

# ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE  
GRAND DIVISION S. OF T.  
OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK.

Held at Moncton Oct. 28th 1891.

VICTORIA HALL, MONCTON,  
Wednesday, Oct. 28th 1891

The Grand Division opened its Forty-Forth Annual Session in Victoria Hall, at 8 o'clock p. m. Grand Worthy Patriarch Thorne in the chair.

OFFICERS PRESENT. G. W. P., H. J. Thorne; G. W. A., J. C. Thomas; G. Scribe, A. J. Armstrong; G. Cond., Alex. McLean.

To FILL VACANCIES.—G. Chap., Rev. J. D. Murray; G. Sent., E. S. Hennigar; P. G. W. P., C. A. Everett.

After the usual service by the Grand Chaplain the Grand Division was declared open, in due form.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:—Appointed Reps. J. V. Ellis, Geo. D. Martin, and Robt. Wills, jr.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE:—Reps. A. S. Morrison, Frank Ellis, Edward McCarty.

On Motion, Rep. Everett, Secd. by Rep. Magee that the Grand Scribe be authorized, if called upon, to pay the rates of difference between one third and one half return fare, if necessary, and if called upon to do so by the C. P. R.—Adopted.

APPOINTED AS AUDIT COM.—Rep. J. R. Woodburn, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Richard Magee.

Rep. D. J. Bruce took his place as Grand Sentinel. Grand Treasurer took his place.

The Credential Committee presented a report of those waiting in the Ante-room for Initiation.

## REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COM.

The Committee report favorably on the following members for initiation.

Shediac No. 28, H. W. Murray.

Golden Rule, 51, Miss A. G. Gallacher.

Moncton, 183, Jennie Styles, W. McNevin, E. L. Ramsay, Murdock McLean, E. Price.

Harcourt, 249, Hedley Atkinson W. P.

Havelock, 251, Miss F. A. Powell.

Lewisville, 285, Joseph Foren, John MacLise, Wm. MacLise.

Safe Refuge, 354, N. Graves, W. P., B. Graves, John Nickerson, Ada Harper, Solomon Graves.

Mayflower, 393, Jacob Trites, W. P.

St. George, 353, Robt. Armstrong, R. A. C. Brown, W. P.,

Gordon, 275, D. A. Morrison.

Mapleton, 339, Albert W. Styles.

Red Bank, 361, Mrs. J. D. Murray.

GEO. D. MARTIN.  
ROBT. WILLS.  
JOHN V. ELLIS.

On Motion, Rep. A. McLean, that the name of Wm. McLise be added to Dover Division credentials, adopted.

The candidates for initiation, were introduced and duly initiated.

Resolved, that members of the Order in good standing and who have the password of the current term, be admitted as visitors during the sessions of the Grand Division.

Resolved, that members presenting themselves for initiation during the remainder of the session, be obligated by P. G. W. P., C. A. Everett.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch read his report as follows:—

## REPORT OF GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH.

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 28th, 1891.

Officers and Members of the Grand Division. It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the forty-fourth Annual Session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick.

We are assembled in this thriving city noted for its enterprise, its rapid increase in population and its hospitality to visitors and we may feel assured that we will receive a hearty reception from the members of our order and the citizens generally; to many of us the demands of business prevent as large a stay as we would desire, and compels us to occupy the time in pushing the business which will come before us, not leaving the opportunity we would desire to see more of the business and life of the city.

I have very little of importance to bring before you, the statistics and reports I will leave to the Grand Scribe and the several standing committees, suffice it to say, respecting the state of the order that the year has been one of peace and prosperity to our order, no questions to decide have come before me, thanks to the wisdom and good judgment of the Deputies in the several divisions all matters have been discussed and settled in the Division rooms without appeal to myself or to the Grand Division.

Owing to causes which will be given in the report of the Propagation Committee we have not had a lecturer in the field during the whole year as we desired to have, but the desire of the present committee is that such an agent of the Grand Division might during the ensuing year be employed, not only to hold meetings in the interest of our order, but also to visit all the Divisions, to encourage the members and to keep them in touch with the Grand Division. I am convinced that this is most necessary for our prosperity and I strongly advocate this policy; the suggestions of the Propagation Committee for regulations, governing the actions and formation of District Divisions was presented to the National Division at its last session in the city of St. John, and I am happy to inform you that those suggestions were approved and ordered by that body.

Bro. Pitts has continued to do good service to our order in the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, I do not know his plans for the future, but I know you will heartily co-operate with him in any plans for the good of the order in this way.

We have lost from our ranks during the last year many worthy members, known to you individually in your own localities but of whom I have no information; but it is my sad duty to refer to you the death of Bro. Henry Webber of Howard Division one of the oldest members of our order, also the death of Bro. S. T. Mosher, D. G. W. P. of Granite Rock Division; I will not attempt to eulogize the memory of these departed brethren, as that will be the painful duty of the Obituary Committee but feel their death is a great loss to our order and will be felt severely in their respective divisions.

At the last annual session I appointed a Reception Committee to arrange for the reception of the National Division which met in the city of St. John in July last; that committee have attended carefully to the duties devolved upon them, and will present a report to you at this session; I will not forestall that report, but desire to thank them for their attention to the work. I believe that the members of the National Division were pleased with the arrangements made and were well repaid for their journey to our province.

Brethren in conclusion, I desire to say a few words of a personal nature.

You have conferred upon me the great honor of electing me for two years in succession to the high position of Grand Worthy Patriarch, I have had a high ideal of the duties of that office, but as happens many others, I have come far from that ideal and am painfully aware of my short-comings—but I can truly say that I have had constantly in my mind the welfare and dignity of the Sons of Temperance and have endeavored to exalt our noble order in the eyes of the world, and as far as my business obligations permitted me, have endeavored to advance its interests, by my time and any ability I possess.

I desire to express my gratitude to the members of the order for their kindness and indulgence, especially to the official members and to the D. G. W. Patriarchs of the Divisions, and I retire from the office as far as I know, with the good will of my brethren to me, and without a shadow of pain caused by any disagreement at any time with any member of our order.

I trust our session will be a very harmonious one and for the benefit of our noble cause, and that the blessing of God will rest upon us in our considerations of the best means to advance the great ends we have in view.

Yours Fraternally,  
HENRY J. THORNE.  
G. W. P.

The Grand Scribe presented his report as follows:

## GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 28. 1891.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Representatives:—

At the close of another year in the order of the Sons of Temperance in New Brunswick, your grand scribe respectfully submits the following report:—

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

All things considered, the order in this province is exceedingly prosperous, and has done good work in the past year. From a surface view this may not be apparent, but when I report that the per capita tax collected since our last annual session has been in excess of all previous years except one, and when it is considered that some of those years had a much larger membership reported, you will understand me when I say our order is exceedingly prosperous.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The letters received at the grand scribe's office from the membership during the past year speak most encouragingly all along the line, and exhibit a fondness for the grand old order of the Sons of Temperance that augurs well for the future. Apart from the opinions of the writers in this regard the letters are of the usual business character, and no particular one needs any reference of mine. All through the jurisdiction the most perfect harmony reigns, which is a matter for much congratulation by the members.

## PROPAGATION WORK.

The remaining 2 months of the engagement of Bro. H. B. Hetherington as grand lecturer was performed by that brother since my semi-annual report, principally in Victoria and Albert Counties, in both of which he met with a fair measure of success. In the former county he succeeded in organizing several divisions that have come to stay and will be valuable acquisitions to our order in their different localities. The energy shown by some of them is exceedingly encouraging and is characteristic of the people in whose midst they are organized. In Albert County several divisions have been resuscitated that have since made returns showing they were progressing. The secretary of

the propagation committee will place the work more fully before the grand division so that it is not necessary for me to say more on the subject.

## WORK OF THE YEAR.

Since the Semi-Annual Session of Grand Division at St. Martins the following Divisions have been organized and resuscitated after which statistics for the whole year will be found.

## ORGANIZED.

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Mayflower Division, No. 393. | West'd Co.     |
| Union, " " 394.              | Victoria Co.   |
| Starlight, " " 395.          | " "            |
| Upper Kintore, " " 396.      | " "            |
| Perth Centre, " " 397.       | " "            |
| Highland, " " 398.           | " "            |
| Flower of Kintore, " " 399.  | " "            |
| Sunnie Brae, " " 400.        | West'd Co.     |
| Chaleur, " " 401.            | Gloucester Co. |

## RESUSCITATED.

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Nelson Division, No. 99. | North'd Co.   |
| Monument, " " 74.        | Carleton "    |
| Star of Hope, " " 279.   | Albert "      |
| Rolling Dam, " " 316.    | Charlotte Co. |
| May, " " 378.            | Kings "       |
| Essex, " " 288.          | " "           |
| Snowflake, " " 307.      | " "           |
| River View " " 452.      | Albert "      |

## RECAPITULATION FOR YEAR.

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Divisions organized.....                              | 13         |
| " resuscitated.....                                   | 8          |
| Initiated.....                                        | 1,976      |
| Joined by card.....                                   | 92         |
| Reinstated.....                                       | 55         |
| Withdrawn.....                                        | 458        |
| Suspended.....                                        | 1,236      |
| Expelled for violation of pledge.....                 | 88         |
| " " other causes.....                                 | 255        |
| Died.....                                             | 30         |
| Present number of members.....                        | 5,814      |
| Membership, in division, with forfeited charters..... | 2,257      |
| Amount received for per capita tax.....               | \$1,336 61 |
| Receipts division.....                                | 4,904 26   |
| Expenses ".....                                       | 4,192 12   |
| On hand and invested.....                             | 7,689 24   |

## DEATHS.

Since our last annual session, allwise Providence has been pleased to remove from their earthly labors two members of this Grand Division, Bro. P. G. W. A. Webber of St. Stephen and Bro. Mosher of St. John. Bro. Webber was a life long member of old Howard Division, No. 1, the pioneer division in this province, and a member of the Grand Division almost from its inception. In his death the division lost one of its oldest and most respected, and one whose memory will be long cherished by the order in this jurisdiction.

Bro. Mosher was a member of Granite Rock Division, St. John, its deputy at the time of his death, and a worthy member of this G. division.

DIVISIONS WITH UNFORFEITED CHARTERS NOT REPORTING.

At the last annual session it was ordered that the Grand Scribe, in making up the membership for the Grand D., make an estimate of the membership of divisions holding an unforfeited charter and not making returns. In pursuance of this order I have gone through the books in my possession, made the estimate and placed it among other statistics. It would be well for the Grand Division to say when the Grand Scribe should commence to ask that charters be returned. At the present time there are only three unforfeited charters in the hands of the Grand Scribe.

## DISTRICT DIVISION.

This important branch of our order is in existence in some counties in this province, and up to this time does not seem to work very smoothly. In the matter of returns only a few divisions forward to me duplicate returns as sent them, one being intended for the District Division—nor do they send them to the district scribe. This causes much trouble to the district scribe and myself. Some divisions do not send me any information as to their officers, so that at the present time I can hardly tell where district divisions exist. More legislation is required before the divisions can claim to be a success.

## PROHIBITION.

As directed at the semi-annual session in May last the petition of Grand Division for prohibition was forwarded to our representatives in the dominion parliament, and duly presented to the government of our country. The result of the various petitions presented on this subject, no doubt every member is aware of—that of appointing a royal commission to enquire into the subject and report to the government.

## JUVENILE WORK.

During the year the Loyal Crusader movement has been brought before the membership much more prominently than before with the result that six bands have been started and two more are at present in course of organization. This branch of young people's work is worthy the consideration of every division. Nothing so well adapted to attract and suit boys and girls has yet been attached to our order. In it, not only are the officers called upon to take part during opening, closing and initiation ceremonies, but all present join making the meetings most attractive. Bands are now in active operation in St. John, St. Stephen, Shediac, Milltown, Collina. Reports received from them show that they are growing steadily in numbers and favor.

The cadets of temperance and bands of hope, situated in different parts of the province are each in their way doing good work, and deserve the encouragement of our members.

## TEMPERANCE JOURNAL.

This valuable adjunct to our order is still to the front in defence of our cause and promoting every doctrine that has for its object the good of our order and mankind. Its columns are open to any member to use for the benefit of his division, and in numberless ways it is doing much good for the order in this province. Its circulation should be larger in this jurisdiction, and I trust that during the coming year large acquisitions to the subscription lists may be had.

Permit me in conclusion to thank the members with whom I have been brought in contact through my office, for their many acts of kindness toward me, and to express the hope that the session may be a pleasant one for ourselves and profitable for the order we have the honor to represent.

Fraternally yours,  
A. J. ARMSTRONG,  
Grand Scribe.

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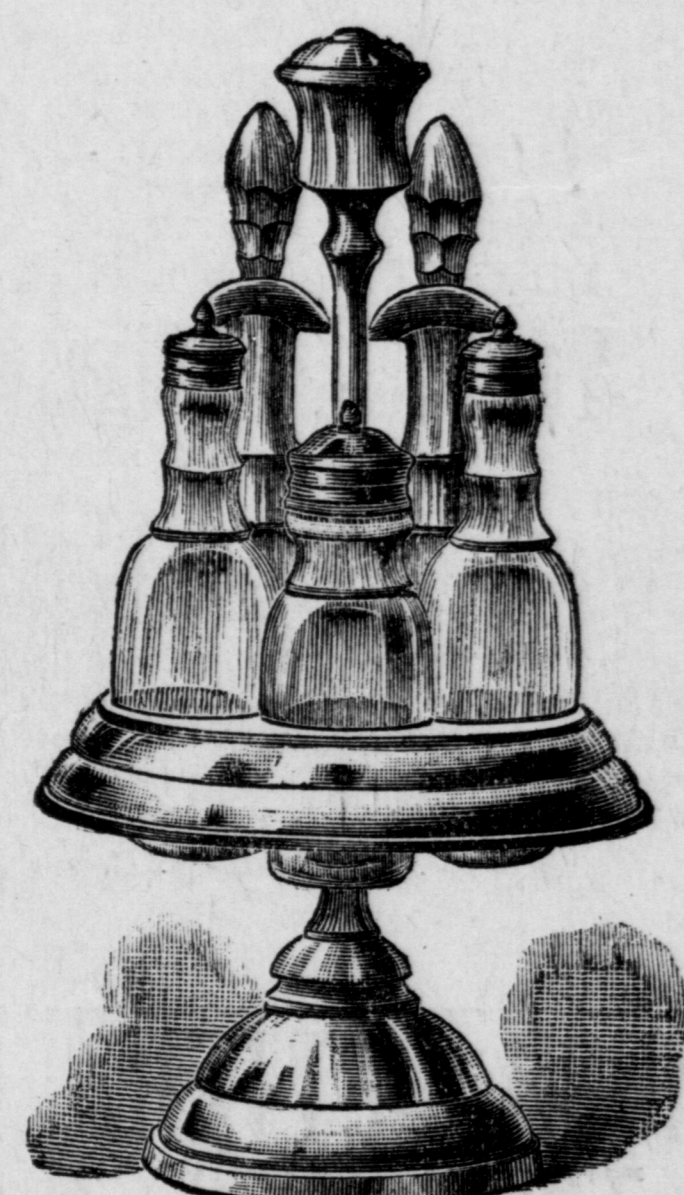
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