

the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

The Committee would strongly urge the closing of the accounts of these Officers in future, at least three days before each Session of the Grand Division, in order that all parties concerned, may have more time to attend to their duties satisfactorily.

The Committee have had one account presented to them from the Nova Scotia Printing Company for Eleven dollars and twenty-five cents, which is found correct, and they would recommend that said bill be paid.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. & F.

THOMAS HUTCHINGS,

F. A. HENNIGAR,

ALEX. HUTT.

Standing Committee of Finance and Audit.

The Grand Conductor moved, seconded by R. S. McCurdy—that in future the G. Scribe forward one copy of blank Quarterly Returns to each Subordinate Division, with the quarterly P. W.

Passed.

The G. Chap. presented report from Committee on Communications After discussion and adoption of two paragraphs, the Report was, at request of Committee, handed back to them for amendment.

P. G. W. P. Marshall presented following Report from Committee on State of the Order :

NEW GLASGOW, April 23, 1873.

*Grand Worthy Patriarch and Brothers,—*

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have examined the several reports submitted to them, and have been much encouraged by the facts brought under review. We know that our Grand Worthy Patriarch will cheerfully allow his excellent report, so full of labors and withal so unpretentious, to take the second place in our consideration, while Your Committee claim *room for the children* of the Bands of Hope and the boys merging into manhood of the Sections of Cadets. The Standing Committee on Juvenile Temperance Organizations report from flourishing Bands of Hope and from Sections of Cadets as the available force in this section of the temperance army. We hail their existence and healthful vigor as proof that our principles have become more and more firmly fixed in the homes of Nova Scotia, and especially deep down in the hearts of our earnest temperance workers.

Your Committee are well aware that exertions are made in advocacy of our principles in some localities in Sabbath Schools. But although such efforts may be made, and if made must, we doubt not, be attended with blessings to all concerned; still Your Committee cannot help urging this Grand Division to use all legitimate means to increase the number of Bands of Hope and Sections of Cadets, or otherwise provide that all the children and youth of our land may be permanently enlisted on the side of Total Abstinence, and that our Agent be instructed to attend specially to that duty.

Your Committee hail with joy the fact that mainly through the labors of the Grand Worthy Patriarch *ten new Divisions* have been instituted during the past quarter.

Those Divisions will form a fitting monument to the highly-appreciated ser-