

upon us. I would like to impress upon every member of the order that this is a personal responsibility. The faithfulness and earnestness of your neighbor cannot atone for your lukewarmness.

As leaders in a reform movement we are exposed to the criticisms of a relentless enemy, and it behooves every Son of Temperance to lead an upright, blameless life, remembering that one unworthy member will bring reproach upon our whole order.

Let us also keep our eyes open to every phase of this great movement. While we should not yield a jot or tittle in our efforts to reclaim the inebriate and to strengthen those who have come out from the embrace of the destroyer, neither should we relax our efforts to remove the temptations to drink from the weak and the rising generation. Our weapon for the accomplishment of this has been the Canada Temperance Act, a weapon good in itself but whose force has been broken by the actions of lawyers and judges. Now however the law is being well enforced in some parts of the Province, while the prospects generally are brighter. Let us remember however that apparently through fear or favor of the liquor interest the Dominion Parliament has repeatedly refused to grant us our moderate demands for further legislation, and it will probably hold to this course until temperance people can be led to crystallize their principles into votes. No adherence to party can justify a Son of Temperance in voting for any candidate for public office, whose principles are not clearly defined in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

In conclusion my brethren, in yielding up the office with which you have honored me during the past year, I desire to express my thanks to all who have given assistance in the work. Especially do I desire in this connection to mention the Grand Scribe, who has been most prompt and diligent in all the work of his office and to whose acquaintance with its duties and untiring labors, I feel that much of our prosperity is due.

Submitted in the bonds of the order,  
C H Vroom,  
Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members.

It is with a feeling of gratitude and pleasure that I am permitted as your Grand Scribe to meet with you in this the thirty-ninth Annual Session of the Grand Division.

I am pleased to be in a position to report a steady increase in membership during the year just closed. In every part of this jurisdiction the Divisions are doing good work, all seeming to be alive to the responsibility which rests upon them, to destroy the "destroyer of millions, and to conquer the enemy of our people."

But while I rejoice with you that so favorable a report can be made in the prosperity of the Order, there comes in equal measure an increase of responsibility. The work so well done requires to be supplemented by careful, patient and unselfish effort, else the results over which we now rejoice will be lost. Let us to the utmost put forth our exertions to promote the harmony and advance the interest of the Sons of Temperance.

Since the Semi Annual Session there has been thirteen Divisions organized, viz:—  
McCarty, 304; Scotch Settlement, Westmorland Co.

Millstream, 305; Upper Millstream, Kings Co. Gibson, 306; Gibson, York Co. Silver, 308; Portland, N. B. Brunswick, 309; Old Ridge, Charlotte Co. Caladonia, 310; Northampton, Carleton Co. Gladstone, 311; Waterside, Albert Co. Pokiak, 312; Pokiak, York Co. Star, 313; North Lake, York Co. Janeville, 314; Janeville, Gloucester Co. Kingsclear, 315; Kingsclear, York Co. Rolling Dam, 316; Rolling Dam, Charlotte Co. Buctouche, 317; Buctouche, Kent Co.

All these Divisions have engaged in their work with a degree of activity and vigor, which must through their influence be a power in displacing that enemy which has been the ruin of the thousands, and made many a once happy home desolate, by destroying the vigor of youth, and bringing the grey hairs in sorrow to the grave.

The Divisions failing to send returns for the quarter ending June 30th are as follows:—  
Kingston, 44; Johnston, 62; Everett, 238; Moss Rose, 254; Leading Star, 274; Springfield, 282; Lunenburg, 285; Oxford, 134; Bristol Union, 291; East Florenceville, 292; Dufferin, 296; Monument, 298; Campbell, 299; Gibson, 306; Silver, 308; Janeville, 314.

Several of these Divisions have not sent returns for a year, but I am in hopes from correspondence had with the Deputies that they may yet be received, and take their place in the band of noble workers.

The cause I assign for other Divisions not sending returns is, the short time allowed from the end of the quarter, as in many of them at this season of the year the members are from home.

During the year Golden Rule, 51, and Everett, 238, which had ceased working, have been resuscitated and have commenced work I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following tabulated statement indicating the operations of the respective Divisions during the term just closed, with the following result:

Number of Divisions organized, 23; number initiated 2641; reinstated, 140; withdrawn, 489; suspended, 780; violated pledge, 193; expelled for violating pledge, 133; deaths, 24; expelled for other causes, 204; contributing members, 6201; increase for the year, 1872.

The lateness of the hour at which many of the returns have been received prevents me giving so full and accurate a report as might have been, but sufficient can be gathered to guarantee an upward and onward tendency to uproot and banish from our land the evil which has too long existed.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual session a National Division Regalia was procured and presented to Past Grand Scribe, S. B. P.

123 copies of the proceedings of the National Division at the annual session held at New Haven in July have been received, and a copy sent to each Division. I have a few copies for distribution. This Grand Division presented on that occasion by M. W. A., C. A. Everett and P. G. S., S. B. Patterson.

In submitting my annual report, I feel it a duty to express the pleasure enjoyed in the performance of duties, and the uniform kindness which has been tendered to me not only by the Grand Worthy Patriarch and brother officers of the Grand Division, but by the different Deputies and other members all over the jurisdiction. I would wish to call the attention of the different Divisions to the Hand Book issued by the National Division, it is a valuable production for the working of business connected with the order, and also containing all decisions given by that body.

Amount received for per Capita tax, \$1307.59  
Receipts of Divisions, \$ 842.33  
Expenses, do \$4431.57  
Amount on hand and invested \$14,160.76

I trust that this session may be one productive of much good, that the resolves and sympathies we will cherish will contribute to the prosperity of our noble order.

Fraternally submitted,  
D. THOMSON,  
Grand Scribe.

On motion, carried, that the Treasurer's Report and the financial statement of the Grand Scribe's Report be referred to the Finance and Audit Committee. The full Finance and

Audit committee not being present Reps. W. W. Graham, P. G. W. A. and S. B. Paterson, P. G. S. were added to the committee.

On motion, carried, that the Grand Division now proved to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Reps. H. Wills, and W. W. Graham, were appointed tellers.

The following were duly elected:  
W C Anslow, Newcastle 45, G W P;

W H Price, Intercolonial 243, G W A;

D Thomson, Albion, 14, G S;

W C Whistaker, Gurney, 5, G T;

Rev J D Murray, Buctouche, 317, G Chap;

H D Stevers, Star of Hope, 279, G C;

H J McGowan, Moncton, 183, G S;

On motion, carried, that the Grand Chaplain be now installed, owing to his inability to be present on the morrow.

On motion, carried, that the Installation of officers be the first order of business at the Thursday afternoon session.

Some discussion took place on the question of a reduction of the per Capita Tax. The G W P ruled that the question of the reduction of the per Capita Tax was not admissible, as it was a bye-law passed by the National Division, and legislation on the subject must emanate from that body.

On motion, carried, the matter of per Capita Tax be referred to the committee on the STATE OF THE ORDER.

Moved that this G D when it adjourns adjourn to meet at 9 a. m. standard time; as an amendment, that it meet at 10 a. m. local time; as an amendment to the amendment, that it meet at 9 a. m. local time. Amendment to the amendment, carried.

Rep. C. A. Everett was added to the com. on the STATE OF THE ORDER.

Grand Division closed in due form. Time 12.45 a. m.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Division assembled at 9 o'clock a. m., G W P Vroom in the chair. G D opened in due form. Minutes of the previous session read and adopted.

Officers present the G W P.; G S; G Cond; G Sent. appointed to fill vacancies Reps Pitts, that of G W A; S B Paterson, G Chap; E McCarty, P G W P.

Rep. John Caie of Richibucto, reported in waiting and on motion was duly initiated by being obligated.

An appeal was presented from Bro. W. Duffell against the action of Mariners and Mechanics Division, referred to Committee on APPEALS. The Committee on APPEALS not being all present, Reps. S. B. Paterson, and J. A. S. Mott, were appointed on the same.

Rep. S. B. Paterson presented the report of the PROPOGATION Committee as follows:

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members

Your Com. on Propagation beg leave to submit the following report for the year just closed. The work for the year has embraced 1st: The organization of new Divisions; 2nd: The re-organization of inactive Divisions; 3rd: Visiting weak divisions requiring the official encouragement of G. D. workers. During the year there have been 33 new Divisions organized, and 5 dormant ones placed in a condition to do fresh battle for the cause of all mankind.

Your Com. have expended in his work the sum of \$152.79.

In Kings, Westmoreland, Albert, Kent, Northumberland and Gloucester Counties the sum of \$ 70.99  
In Charlotte Co 22.80  
York and Carleton 59.00  
\$152.79

Your Com secured the service of W. G. Gance, as lecturer and organizer for a short time. The brother worked during the month of December in York and Carleton counties, and considering the unfavorable state of the weather, and the inability to secure the interest of the people to the extent that he desired, he concluded his labors at the expiration of one month.

Your Com. have been anxious to secure the services of a competent lecturer and organizer and have had correspondence with two brothers favorably known in this jurisdiction. An offer has been received from Bro. Thos. Hutchings, the successful organizer of the G. D. of Nova Scotia. This brother is prepared to give us three or four months' work upon the following terms. The brother asks that the propagation committee pay him \$105 per month, he paying his own expenses, and all collections at public meetings be for the benefit of the Propagation of the G. D. Division.

Your Com. are of the opinion that by this arrangement the cost of the G. D. would not exceed \$75 per month.

Your Committee would acknowledge the very valuable assistance rendered by members of the order in the different sections of the jurisdiction in the work. Willing workers all over the Province have contributed very much to make the work of the Committee both pleasant and effectual.

Fraternally submitted,  
C. N. Vroom, W. J. Robinson,  
W. C. Anslow, Chas. A. Everett,  
Herman H. Pitts, S. B. Patterson,  
Propagating Committee.

On motion, carried, that the report be received, and taken up for consideration section by section. The several sections were adopted after some discussion. The report was then adopted as a whole.

It was moved that the PROPOGATION Committee be authorized to engage Bro. I. Hutchings as a lecturer for three months, but after some discussion it was thought this might hamper the committee who might not be able to secure the services of this gentleman, and the motion was withdrawn, and the matter left in the hands of the Committee.

G W P Vroom read the following portion of a letter from Sir Leonard Tilley, address to himself, but of interest to the order generally. The first part of the letter refers to Sir Leonard's illness and his deep regrets at not being able to be present with the brethren at Moncton and concludes as follows:—

Permit me to congratulate you and the other officers of the Grand Division, on the remarkable progress that our order has made during the past year.

It appears to me, that the feeling of the people is such in New Brunswick at this moment, on the Temperance question, that with a moderate outlay for an agent or agents, the order could be placed in a position in New Brunswick equal to that of its palmiest days, and in my judgment, no organization is better adapted for the work that lies before us.

Please give the brethren in Grand Division my cordial and fraternal greeting, I will be with them in spirit if not in body.

Yours Fraternally,  
S. L. TILLEY.

On motion, carried, that the G. Div. adjourn at 12 p. m. to meet at 2 p. m.

On motion, carried, that the G. D. now proceed to elect representatives to the National Division. The following were elected by ballot:

Sir S L Tilley, R Wills,  
C A Everett, E McCarthy,  
S B Paterson, S Tufts,  
Robt Bell, H Webber,  
E McLeod, C D Everett,  
W J Robinson, John Rankine,  
J D Robertson, J A S Mott,  
John Gowland, J B Fraser,  
W W Graham, W C Whittaker,  
Prof. Foster, C N Vroom,  
A Y Paterson, H T Colpitts,  
Rev. C Ladner, W C Anslow,  
W H Price, D Thomson.

Moved, that the semi annual session of the G. Div. be held at Richibucto. Remarks were made favoring the place for the meeting, by Reps. Haines, Noble, Caie, Robinson, and others. The motion was carried.

On motion, carried, that the semi annual session be held on the last Wednesday in June.

Moved by Rep. W. H. Robinson that the annual session be held at Fredericton.

Moved by Rep. A. J. Armstrong that it be held in Portland.

Moved by Rep. Finch, that it be held in St. John.

Speeches in favor of Fredericton were made by Reps. Robinson, Col. Baird, Pitts, and others. In favor of Portland by Reps. Armstrong, Fowler, and others; in favor of St. John by Rep. Finch, and others. The question being put it was decided in favor of Fredericton.

On motion, the Division closed in due form.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Division assembled at 2 p. m. and was opened in due form, G. W. P. Vroom in the chair. Vacancies were filled.

D. Jonah, 252, and H. A. Falkins, 287, were reported in waiting desiring initiation. On motion they were introduced and obligated.

The officers elected on Wednesday evening were duly installed.

Grand Worthy Patriarch Vroom delivered his Valectidory address, after which the new G W P delivered a short address thanking the members for having elevated him to the high position he occupied, and pledging himself to renewed action in the term just opened. Speeches were made by the other newly installed officers, all breathing the strong intention of using their utmost efforts to extend and strengthen the order during their term of office.

Rep. J. A. S. Mott, from the Committee on APPEALS, presented a report to the effect that there was no evidence to sustain the appeal laid before

them, and recommending the action of Mariners and Mechanics division be sustained.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on the STATE OF THE ORDER presented the following report:—

The Committee on the State of the Order beg leave respectively to report:—

That your committee feels gratified and encouraged at the progress effected during the past few years, and hope that the good work may still further continue during the year upon which we have entered.

Your Committee as well as this G D deeply feels their indebtedness to members of the Order in various parts of this Province for their self-sacrificing labors in extending the widely spreading influence of our noble order throughout this jurisdiction. This work has been done by members in many cases at considerable expenditures of time as well as money, and with but a trifling demand upon the funds at the disposal of the Propagation Committee for that purpose, and to the labors of these members this order is deeply indebted. We earnestly hope that this labor of love may be continued, and that abundant success may by the Divine blessing follow these efforts in extending the principles of our order.

We congratulate the order on the proud position in which it stands to-day in this jurisdiction. It is a reminder of the early days of the order, with the additional satisfaction of knowing that we stand on a better footing to-day than at that period, owing to the fact that numbers of persons were then attracted to a new organization from—in many cases—motives of curiosity. The membership to-day is composed of earnest temperance men and women desirous of advancing the temperance cause, and hastening the day when the great evil of intemperance shall be stayed by the legislative action of the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments.

During the past year the membership in this jurisdiction has advanced from 4329 to 6201. To give a more definite idea of the recent work of the order, your Committee would state that our membership has increased since the annual session in 1881—Five years—from 1,744 to 6201, an advance of 250 per cent.

While we congratulate ourselves on the work done in this Province, we feel that we can congratulate the whole order on the great advances made throughout the whole jurisdiction of the National Division. What is true of New Brunswick is true of the whole order. At no time have we been in a better position to press our principles upon society than at present. The Order should be and is aggressive. It should not rest, in any degree, from its labors, until prohibition of the liquor traffic has been secured in all counties where the influence of our order can be felt nor then until offenders have learned to obey the laws and cease to put the bottle to their neighbors' lips.

We commend the reports of the Grand Worthy Patriarch and Grand Scribe to the careful attention of the members of this Grand Division and the members of the Subordinate Divisions. The remarks of the G W Patriarch on many points cannot be improved by any words which may be used by your Committee. We would recommend that the G W Patriarch's report be read paragraph by paragraph, and action taken thereon by this Grand Division.

The work which has been done during the past few years under the direction of the propagation Committee of the Grand Division has proved of important value to the order in the jurisdiction, and your Committee believe that more extended operation will lead to even better results. The Committee recommend that a large sum of money be granted from our well filled Treasury to that Committee, with instructions to secure, if possible suitable men to do more continuous work than in the past.

To make our work the more complete, the Committee would also recommend the appointment of local or County Committees to take charge of local work, acting in unison with the general Propagation Committee of the Grand Division such Committees to be composed of three members of each Division within the District to be appointed by the Divisions which they represent. To enable them to carry on their work more effectually your Committee would recommend that two cents per head of the membership of the several Divisions represented be paid to the local Committees out of the per Capita tax due this Grand Division for such subordinate Divisions the Divisions sending with their usual quarterly returns five per cent of the per Cap. tax and the County or District Propagation Committees accounting to the Grand Division for the expenditure of the remaining two cents of the per Capita tax.

With the no doubt efficient aid thus rendered by subordinate divisions, as well as by the continuing of the good work by those energetic members who have done such effective work in the past may we not hope that the year upon which we are now entering may be equally successful with those which have preceded it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. C. ANSLOW,  
CHAS. A. EVERETT, } Com.  
W. J. ROBINSON,

On motion, carried, that the report be received and considered section by section.

Section 7 of the report elicited considerable discussion, during which business was suspended to allow for the initiation by obligation of Reps. H. D. Atkinson, 249, and G. K. Bagley, 249.

The Grand Conductor, announced that the Grand Worthy Patriarch of Nova Scotia, Rev. Mr. Nicholson, was in the anti-room. On motion, carried, that he be received with Grand Honors. The P G W P then proceeded to the anti-room and the visiting brother was duly received with the Grand Honors of the order. The order of business was then resumed. An amendment was moved by Rep. Roxborough, that two cents of the per Capita Tax be retained each quarter by the subordinate divisions to be expended for the good of the order. Reps. Roxborough, Lyons, Noble, Pitts, Mott, Lewis, Everett, Law, Robinson, Vroom, Armstrong, and others took part in the discussion. The amendment was finally declared out of order. The decision of the chair, being appealed from, the chair was sustained.

(NOTE. The point taken by the chair, was that a National Division by-law stated that the per Capita

Tax was 7 cents per quarter on contributing members, and that Grand Divisions could vote to Divisions a sum equal to the per Capita Tax, but could not reduce the per Capita Tax from 7 cents.)

Section 7 of the report was then adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion, carried, that the committee from the district or division referred to in section 7 consist of three members of each division.

On motion of Rep. C. A. Everett, seconded by Rep. W. W. Graham:—

Resolved, that the Grand Worthy Patriarch and G. Scribe be authorized to employ a suitable person to enquire into the rights of this Grand Division to property throughout the province belonging to defunct Divisions, and to take such necessary action to secure possession thereof as they may deem to be in the interests of the order. CARRIED.

A discussion took place upon the matter of a certain magistrate referred to in the welcome address delivered by Rev. Mr. Crisp on Wednesday evening. Several motions and amendments were made and withdrawn. It was eventually left to a committee of three to inquire into the matter, and to report to the Grand Division at the evening session.

On motion, carried, that when the G. D. adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock.

On motion, carried, that G W P Nicholson of Nova Scotia, be requested to address this Gr. Division at 8 o'clock, and also that the Rev. Mr. Crisp be requested to be present also, and address the G. D.

Gr. Div. closed in due form.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Gr. Div. assembled at 7 o'clock, G W P Anslow in the chair.

Vacancies were filled, pro temp. Minutes of last session were read and adopted.

The FINANCE and AUDIT committee presented their report, which was to the effect that the accounts and vouchers were found correct, and made certain suggestions as to the investment of the funds. On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the G W P was read section by section and adopted as a whole.

The Grand W P then appointed the following committees:—

PROPAGATION COM.—G W Patriarch, G Scribe Sir S L Tilley, Reps. C A Everett and S B Paterson, St. John, C N Vroom, St. Stephen, W J Robinson, Moncton, H H Pitts, Fredericton, Geo. Haddow, Dalhousie, H D Stevens, Albert Co., Allan Haines, Richibucto, N Ritchey, New Brandon, Gloucester Co.

PUBLICATION COM.—G W P., G S Reps. S B Paterson, T P Mott, D Smiler.

COM. ON STATE OF ORDER.—W H Price, G W A., Grand Chaplain, Repres., W W Graham, Edwd McCarthy, Wm. Roxborough, South Bay.

COM. ON APPEALS.—P G W P. C N Vroom, G Scribe. Repres. Henry Wills, St. John, W P Robinson, Elgin, Jacob I Kierstead, Daniel McGruar.

COM. ON BYE LAWS.—P G W P., Robert Wills, Grand Scribe, S B Paterson, L B Storms, Moncton.

COM ON CHARTERS.—G S, G W P. COM. ON HALLS.—Allan Haines, Richibucto, H H Pitts.

COM. ON CREDENTIALS.—John T Caie, Robert Phinney, Judson Estabrooks, H B Tower.

On motion, carried, that the PUBLICATION Committee be authorized to have 500 copies of the proceedings of the semi-annual and annual sessions published in pamphlet form.

On motion, carried, that the sum of eight hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Propagation Committee.

On motion, carried, that the sum of \$100 be placed at the disposal of a committee to be expended in the distribution of temperance literature. Committee. Reps. C. N. Vroom Grand Scribe, and Grand W. P.

On motion, carried, that \$3 be paid the janitor of the Hall.

On motion, carried, that all matters with reference to the TEMPERANCE JOURNAL, financial and otherwise, be left with the PROPOGATION Committee.

On motion, carried, that the thanks of this Grand Division be tendered Intercolonial Division for the use of this Commodious Hall. Rep. Noble, of Richibucto intro