

The Standing Auditing and Finance Committee report that they have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, all of which they have much pleasure in reporting as correct.

They have also examined the following accounts, which they recommend for payment:

Nova Scotia Printing Co., sundry printing.....	\$34.55
Wm. McNab, printing Journals.....	21.00
National Division, stock.....	25.12 U. S. Cy.
R. H. WETMORE,	
JOHN L. WHYTAL.	
ROBT. J. WILSON.	

Halifax, 25th July, 1870.

The G. W. P. read his Report, as follows:

*To the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia.*

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

In the good Providence of God we are permitted to meet again in our quarterly deliberations in reference to the great interests of the temperance cause. Although the agency employed is in most discouraging disproportion to the work to be accomplished; although the indifference of professed friends is more withering than open hostility; and although among the most intelligent and influential our cause too often gets "empty words for earnest deeds," we would record with gratitude our firm conviction that our Order is not in a less healthy state than in the corresponding period last year. We think, in point of real strength, the Order is advancing, though there may be a numerical falling off because of that sifting which results from a growing conviction that leniency beyond a certain point is no virtue.

#### THE ORDER

In *Halifax County*. Bro. Hiltz, D. G. W. P., informs us that on the 6th inst., he organized "Hubbard Division," No. 318, at Hubbard's Cove, Halifax Co. The prospects are very favorable.

Bro. Parsons, County Deputy, during last quarter visited "Rising Sun," "Waverly," "Granite Rock," and "Tangier" Divisions, and the Communities of Ingraham River, Oldham and Sheet Harbor, lecturing occasionally, publicly installing officers, and making himself generally useful to the Order. He reports that though the Divisions visited are not in so prosperous a condition as might be wished, yet in most cases the few Brothers and Sisters in each are among the standard-bearers of temperance. The Divisions in and near the city of Halifax are holding on their way and doing much outside work by way of public meetings, &c.

From *Kings County* Bro. Bill, D. G. W. P., reports that although the Divisions are not very active in the County as a whole, yet there are individual instances of zeal and earnestness. "Lake" Division, though diminished in numbers, is none the weaker; the good members remain and are true and faithful. "Canning" Division has again revived, chiefly through the exertions of its active Deputy, Bro. B. B. Woodworth, who is an indefatigable laborer in the Cause. "Port Williams" is dormant. Ineffectual efforts have been put forth to reconcile existing difficulties, and now they sleep the fatal sleep amid all the consequences involved. "Fenwick" also has grounded arms and is treating with the foe. "Rockport," under the efficient and faithful labor of Deputy Eaton, is in a very flourishing condition, and is an acknowledged power in the community in checking the liquor traffic. "Wolfville" is quite improved and is working hard against many difficulties. "Pereaux" is still holding on and holds regular meetings, and though small, is believed to be firm. The Division is characterized by great unity of action among its members.