

A Special Committee on Paper reported as follows :

W. GRAND CHIEF,—

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the Returns from Primary Lodges, and find that about 1800 hundred have subscribed for weekly paper at \$1.00 per year.

We have read two propositions—

1. Bro. M. Theakston makes us the following offer: "That he will issue, monthly, a paper of four pages—three of which will be devoted to Temperance and general information, one to be reserved by Bro. Theakston for advertising—at the rate of 50 cents per year.

2. The Editor of "Abstainer" is also anxious to obtain our support, and we have been informed that we can obtain a portion of its space without any charge to W. G. L. Price of "Abstainer" \$1.50, weekly edition.

Whichever of these propositions is accepted by the W. G. Lodge we would suggest that our Executive be instructed to arrange the affairs in accordance with recommendation of this G. L.

(Signed)

A. M. HEMERON,
W. A. PORTER,
M. THEAKSTON.

July 15, 1869.

Motion accepting the offer of Bro. Theakston, and adopting the last clause of the report was passed.

On motion of Bros. H. B. Mitchell and A. M. Hemeon

Resolved, That this Worthy Grand Lodge recommend to the M. W. G. Lodge that the following be added to article 2 of Constitution M. W. G. L.

"Except in case of alterations or amendments sent up as approved and recommended by either of the W. G. Lodges, which shall be considered and acted upon at the annual Session at which they are received."

A resolution moved by Bro. Parsons relative to the payment of County Secretaries, was lost.

Worthy Grand Treasurer read his accounts.

The Finance Committee now presented their Report:—

WORTHY GRAND CHIEF,—

Your Committee on Finance report they have examined the Ledger, and the published Reports of the Worthy Grand Secretary for the year ending July 4th, 1868, that they regret to say that the said documents (owing chiefly to the facts that no account has been opened in the Ledger with the Worthy Grand Lodge; that the accounts with Subordinate Lodges are imperfect, and that no separate accounts have been kept for capitation tax, stock, regalia, &c.) are such that they do not afford data as reliable as your Committee would wish, on which to base this Report.

We have, however from an examination of the statistical and financial report of the Worthy Grand Secretary made the approximate statement hereto annexed of the amounts due this Grand Lodge for capitation tax, stock, &c., assuming that all these sums have been paid; and by deducting therefrom the sums expended by the Grand Secretary, as shewn by his general account there remains a balance due this Grand Lodge of \$976.99. This calculation is based on