

and indifference among the subordinate branches of the Order. Nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to have the returns from all the Subordinate Divisions in, at a proper season, (and I can see nothing to prevent it) to enable me to give a correct and true statement of the condition of the Order, and it appears to me that it would be a satisfaction to themselves to have it exhibited to them quarterly, as well as affording correct grounds for the G. D. to work upon. It is a satisfaction to see such a large and influential gathering of the brethren at this session, and praying that a blessing may rest upon the important labours in which we are engaged, I submit this is L., P., and F.

WM. SCOTT, G. S.

Bro. Thompson, from the Finance Committee, handed in the following report :

The Finance Committee have to report, for the term ending July 27th, 1853, as follows:

That the accounts of the Grand Division, your Committee have reason to believe, continue to be kept accurately and satisfactorily, as commended in recent reports.

The liabilities of the Grand Division, up to the present date, including all charges, amount to about £15 10s.

The expenses of the term included a sum of £6 1s. 3d., the balance required to make up £29 1s. 3d. for travelling expenses of the G. W. P., incurred by his recent attendance on the session of the National Division. Towards this worthy object the Subordinate Divisions subscribed £23, leaving £6 1s. 3d. to be provided by the Grand Division.

Your Committee hope, that, as was expected, this balance at least will be met by additional receipts on account of Subordinate Divisions. If the G. D. had means at their disposal, they might be expected to meet the total expenditure, on this subject cheerfully; but as this is not so, and as the Subordinate Divisions praiseworthy undertook the charge, the balance may be supposed pledged, independent of the G. D.

The improvement on financial affairs, visible at the present period, as compared with recent occasions, is cause of congratulation.

The Committee have to regret some diminution in receipts of per centages, and the absence of 11 returns out of 85. Punctuality concerning returns has again to be urged on the attention of Subordinate Divisions.

Perseverance in the present careful course of conducting business, with increase of punctuality, and such revival of the interests of the Order as may be expected, would soon place the finances of the G. D. in the state of respectable solvency so much desired, although for due competence some readjustment of per centages, or other means of additional income, might be requisite.

(Signed)

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WILL. L. BELL,
J. S. THOMPSON.

Which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order..