not in the most hopeful condition. While we rejoice over partial success in one locality, melancholy declension appears in another. But this state of things is common to all moral reforms and should not discourage us when we remember that our Cause has truth for its basis and good as its object.

It is cheering to know that while we may have occasion to mourn over temporary decline at home our Cause is making rapid progress abroad. The publication of Dr. Lee's Essay seems to mark a new era in the progress of this great reform. Its rapid and extensive sale has been the astonishment of the most sanguine friends of Temperance, and shows how deeply the public mind is becoming impressed with the truthfulness of the principle it is set forth to advocate: the suppression of the traffic of intoxicating drinks through the potency of statute enactments.

I earnestly recommend the circulation of this celebrated Essay in this Province. As a text book on Temperance it is unsurpassed and ought to be in the hands of every thinking person in the land.

Since last we met in session; the world has lost one of its most indefatigable and successful lecturers on Temperance, the

lamented Father Mathew. It becomes the Sons of Temperance in every suitable way to show respect for the memory of the illustrious dead.

I beg to call the attention of the Grand Division to the importance of taking means to extend the circulation of our excellent periodical "The Abstainer."

We have got at last the paper which meets the wants of the times—a paper which wherever it has gone has gained golden opinions, except from the enemies of Total Abstinence and Prohibition. Its present circulation in comparison to its value and the interest involved in the reform which it advocates is far too small. We ought not to rest until its subscription list numbers as many thousands as it at present does hundreds.

I know of no better instrumentality, in the absence of the Temperance lecturer, for keeping alive the interest among our Divisions and amongst Temperance people generally. Let measures be taken forthwith to increase the subscription list of the *Abstainer*.

But we need a Temperance lecturer in the field. This want has long been felt and acknowledged. A committee has year after year been appointed with special reference to this necessity, but with little practical results. Let me urge upon the Grand Division to give this matter their serious consideration. It seems to me to be at the present time necessary to our existence that we have an efficient lecturer abroad among the people.

Such a lecturer can be sustained. Demands are coming from various quarters for such an agent. He would have no difficulty in my opinion in raising the means necessary to his support. The country is ripe for lectures on Temperance legislation.

I have to announce to the Grand Division that I have received the "Bonds" of the G. S. duly signed, sealed and delivered, to ensure the faithful performance of his duty in the responsible relation he sustains to this Grand Division.

A committee was appointed at the annual session of the Grand Division to prepare an Address to the Clergy, and heads of families. From some cause this Address has not made its appearance. I hope the Grand Division will not lose sight of this important matter.

A circular was addressed to the Subordinate Divisions asking their opinions as to the propriety of seeking to obtain a charter for the establishment of a National Division for the British

North American Colonies. This matter will demand your consideration at the present session. It is hoped you may be able to act according to expressed wish of the majority of the members of the Order in this province, as thus expressed.

I have to regret that the pressing duties of my profession have prevented me from studying the interests of the Order to the extent I could have desired. I hope the future may find me with more time on my hands for the discharge of my duties in the onerous office to which you have called me.

Thanking those Deputies who have favored me with their reports, and strongly urging delinquent Deputies to remember their duties in future, and hoping for a harmonious and useful session, and a quarter of signal success, I respectfully submit this brief report in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

ALEX. McARTHUR,
G. W. P.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

The G. Scribe read his report, as follows:—

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

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brethren,—

I regret that owing to Returns for the past quarter not having been sent in by a large number of the Subordinate Divisions, I am unable to present the Grand Division with a correct statistical summary, or a true statement of the present condition of the Order under this jurisdiction.

While I must still complain of the dilatoriness shewn by a few of the Deputies, in not attending to the duties of their office, I must also, in justice to some of them, place a portion of the blame on the Divisions, because of their not selecting proper persons to perform the duties of the office of Recording Scribe. I have ascertained that in some instances, the Deputies have depended on the promises of the Recording Scribe to forward the Returns, &c. to this office, but they have neglected to do so, thereby causing blame to be attached to the Deputies, when it should properly fall on the Division, by their neglecting to see that their officers had performed their duties. It is to be regretted that a few of the Deputies have mistaken their position in the Order. Some of them think that by receiving a commission from the G. W. P. they are exempt from holding

office in the subordinate Divisions of which they are members ; this is not so ; but in my opinion, it is a duty incumbent on them to take office at all times when the weakness or interests of the Division require it. Had many of the Deputies accepted office, attended the regular meetings of their Divisions, and assisted in working them, the Order would not have been in so languishing a condition, as at present. I trust that those now holding commissions will take this into their consideration and act accordingly.

It is with great pleasure that I have to announce the revival of two of the Divisions, viz. : Walton No. 23, located at Walton, in Hants County ; and Kingston No. 102, located at Aylesford. The latter has recommenced working with seventeen members, and a fair prospect of doubling their numbers in a short time. The Deputy in whose jurisdiction it is located, has requested me to apply for a dispensation for the purpose of electing their P. W. P's. as Representatives to the Grand Division, which I recommend be granted.

Garland Division No. 105, located at Cornwallis, which showed signs of decay, has again revived, and during the past term has added eight new members to its list, and promises to prosper.

In the month of November last, I received intelligence from brother Rev. Charles Randall, that Columbia Division, No. 24, located at Weymouth, had surrendered its Charter. I immediately corresponded with the brother, encouraging him to make an effort to revive the Division, and I am happy to inform you that his efforts have been successful ; the Division has been built up again, with fair prospects of increasing its numbers.

Phoenix Division, No. 115, located at LaHave, which has not been working for some time, is now shewing signs of reviving ; I anticipate that by this time it is in working order.

During the past term two of the Divisions located in Yarmouth were thinking of surrendering their Charters, but I have now reason to believe that the brethren there are determined to keep them alive, and will use every exertion to increase their numbers. The Divisions referred to have sent in their returns for the past quarter.

I have written several letters for the purpose of obtaining information respecting Harmony Division No. 67, but have received no answer as to its present condition ; I fear it is not working.

It has been intimated to me that Flowing Fountain Division, No. 118, located at Durham, would likely surrender its Charter; I fear it has ceased working; but as it is under the jurisdiction of the G. W. P. it is to be hoped he will succeed in keeping its name on the "muster roll" of the Grand Division.

Queen's Own Division No. 54, located at Liverpool, must be added to those not in working order.

I have never received any intelligence from Iron Age Division No. 82, located at Londonderry, nor Diligent River No. 120, located at Parrsborough, since I have been appointed to this office.

Salem Division No. 116, of Musquodoboit, and Inkermann No. 123 of St. Margaret's Bay, are dead. Morning Star Division No. 59, also located in the latter place, is not working. The Deputy hopes the Grand Division will not demand its Charter, but allow him to retain it for some time longer in order that he may have an opportunity of rebuilding it; I trust his request will be conceded. I have instructed the Deputies to obtain the Charters, Books, &c. of Salem and Inkermann Divisions and forward them to this office.

Since the Annual Session the Charter, Blue Book, Cards, and some of the Record Books of Mechanics' Division, No. 34, have been placed in my possession. The Deputy has informed me "that the Division was dissolved by a unanimous vote at a regular meeting; that it was in perfect harmony, with ample means, but unable to work from the non-attendance of all the younger members;" and that the members "were still pledged by resolution to remain faithful temperance men."

I neglected to mention in my report to the Annual Session, that the charter of Young Men's Division No. 101, of Yarmouth had been placed in my possession by the late Deputy.

The names of eighty Divisions are now on the Records, which may be enumerated as follows, viz.:

In working order	- - - - -	68
Not working, viz.:		
Cumberland 35; Queen's		
Own 54; Morning Star 59; Rock 63;		
Aurora 70; Maine Law 114 - - -		6
Supposed not to be in working order:—		
Harmony 67; Iron Age 82; Flowing		
Fountain 118; Diligent River 120;		4
Dead:—Salem 116; Inkermann 123,		2

Of the working Divisions, 49 only have made returns for the quarter ending December 31st, 1856, of which the following is a Synopsis:—

Initiated, 30 Divisions	- - -	132
Admitted by Card	- - -	6
Admitted by Dispensation	- - -	14—152
Rejected,	- - -	2
Withdrawn by Card,	- - -	13
Withdrawn from the Order	- - -	11—24
Violated the Pledge	- - -	70
Reinstated	- - -	28
Signed over	- - -	22
Violated Pledge second time	- - -	15
Suspended	- - -	54
Expelled for violation of Pledge	- - -	57
Expelled for non-payment of dues	- - -	95
Expelled for immoral conduct	- - -	1
Expelled for improper conduct	- - -	1
Deaths	- - -	3
Total number of members on Financial Scribes' books, 49 Divisions	- - -	2181
Representatives to Grand Division, 42 Divisions	- - -	452
Temperance meetings held, 20 Divisions	- - -	55
Traacts distributed by two Divisions	- - -	106
Receipts of Quarter, 48 Divisions	£307 16	5½
Expenses, exclusive of benefits, 40 Div.	238 13	7½
Paid for benefits by 19 Divisions	60 5	0
Cash on hand, 43 Divisions	1732 7	2½
Per capita tax, 49 Divisions	27 5	3
Per capita tax paid by 34 Divisions	21 11	3

That so many of the Divisions have neglected to forward their Returns is annoying. If the Grand Scribe was not to give a statistical summary of the Order until all the Divisions had made their returns, he would have to defer that duty for six months after the proper time, and then it would very likely be incomplete, as even now there are some of the Divisions that have not forwarded their returns for the year 1856. I trust that this state of things will be remedied, and that the Deputies and P. W. P's will lend their aid in bringing these negligent Divisions to a sense of their duty.

Since the Annual Session, Returns for the Term ending June 30th, 1856, have been received from Agricola Division No 72, and Wilmot No 88. Returns for the quarter ending September

30th, have been received from new Caledonia No. 14, Truro 41, Olive Branch 44, Canard 60, and Star in the East 61.

Returns for quarter ending March 31st, 1856, are due from the following named Divisions; Concord 5, Queen's Own 54, Morning Star 59, Iron Age 82, Diligent River 120.

For quarter ending June 30th: Concord 5, Queen's Own 54, Morning Star 59, Harmony 67, Iron Age 82, Parrsborough 110, Exeter 113, Diligent River 120.

For quarter ending September 30th: Concord 5, Hebron 17, Queen's Own 54, Morning Star 59, Harmony 67, Lake 19, Iron Age 82, Garland 105, Victoria Mines 108, Parrsborough 110, Phoenix 115, Flowing Fountain 118, Diligent River 120.

The following named Divisions have not sent in their returns for the quarter ending 31st December:

Concord 5, Union 6, Walton 23, Roseway 25, Cape Breton 27, Archangel 40, Truro 41, Olive Branch 44, Canard 50, Queen's Own 54, Morning Star 59, Harmony 67, Lake 71, Agricola 72, Iron Age 82, Wilmot 88, Bethlehem 89, Parrsborough 110, Exeter 113, Phoenix 115, Southampton 117, Flowing Fountain, 118, Diligent River 120, Alma 121.

I herewith submit my accounts, which on examination, I trust will be found correct.

The Receipts and Expenditures of this office to 24th inst., were as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Per Capita Tax from Divisions, June qr.	£1	8	3
" " " Sept. qr.	5	13	3
" " " Deer. qr.	21	10	3
Received for Cards, Journals, Bank			
Returns and from other sources,	4	4	6
as per detailed accounts,			
Balance in hand 22d October, 1856	0	11	8
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	£33	8	11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid Grand Treas. per Receipts	£19	15	10
" Postages, Stationery, &c.	-	3	8 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Grand Scribe's quarter's salary to 1st Jan.	10	0	0
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	£33	4	5
Balance in hand	-	-	4 6
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	£33	8	11

Several of the Subordinate Divisions having decided to admit Female visitors to their meetings, and not having a sufficient number of Ritual Books on hand, I found it necessary to order a supply from the Most Worthy Scribe. Sixteen Divisions have admitted Female visitors. There were 72 visitors in nine of the Divisions. The number attending the other seven has not been reported to this office.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Session, I prepared, and addressed a circular (a copy of which I herewith submit), to the Subordinate Divisions, requesting their opinion on the propriety of applying to the National Divisions of North America for a charter for a Colonial National Division. Thirty one Divisions have replied in answer to that Circular, as follows :

In favour of the formation of a Colonial National Division :
 Miemac Division No. 8, Cape Breton 27, Wilberforce 28, Rising Sun 52, Margaretville 80, Wellington 109, Wolfville 118, Alma 121 Lower Horton, 122.—9

Opposed to the measure at the present time, although they would be in favour of it, were the Order in a more flourishing condition :

Chebucto 7, Howard 26, Pugwash 36, Royal 37, Athenæum 96, Hero of Kars 127; New-Glasgow 10.—7

Opposed to the application in toto : Mayflower, 9, Avon, 12, Avondale, 13; Chester, 32; Canard, 50; Star, 49; Star in the East, 61; Aurora, 68; Wallace, 75; Albion Mines, 79; Chedabucto, 93; Railway, -111; Vesper, 124.—13

Undecided : Victoria, 10; Hebron, 19.—2

I herewith submit all the Communications received on the subject, and would recommend that they be referred to a special Committee to report thereon.

On reference to the Journal of Proceedings at the Annual Session of the Grand Division of *New Brunswick*, held in October last, I find the decision of that body on the question of a Colonial National Division is contained in the following extract :—

“ On motion—the subject matter of communications received from the Grand Divisions of Canada West, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, deferred from January Session, was brought up for consideration by the Grand Scribe.

“Moved and seconded, and passed unanimously :—

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Division regrets that they cannot agree in the views of the Grand Divisions of Canada West, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, as to the necessity of the formation of a *National Division* for the British Provinces, in British North America.

“And further *Resolved*, That this Grand Division would fraternally urge upon Sister Grand Divisions, to reconsider their resolutions on this subject.

“And further *Resolved*, That G.W.P. James Steadman, P.M.W.P. Samuel L. Tilley, and the Grand Scribe, be a Committee to communicate the views of this Grand Division to Sister Grand Divisions in reference thereto.”

By the printed proceedings of the Grand Divisions of *Canada East* and *Canada West*, I learn that they have taken no action on the subject at their recent Annual Session.

The Subordinate Divisions having been requested to contribute towards paying the expenses of three representatives from this Grand Division to the next Annual Session of the National Division, I have received replies from the undernamed Divisions to the effect that they had made appropriations as follows :

Chebucto, No. 7	-	-	-	-	£2	10	0
Micmac, No. 8	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
Mayflower, No. 9	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
Oriental, No. 16	-	-	-	-	2	10	0
Royal, No. 37	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
Star, No. 49 (paid)	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
Wellington, No. 109 (paid)	-	-	-	-	0	7	6
Wolfville, No. 112 (paid)	-	-	-	-	1	0	0

The resolution passed at the last Annual Session recommending “the Deputies to hold stated meetings of the P.W.P.’s in the jurisdiction of each for purposes of consultation,” has been attended to by the D.G.W.P. of Halifax. Two meetings of the P.W.P.’s have been held; suggestions were made as to the best means of reviving and advancing the Order and the Cause in the city. A Committee on the “State of the Order in the City” prepared a report, embodying the suggestions referred to, which was submitted to the several Divisions, and adopted by them. It is expected that if the Divisions act immediately on the recommendation of the Committee, the Order and the

Cause will increase rapidly in the city. I have not been informed as to whether the recommendation has been taken up by any of the other Deputies. Were similar meetings held by all the D.G.W.P.'s the Divisions would revive, and the Order would progress.

The Grand Division having appointed a Committee at the Annual Session, "to prepare an Address to the Military in the Garrison of Halifax," I have to report that the committee have performed the duty assigned them, and that 2000 copies of the circular (one of which I herewith submit), were printed and distributed among the Soldiers, by whom the address was well received; and I have reason to believe has produced the desired effect. The Halifax Temperance Society has held weekly meetings for several months past, which have been well attended by the military, a large number of whom have become pledged. They seem to take an interest in the meetings, and a very large number attend regularly. A few old friends of the Cause conduct these weekly meetings, and among those that are most active, I may be permitted to mention the names of P. G. W. P. Wm. M. Brown and D.G.W.P. John Shean.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Session to prepare an "Address to the heads of families throughout the Province" have performed that duty. The address is now ready for publication.

A copy of the resolution passed at the Annual Session, in reference to the "extension of the non-beneficiary system, at the discretion of Divisions" has been forwarded to the Most Worthy Scribe's office, and the receipt thereof acknowledged by that officer.

I would direct the attention of the Grand Division to the *Abstainer* newspaper. It has not yet received that extensive circulation which it deserves. I trust the members of the Order will exert themselves in increasing its list of subscribers.

I must complain, of the very negligent manner in which many of the Recording Scribes make up their returns to the Grand Division. I will present a few examples: One Division returned 18 contributing members for the September quarter; during the last term there were 2 withdrawals, 3 new members were added; the Scribe now returns 20 members instead of 19. A second returned 50 members for September quarter, 9 have been expelled since, and 48 members are returned instead of 41. A third reported 38, and during the past quarter there were no

expulsions, withdrawals, deaths, or suspensions, yet the Scribe returns but 30 members. A fourth returned 70 members for September quarter; since then 5 have been admitted, 13 expelled, 19 suspended, 1 withdrawal, and 1 reinstated; the returns for quarter ending December shew 50 members instead of 42. A fifth returned 80 members for September quarter, 1 has been added since, 7 expelled, and 3 have withdrawn; 82 members have been returned for past term instead of 71. This is annoying, and much to be regretted. I would earnestly impress on the W. P's.—who are also, as well as the Deputies, responsible to the Grand Division—the necessity of seeing that their respective Recording Scribes are more exact in the discharge of their particular duties. It is certain that either the returns for September quarter, or those for the term ending December, are incorrect; which, I am unable to decide. I feel that in future it will be necessary for me to expose the Divisions that forward their returns in so careless a manner.

I regret to announce the death of one of the D. G. W. P's., Daniel McDonald of Sherbrooke, in the County of Guysborough. During the few months of official intercourse between us, I found the late brother punctual and attentive to his duties. He held the appointment of Deputy for some two or three years previous to his decease, and was honored and respected by the Divisions placed under his charge. Immediately after the annual session, by the direction of the G. W. P., I forwarded the brother a Commission, appointing him Deputy for the current official year, which document, I have been informed, reached his residence on the day his death took place, the first of November last. I only wish all the Deputies were as punctual in the discharge of their duties as our departed brother.

The Cause of Temperance has sustained a loss by the death of the great Apostle, the very Rev. Theobald Mathew, whose decease took place at Cork, Ireland, on the 8th of December, 1856. It will indeed be hard to find another Father Mathew, who will meet with the same success, or devote himself with the same energy, sacrificing means, health, and life for the promotion of the "Cause of all Mankind." I would endorse the sentiment of the Editor of the *Abstainer*, "that God may raise up many more, in every country and of all religious persuasions, to follow the example and tread in the footsteps of the "Apostle of Temperance!"

I herewith submit a Report from the Chairman of the 'Temperance Committee for the County of Cape Breton.'

I herewith submit a Communication from the Star in the East Division, No. 61, in reference to meaning of certain Articles of the Constitution.

Also a Communication from Micmac Division, No. 8, requesting the Grand Division to make application to the National Division for the restoration of the "Old Ritual."

As two of the Divisions that have been reported as "not working" are located but a short distance from where we are now assembled in quarterly session, I trust that before we return to our several homes, an effort will be made for their revival.

In conclusion, I hope the business of the Session will be conducted with that harmony which should ever characterize the proceedings of the Sons of Temperance, and the result of our labours will be beneficial to "the Cause" and tend to the building up of the Divisions, and the revival of the Order throughout the Province.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

PATRICK MONAGHAN.

Grand Scribe.

South Rawdon, January 28th, 1856.

Referred to Committee on State of the Order.

A Communication from Micmac Division, No. 8, in reference to the restoration of "Old Ritual," was read, and, on motion referred to Committee on Communications.

A Communication from Star in the East Division, No. 61, in reference to meaning of certain sections of the Constitution, was read, and, on motion, referred to Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-laws; the report of committee to be published in the *Abstainer*.

The half-yearly report of the "Cape Breton Temperance Committee" was read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on State of the Order.

On motion, brothers J. Mosher, J. W. Quinan, R. M. Barratt, were appointed a special committee to take into consideration the communications from Subordinate Divisions, respecting the application for a Charter for a Colonial National Division, and report thereon, as recommended in report of Grand Scribe.

A communication from William Lippincott, in reference to the application for a Colonial National Division was read, and on motion referred to special committee appointed to consider the communications from the Divisions on the same subject.

The following report from the Publication Committee was read:—

The Publication Committee beg leave to make the following report to the Grand Division:

“The Abstainer,” with its selections, arrangement, and Editorials, has given as much satisfaction as a small monthly publication could be expected to do. Your committee have to regret that the list of subscribers is not as extensive as it should be, considering the large number of persons who are friendly to the cause, and the small amount of money required from those who desire to avail themselves of the advantages it affords.

The issue at present is only 1710. Your committee would respectfully suggest the importance of urging on the members of our Order throughout the Province, a more extensive patronage, inasmuch as the measure of success which attends this small effort in the way of giving publicity to our doings and principles, will probably be the criterion by which the feasibility of a more efficient and consequently more expensive organ will be estimated hereafter; and that such an one should be established as soon as practicable, your committee believe is the opinion of all who are anxious for the further extension of our views and practice.

W. M. BROWN, Chairman.

J. A. BELL.

A. J. RITCHIE.

C. ROBSON.

P. MONAGHAN.

On motion adopted, and the Grand Scribe directed to have it published in the *Abstainer*.

The following report from the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws was read:

The Standing Committee on Constitutions and Bye-Laws beg to report that they have had submitted to them for examina-

tion, the Bye-Laws of Vesper Division, No. 124, and June Rose Division, No. 125, and recommend as follows:

VESPER DIVISION, erased the word CIDER from Article 2 of the Constitution. in order—as your Committee suppose—that the members might use, or traffic in, that liquor as a beverage. This shews a want of a proper knowledge of the Constitution and Rules of the Order by that Division, and your Committee would here state for the information of *all Divisions*, that the National Division is the only power that can make alterations in the Constitution of the Order, as declared by that body in Article 11 of the Constitution of Subordinates.

Your Committee also recommend that the words “in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, and Article 2 of the Revised Rules” be added to section 1, of Article 5 of the Bye-Laws.

Your Committee would also recommend that instead of the Division holding their meetings on “every other Saturday evening,” they meet regularly every week, your Committee being of opinion that frequent meetings tend more to the advancement of the cause, and are more advantageous to the interests of Divisions.

JUNE ROSE DIVISION.—The words “Those entering at the later age (60) to be non-beneficial” in section 1 of Article 2 of the Bye-Laws, conflict with the Constitution, as non-benefit members are not recognised by the Order. Your Committee recommend the Division to adopt the following, instead of the clause referred to :

“Persons of old age or under disability, may be admitted in accordance with Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution for the sum of—”

Your Committee have also examined the Amendments to the Bye-laws of the Star in the East Division, No 61, and recommend that instead of the last clause of Section 1. of Art. 2, the following be substituted, for the same reasons as referred to in the Bye-Laws of June Rose Division :

“Persons of old age or under disability, may be admitted in accordance with Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution for the sum of five shillings.

The words “Constitution and,” in Section 3 of Article 4 to be omitted, as Divisions have no power to remit penalties imposed by the Constitution, which provides that the W. P.

shall enforce them, and it is binding on him to do so by the obligation he takes when installed into office.

The words "after one week's previous notice has been given" to be added to Section 6 of Article 4.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

WILLIAM L. BELL,
PAT. MONAGHAN,
JOHN HEENAN.

HALIFAX, N. S. January 16, 1857.

The accounts of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read, and, on motion, referred to Auditing Committee.

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid:

James Bowes & Sons, printing	£16	16	3
James Barnes, advertising	1	5	0
Alpin Grant, do.		10	0
Alexander Knight & Co.	1	5	0
R. and J. Wetmore		5	0

On motion, Grand Division adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,
Grand Scribe.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division met at 3 o'clock, P. M., and opened in due form, the G. W. P. in the chair. Roll of Officers called.

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

Absent.—G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, P. G. W. P., G. W. P. filled vacancies by appointing brothers J. Lanigan, G. Treasurer; G. J. Creed, G. Chaplain; J. W. Quinan, P. G. W. P. *pro tem.*

The Grand Conductor introduced representative Edward A. Dimock, No. 13, who was duly initiated and took his seat.

The Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was adopted :

GRAND DIVISION ROOM, SOUTH RAWDON,
January 28 1857.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and books of Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

JOHN LANIGAN,
DANIEL MOSHER,
GEORGE BUTLER.

The Committee on Communications presented the following report which was adopted:

The Committee on Communications having had referred to them a Communication from Micmac Division, No. 8, soliciting that instructions might be given to the Representatives from the Grand Division to the next Annual Session of the National Division, to advocate the Restoration of the old Ritual to that Division.

Report, that upon full consideration of this subject, and from the opinions they have heard expressed at the Annual and Quarterly Sessions of the Grand Divisions, and the Subordinate Divisions in the city of Halifax and elsewhere, they are of opinion that the restoration of the old Ritual is generally required, and that the Representatives from the Grand Division to the National Division should be requested to bring this subject under the notice of the National Division at their next Annual Session, and that they be instructed to advocate the restoration of the old Ritual, to the Grand Division of the Province of Nova Scotia.

GEORGE J. CREED,
WILLIAM MURRAY,
ENOCH G. DIMOCK.

SOUTH RAWDON, 28th January, 1857.

The G.W.P. appointed brothers George J. Creed, A. J. Ritchie, and R. H. Wetmore, a Standing Committee on Finance, in accordance with Rule 13 of the Bye-laws.

On motion, regular business was suspended.

The Grand Conductor introduced representatives Wm. Forrest and Nicholas Mosher, 4th, No. 13; and Donald A. McPhee,* No. 92, who were duly initiated and took their seats.

Grand Division resumed business.

The Grand Scribe having made suggestions in reference to liquidating certain claims against the Grand Division, it was, on motion, resolved that he refer said suggestions to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion of Grand Conductor, seconded by G. J. Creed, it was *Resolved*, That this Grand Division instruct their representatives to apply to the National Division at their coming Session, to appoint the meeting of that body for the year 1858, to be held in the city of Halifax.

On motion, 400 copies of Journal of Proceedings of this Session were ordered to be printed.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report:—

The Committee on the state of the Order, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee regret that they are compelled to reiterate the complaints of remissness on the part of many of the Deputies whereby it is impossible to determine with any accuracy the state of the Order throughout the Province.

From the information received as contained in the reports of the G.W.P. and G.S., your Committee are of opinion that the Order generally is in a more healthy state than for some time past, and that signs of renewed activity are manifesting themselves in several localities.

The Cause in Halifax appears to advance with steady pace, and the large accessions of Military to its ranks are among its most pleasing features. The Committee are of opinion that this continued improvement is largely owing to the zeal and activity of the energetic Deputy, and the co-operation of the old Temperance Society.

The report of the Committee in Cape Breton affords a gratifying evidence of what can be done by active and persevering

*“ D. McPhee's Credentials not having been sent in, and two Representatives from the same Division vouching that he had been duly elected, he was admitted for Initiation.
G. S.

effort. From their report, the Order appears to be advancing in different parts of the Island, as the reward of their unwearied diligence.

We would recommend that Brother Armstrong be added to the Committee as requested.

Your Committee rejoice to perceive that in several districts of the Province, Divisions have resumed working, and your Committee trust that not only will they continue to progress, but that their example will be found to have a beneficial influence upon other localities, and induce Divisions to struggle on, assured that in this as well as every other good work, steady perseverance will be crowned with ultimate success.

The practise of admitting Female visitors to Division Meetings is becoming more general, and your Committee believe that the practise will ever be found most beneficial to the cause of Temperance, as a great social, as well as Moral Reform.

The resolution passed at the last Annual Session, respecting meetings of P. W. P's, does not appear to have been acted upon except in the capital, the Committee would urge upon Deputies an early attention to this matter as well calculated to advance the welfare of the Order.

In concluding this hasty report your Committee are inclined to feel much encouragement and to look hopefully to the future, satisfied of the goodness of the Cause, and the certainty that God will eventually in his own time and way give an abundant blessing to our efforts. All which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

GEORGE CREED,
J. W. QUINAN,
R. M. BARRATT.

SOUTH RAWDON, January 28th, 1857.

Adopted, and brother Armstrong added to Cape Breton Temperance Committee.

The Special Committee on the question of a Colonial National Division, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a separation from the National Division of North America, and the formation of one for the British Provinces, and to report thereon, beg leave to submit the following Resolution :

Whereas, The Grand Scribe's report informs us, that a large majority of the Subordinate Divisions, are opposed to the formation of a National Division for the British Provinces at the present time, be it therefore Resolved, that our Representatives to the next Session of the National Division be instructed (should such application be made) to give it their opposition.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

JAMES MOSHER,
J. W. QUINAN,
R. M. BARRATT.

SOUTH RAWDON, January 28, 1857.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. J. Cameron; seconded by the Grand Worthy Associate, and adopted:—

Resolved, That as a Public Lecturer is absolutely necessary to impart sound information to the inhabitants of this Province on the important subject of Temperance, this Grand Division adopt means to obtain funds necessary to employ one or more efficient Lecturers in the field—and that the matter be committed to the Agency Committee to carry out the intent thereof.

On motion of the Grand Scribe, seconded by the Grand Conductor, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Division be presented to the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House of South Rawdon for the use of their building during the present Session—and also to the Inhabitants of South Rawdon and Upper Newport for the very kind hospitality extended by them to the representatives in attendance at the present Session.

The Minutes of this Session were read and approved.

The Grand Division was closed, to meet at Nictau, Annapolis County, on Wednesday, 22d day of April, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

PATRICK MONAGHAN,

Grand Scribe.

HALIFAX, N. S., 2d February, 1857.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT SESSION.

- No. 7.—P. Monaghan, G. S.
 J. W. Quinan,
 A. Robinson,
 George Butler,
- No. 8.—R. M. Barratt, G. Con.
 G. J. Creed,
- No. 9.—Wm. Murray, G. Sen.
 J. Lanigan,
- No. 12.—Daniel Mosher,
- No. 13.—E. A. Dimock,
 E. T. Harvie, D. G. W. P.,
 Wm. Forrest,
 John J. Dimock,
 George C. Harvie,
 Nicholas Mosher, 4th,
- No. 16.—Rev. A. McArthur, G. W. P.,
- No. 32.—James Mosher, G. W. A.,
- No. 92.—Rev. J. Cameron, D. G. W. P.,
 Alexander Thompson,
 D. A. McPhee,
- No. 119.—George Creed, D. G. W. P.,
 J. Knowles,
 J. McLearn,
 Charles Dimock,
 William Dimock,
 Joseph Hamilton,
 W. B. Dimock,
 E. T. Dimock,
- No. 124.—Hugh McNeil.

Grand Division, S. of T. of Nova Scotia, in account with the G. Scribe.

		DR.	£ s. d.
1856.			
Oct. 22.	To balance due Grand Division,		0 11 8
25.	Tax, September quarter, Avondale Division, 12s. 6d. Rising Sun, 9s. 6d.; Star in the East, on acct. 20s. Olive Branch, 5s. 6d.		2 7 6
Nov. 26.	Columbia, 3s. 9d.; Fruro, 15s.; New Caledonia, 17s. 6d.;		1 16 3
Dec. 13.	Agricola Div. Tax June qr. 7s. 6d.; Wilmot, do. 5s. 9d.;		0 13 3
1857.			
Jan. 9.	Rev. T. Gates, Guysboro', subscription due on Athenæum paper, 1855,		0 10 0
13.	Tax Chedabucto Division, June qr., 15s.; do. Sept. qr. 14s. 6d.; Lunenburg, Sept. qr. 7s. 6.; Wellington, balance, 3s.		2 0 0
	Tax for qr. ending Dec. 31, 1856, Chedabucto, 44s. 3d.; Micmac, 34s.; Mayflower, 50s. 9d.; Victoria, 14s. 9d.; Avon, 9s. 3d.; New Caledonia, 18s. 3d.; New Glasgow, 12s. 6d.; Columbia, 2s. 9d.; Howard, 20s. 6d.; Chester, 14s. 9d.; Pugwash, 8s. 3d.; Royal, 13s. 9d.;		12 3 9
20.	Port Royal, 9d.; Star, 6s. 3d.; Lunenburg, 7s. 6d.; Hantsport, 11s. 9d.; Wallace, 9s. 6d.; Athenæum, 10s. 6d.; Evening Star, 7s.; Wellington, 9s. 6d.; Wolfville, 6s. 3d.; Lower Horton, 12s. 6d.; June Rose, 15s.; Rechab, 4s. 6d.; Wilberforce, 8s. 3d.; Morning Star, 38, 6s. 9d.; Margaretville, 4s. 6d.; Victoria Mines, 4s. 9d.; Invincible, 6s. 3d.; Emblem, 8s.; Hero of Kars, 13s.; Father Mathew, 6s. 3d.; Railway, 6s. 3d.; Star in the East, 22s. 6d.; Do. balance due on Sept. qr. 2s. 6d.		9 10 0
	Beniah Morse, on acct. per centage,		0 2 0
	Amount received for Journals of G. D.		1 8 0
	Amount received for T. and W. Cards,		0 9 0
	Amount received for Blank Quarterly Returns,		0 12 6
	Amount received for Ritual Admission Female Visitors,		0 11 3
	J. Shean, D.G. W.P., Dispensation fees, Halifax Divs.		0 13 9
			£33 8 11

		CR.	
1856.			
Nov. 18.	By amount forwarded to M. W. S. on account Ritual } Female Visitors, - - - - - }		0 7 6½
1857.			
Jan. 12.	By amount paid Grand Treasurer, - - - - -		17 13 4
23.	" " Stationery, - - - - -		0 17 0
	" " Grand Treasurer, - - - - -		2 2 6½
	" " Grand Scribe's salary to 1st Jany.		10 0 0
24.	" " Postages, &c. during quarter, - - - - -		2 4 0
	" " Balance due G. D. - - - - -		0 4 6
			£33 8 11

		DR.	
1857.			
Jan. 23.	To amount from Wolfville Div. towards Representatives expenses to National Division, - - - - -		1 0 0
	" " Star Div. " "		1 0 0
	" " Wellington Div. " "		0 7 6
			£2 7 6

		CR.	
1857.			
Jan. 24.	By amount paid Grand Treasurer, - - - - -		£2 7 6

PATRICK MONAGHAN, G. S.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 24, 1857.

The Grand Division, S. of T., in account with John A. Bell, Treasurer

1856.		DR.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 24.	Cash paid Expenses	G. W. P. attending Session,	2	13	0
	"	G. C. " "	5	0	0
	"	G. Con. " "	3	0	0
31.	This amount paid towards Agency Fund,	-	6	8	10½
Dec. 31.	Paid Advertising,	-	0	15	0
	Balance,	-	15	8	11
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			£33	5	9½
1856.		CR.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 31.	By Balance from last quarter,	-	11	2	5
	Cash from Grand Scribe,	-	17	13	4
	Do. do. do.	-	2	2	6½
	Cash received for payment expenses of Representatives to National Division,	-	2	7	6
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			£33	5	9½
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Jany. 1857.	By Balance,	-	£15	8	11