

**ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. OF N. B.**

The Sons of Temperance of this province held their annual session in the Market Building, St. John, last month, opening on the evening of the 21st. It has been many years since such a large gathering of representatives took place. Some fifty candidates were initiated during the session and a very great amount of important business transacted. After the initiation of candidates the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Geo. E. Foster, M. P., presented his report for the year as follows:—

**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.**

It becomes my pleasing duty at the end of this my term of office to render a report of the progress of the cause in which we are engaged and the order in which we worked for the past year.

In doing so I shall not enter into details which will be fully given you in the report of your secretary.

Since we last met in annual session the order in New Brunswick has been steadily moving onward in the line of increase in numbers and efficiency of work. New Divisions have been organized to the number of 15, 3 old and suspended ones have been revived, while the gross membership which in Oct. 1884 was 3760 has now gained the very encouraging total of 4341. The Divisions generally are in a healthy and efficient condition.

Your Grand Worthy Patriarch has assisted in organizing a number of the New Divisions, but in the multiplicity of duties which have devolved upon him, has had to call to his assistance the services of other officers and members of the Grand Division, who in all cases have responded with the utmost alacrity and cheerfulness. I beg in this connection to mention the names of Brethren Vroom, Everett, Robinson, Patterson, Thompson, Worth, Rankin, Price, Leaman, Storm, McWilliams, Fraser, Armour and McCarthy.

The Order in the Sister provinces of the Dominion has enjoyed a year of considerable activity and growth and keeps its place among the organized forces which to-day are contending for the spread of the principles of total abstinence and the triumph of legal prohibition.

As the oldest of the close organizations it is also one of the strongest, and while it has lost none of its vigor by reason of age, it has gained much in experience and power of adapting itself to the varying conditions of the times.

While it welcomes all sister societies to the greater work of making a sober world and cordially sympathizes in all their efforts and successes, it nevertheless maintains its identity and course and refuses to merge its characteristics. In every community and in all works of life its abundant fruitage may be found in the sturdy stand-by, the strong public sentiment, and the advanced Temperance positions which have grown up and out of its Divisions rooms. Long live the Order whose sons have done so nobly and whose daughters have found so true.

During the past year the cause of Temperance has made most gratifying progress the wide world over. In king's houses, in halls of legislation, in schools of learning, in scientific circles, in church courts, in the upper, the middle and what is sometimes denominated the lower classes, from princely palace to humblest cottage the peace living angel of Temperance has "tarried on the way," touching into life and energy the dormant sympathies of humanity, and arousing into activity the better sentiments of mankind to the end that passion and appetite be dethroned and purity and abstinence be crowned in their stead. Time would fail to tell of the unclean spirits that have been cast out, the rooms of the human heart that have been clean swept and garnished, the lives that have been renovated, the families that have been joined together anon, and the wonderful heaven hid in society that has gone far towards leaving the whole lump.

Our first duty is to preserve, to widen and to deepen this conviction. Moral suasion has not yet finished her work, nay she has only begun it. More information, more teaching, more example, steady and constant are needed; elementary truths must be sown into the tender minds of the young of each generation, and carefully tended in the mature intellect of the grown up men and women. Here especially our order comes in. Let it continue as in the past to gather into its fold the young and the middle aged and train and teach them, let us by frequent public meetings widen the aisle of its persuasion and teaching, and more than all by the consistent lives and earnest conversation of its membership to win upon the masses of the prejudiced, the interested, the enthralled and the indifferent.

Brethren let us not forget the mission of teaching and persuasion. It is indispensable to success, and we will fail in proportion as we forget or forsake it.

But Sons of Temperance are believers in Law as well. They have always been so. And as centres of action, and agencies for promoting the reign of law in the sphere and control of the Liquor Traffic our Divisions have always been where they could be counted upon. We will keep our character in this respect and no law which has prohibition in it shall suffer repeal or defeat so long as Sons of Temperance are able to prevent it, or until they can replace it by one which entitles a fuller measure of prohibition.

And we must be energetic and aggressive. Brethren, are our Divisions zealous and active enough, inspired as they should be with a zeal to save the falling or the fallen, and to overthrow and confound the enemy to all sobriety and safety?

Do we occupy all the territory that we should; go in and take possession of it in the name of Temperance?

Do we hold public meetings and scatter literature as we ought, until society about us is permeated with the pure teachings of Temperance? Let it be the part of every representative here present to answer these questions, and if he be not able to answer them in the affirmative, be it his resolve to go home to his Division and influence its record in the coming year.

The future is what we choose to make it. Large possibilities lie before us. Let it be ours to realize them.

The meeting of the National Division was this year held in Maryland. Owing to Legislative duties which at that time demanded my presence in Ottawa I was unable to attend it but our Grand Division was well and worthily represented by M. W. A. Everett.

The semi-annual session was held in St. Stephen, and was both a pleasant and profitable occasion. In connection therewith large and enthusiastic public meetings were held in St. Stephen and Milltown which were addressed by members of the Grand Division and have been well believed productive of much good.

Death has entered our Grand Division circle and taken from our midst two respected and valued members, Bro. John Braish of Kingston Kent Co. and Bro. Caleb Rankin of King's Co.

The former was one of the oldest in connection with our order in this province, a good earnest and efficient worker. He has gone to his rest. The latter was one of our young men, of most estimable character and excellent promise. Cut down in the very flower of his years his gain can be in part measured by the great loss sustained by the county in which he lived and the Order of which he was an honored member.

As one by one our Brethren are called out of the ranks below to join the Grand Army above let us redouble our diligence and work on more energetically albeit with dimmed eyes and saddened hearts.

In concluding my year of office and resigning into your hands the honored trust confided to me, I wish to thank you for the courtesy shown me, the kindness I have met from all, the forbearance with which you have given me your assistance. Our year has been a successful one, our condition is healthy and hopeful and I trust my successor may both sow more widely and reap more largely than I have been enabled to do.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Yours in L. P. & F.  
G. E. FOSTER, G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe's report showed the following encouraging results from the year's work. 15 new divisions organized, 3 old divisions reconstituted, 1952 new members admitted, 269 withdraws, 203 reinstated, 73 expelled for violating the pledge, 172 expelled for other causes, 3 deaths, 4329 contributing members. The divisions held 95 public meetings, there are 303 lady visitors, there were 2985 tracts distributed, and there are 336 representatives of the Grand Division. The total receipts were \$2763.36 expenses \$2215.61 Capita Tax to Grand Division \$928. Total sum on hand and invested \$10,211.57.

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St. John, N. B. Oct. 21st 1885.

P. W. P. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,  
Your committee on propagation would report that during the year, they have arranged for the organization of fifteen new Divisions, and the reorganization of two old Divisions.

The expense attending this work amounted to seventy-two dollars and seven cents.

Your committee has been in communication with a number of gentlemen who have some reputation as Lecturers and Organizers, but have failed to secure the services of the right man.

Your committee had secured the consent of the Propagation Committee of Nova Scotia to allow us to have the services of Bro. Thomas Hutchings, their organizer, for two months, but upon correspondence with the Brother we learned that he was unwilling to labor in this Province upon the same terms as in Nova Scotia, and his terms being beyond our reach, we were compelled to abandon expectations in that direction.

Your committee are in hopes of securing the services of members of this Grand Division as organizers for the different districts of the jurisdiction.

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After the reading of the reports the election of officers for the present year took place, resulting as follows:—

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At the Thursday morning's session the committee on resolutions submitted the following reports of resolutions:

**Resolved,** That in the death of Brethren John Braish, of Kingston, Kent Co., and Caleb Fenwick, of Millstown Kings Co., this Grand Division and the Order have sustained great loss.

That the Grand Division desires to record its high appreciation of their character and work, and to express its sympathy with the friends of the deceased in their sore bereavement and it hereby orders that the names of both be inscribed on the memorial page of its printed journal.

**Resolved,** That this Grand Division, in annual session assembled and representing as it does the sentiment of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick, desires to keep upon record its deep disapproval of the action of a portion of the Senate of Canada in its endeavor to exempt from the operation of the C. T. Act, wines, ales and beer, believing that such exemption would be in direct opposition to the interest of those who framed and adopted the act, would be extremely detrimental to the proper enforcement of the Law, and an unwarrantable assumption of power on the part of the Senate in attempting in the manner it did, to interfere with a law long enacted and often affirmed by Parliament, and warmly approved by so large a body of the people of Canada.

**Resolved,** That this Grand Division feels it necessary to deplore the delays, as it would appear, unnecessary and unexcusable, which have characterized the dealings of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, with cases arising out of the prosecution of offenses under the Canada Temperance Act; to declare that by their delays the enforcement of the Act has been most naturally hindered and weakened, and to protest with all its power against a continuance of the same. In the interests of fair play, of law and order and of common justice, we deprecate these delays in the decision of cases appealed, and most earnestly hope that the Supreme Court will deliver its judgment in such cases within fair and reasonable time from the hearing of the same.

**Resolved,** That we intimate our undiminished confidence in the necessity and efficiency of prohibition as applied to the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, that we maintain full faith in the Canada Temperance Act as an efficient instrument for closing the dram shop and diminishing the sale and use of strong drink, and will strive for its adoption where it is not now in operation, for its enforcement where adopted, and against its repeal wherever repeal is attempted, and we extend to the Temperance people of Fredericton our earnest prayers and sympathies in their struggle to maintain the Act in this their second contest against repeal.

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Divisions of New Brunswick.				
DIVISION.	No.	LOCATION	MEETING.	DEPUTY.
Howard	1	St. Stephen	Friday	Sedgefield Webber.
Wilberforce	3	Milltown, St. Stephen	Monday	Harrison McAllister
Gurney	5	Market Building, St. John	Thursday	Robert Willis.
Portland	7	Orange Hall, Portland	Monday	A. Y. Paterson.
Albion	14	Market Building, St. John	Wednesday	David Thompson.
Queens	21	Gagetown	Saturday	Henry J. DeVeber.
Northumberland	37	Chatham	Friday	George Stohart.
Sackville	39	Hillsboro, Albert Co.	Wednesday	John J. Steeves.
Richibucto	40	Sackville, West. Co.	Tuesday	J. C. Harper.
Newcastle	42	Richibucto, Kent Co.	Wednesday	Allen Haines.
Westmorland	44	Kingston, Kent Co.	Tuesday	B. S. Bailey.
Goldon Rule	45	Newcastle	Thursday	Daniel McGruar.
Safeguard	50	Point de Bute, West. Co.	Thursday	J. Amos Trueman.
Johnston	51	Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.	Tuesday	L. R. Moore.
Dalhousie	58	Pennfield, Charlotte Co.	Saturday	W. N. Bucknam.
Baie Verte	62	Cambridge, Queen's Co.	Saturday	George S. Wilson.
Dover	64	Dalhousie	Monday	George Haddow.
Granite Rock	65	Baie Verte	Wednesday	Robert Goodwin.
Nelson	70	Dover, Westmorland Co.	Saturday	Wm Steeves.
Caledonia	77	Carleton, St. John	Tuesday	Henry Finch.
Collina	96	Derby, North. Co.	Monday	John Betts.
Oxford	99	Douglstown, North. Co.	Tuesday	James Henderson.
Garibaldi	129	Collina Corner, Kings Co.	Thursday	Jacob I. Keirstead.
St. Martins	134	Upper Gagetown, Q. Co.	Saturday	James E. Coy.
Moncton	151	Benton, Carleton Co.	Tuesday	A. Teed.
Crystal Stream	164	St. Martins, St. John Co.	Tuesday	Jas. B. Hodsmlyth.
Lime Rock	183	Moncton	Monday	Edward McCarthy.
Everett	191	Salisbury, West. Co.	Saturday	Wm. McNaughton.
Intercolonial	207	South Bay, St. John Co.	Monday	Wm. Roxborough.
Victoria	238	Milford, St. John Co.	Wednesday	John Waring.
Baillie	243	Moncton	Friday	Albert McWilliams.
Harcourt	245	Victoria Mills, West. Co.	Thursday	James Main.
Valley	248	Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.	Wednesday	John W. Mann.
Havelock	249	Weldford, Kent Co.	Saturday	Henry Wather.
Petitcodiac	250	Portland	Tuesday	Josiah Fowler.
Sunnyside	251	Butternut Ridge, King's Co.	Friday	Ezra Keith.
Mose Rose	252	Petitcodiac, West. Co.	Tuesday	David Jonah.
Britannia	253	Lewis Mountain, West. Co.	Saturday	Robt Lewis.
Spreading Oak	254	Dear Island, Char. Co.	Saturday	A. T. Lloyd.
Lansdowne	255	Millstream, Kings Co.	Friday	C W Weyman.
Union	256	Little Ridge, Char. Co.	Tuesday	Alex. F. Matheson.
Charlo	257	Fredericton	Thursday	Herman H. Pitts.
Mountain Rose	258	Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.	Monday	D. W. Grierson.
Lawrenceville	259	River Charlo, Rest. Co.	Thursday	John H Galbraith.
Spring	260	Steeves' Mountain, West. Co.	Saturday	Richard Lutz, Sr.
Mayflower	261	Lawrence Station, Char. Co.	Saturday	F. S. Richardson.
Iona	262	Hampton, King's Co.	Monday	George Barnes.
Oak	263	Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.	Thursday	Wesley Moulton.
Wills	264	Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.	Wednesday	A. S. McKenzie.
Rockland	265	Oak Hill, Char. Co.	Friday	Dr J G Atkinson.
Star Branch	266	Lower Hill, Char. Co.	Saturday	Stephen S. Smith.
Stewart	267	Graves' Settlement, West Co.	Friday	George Johnston.
Red Granite	268	McAdam Junction, York Co.	Monday	E. W. Brownell.
Cardwell	269	2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.	Saturday	Ammon Sherwood.
Milltown	270	St. George, Char. Co.	Saturday	Thomas McGowan.
Hampton	271	Penobscus, King's Co.	Thursday	James W. Floyd.
Leading Star	272	St Nicholas River, Kent Co.	Friday	James Murray.
Gordon	273	Hampton Village, Kings Co.	Tuesday	Guilford Flewelling.
Twilight	274	Bloomfield, Kings Co.	Thursday	O A Wetmore.
Middleton	275	Good Temple Hall St. John	Friday	H P Sandall.
Rising Sun	276	Eagle Settlement West'd Co	Wednesday	G A Taylor.
Star of Hope	277	Salisbury, Westmorland Co.	Friday	Jas B Henry.
Rosefield	278	Heathland, Charlotte Co.	Tuesday	Levi Hall.
Elgin	279	Goshen Corner, Albert Co.	Thursday	David W Goodall.
Springfield	280	St Mary's, Kent Co.	Saturday	Warren Vincent.
Gloucester Division	281	Elgin, Albert Co.	Saturday	Geo. Smith A. B.
	282	Springfield, Kings Co.	Friday	G. M. Wetmore.
	283	Whites Cove, Grand Lake	Wednesday	H. E. White.
	284	Clifton, Gloucester Co.	Wednesday	N. R. Ritchie.

Propagating Committee—G. W. P.; G. Scribe S. B. Paterson, P. G. W. P. Robinson, H. H. Pitts, C. A. Everett, W. C. Anslow.

Publication Committee—G. W. P.; G. Scribe S. B. Paterson, T. P. Mott, W. C. Anslow.

State of Order—Rev. G. M. Campbell, W. C. Anslow, W. J. Robinson, P. G. W. P. Foster.

Appeals—G. A. Colpitts, J. Willard Smith, E. S. McCarty, W. W. Graham, H. H. Pitts, Dan E. McGruar, Jacob Kierstead.

Committee on Bye-Laws—Robert Willis, A. J. Paterson, John Leaman, Oscar Wetmore, W. H. Stevens.

Audit—W. H. Price, Balkam, J. R. Fraser, John Rankine, George Stohart.

Charter—Grand Scribe and Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Halls—H. C. Davidson, George Stohart, G. Scribe.

Credentials—W. J. Robinson, C. E. Northrop W. B. Jonah, S. C. Alward.

Saint John, N. B., Oct. 22nd 1885.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH OF THE GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

BROTHER,—Your committee on attendance for this session beg to report a very full attendance of representatives from the various subordinate divisions.

The names of representatives present during the session are as follows:

Howard Division No. 1. C. N. Vroom, Rev. G. M. Campbell, W. H. Stevens, L. W. Hughes.

Wilberforce Division No. 3. W. W. Graham, Gurney Division No. 5. S. B. Paterson, D. Bradley, Jr., S. L. T. Rankin, Robt. Willis, Geo. T. Whitence, G. O. Drake, Chas. H. Hay.

Portland Division No. 7. A. Z. Paterson, L. P. Crear, Samuel Henderson, H. C. Codner, Wm. Hill, Levi DeLong, John A. Lister, Joseph Wilson, James Crawford.

Albion Division No. 14.—Geo. E. Foster, T. Partelow Mott, E. Mirey, A. W. Sulis, Samuel Tufts, W. H. Paterson, L. C. Anslow, J. R. Woodburn, Fred C. Colwell, J. D. Robertson, Wm. Lewis, John Kain, John A. Marshall, John Bell, D. Thomson.

Northumberland Division No. 37.—A. W. Paterson, George Stohart.

Newcastle Division No. 45.—Daniel McGruar, W. C. Anslow.

Granite Rock Division No. 77.—J. Alfred Clark, Rev. Chas. Laduer, E. S. Reede, A. Cushing, James Carleton, David Adams, James McG. Campbell, Henry Finch, John Lyons, Robert H. Simpson, John C. Thomas, Edwin L. Strange.

Collina Division No. 129.—A. J. Kierstead, Jacob J. Kierstead, J. M. Scovill.

St. Martin's Division No. 164.—H. T. Colpitts, J. B. Hodsmlyth, C. Millen, Herbert Cassidy, Samuel Osborne, Benj. Carson, J. P. Whitney.

Crystal Stream Division No. 191.—G. J. Trites, John Gowland.

Lime Rock Division No. 207.—E. J. Sheldon Wm. Roxborough, Levis J. Cusack.

Spreading Oak Division No. 256.—John M. P. Mery.

Lansdowne Division No. 257.—Herman H. Pitts.

Spring Division No. 262.—Geo. Barnes, M. H. March.

Wills Division No. 266.—S. S. Smith.

Cardwell Division No. 271.—W. H. Morton, J. C. Weldon.

Gordon Division No. 275.—J. S. Turner, J. W. Smith, T. H. Lawson, Robt. Maxwell, Henry Willis, H. P. Sandall, John Law, H. A. McKeown, T. E. Dyer.

Leading Star Division No. 274.—O. A. Wetmore.

Middleton Division No. 277.—James Henry W. H. Stewart.

Elgin Division No. 271.—W. B. Jonah, W. P. Robinson.

Fraternally Submitted,  
W. C. Anslow,  
T. Partelow Mott.

In the evening the St. John brethren tendered the visiting members a dinner which was provided by mine host Cosman of the Ottawa, and which reflected great credit both on the committee and the caterer. After