

of the G. D., I got from each of them a bond for the faithful accounting for of all monies received by them. If the monies have not been sent regularly by the G. S. to the G. T. in former years, I think the blame attaches more to the G. W. P., for it is his duty to see that all the other officers perform their duty, and if they refuse to do so he should inform the G. D. at the Sessions.

I think these letters headed "Reform" should now cease. I believe not a single particle of harm has resulted from the G. S. paying most of the drafts, and "Old Son's" letter would lead many to believe the G. S. has been almost committing a crime. I don't know of a Society that is run so carefully as our Order, and while I am in favour of changes for the better being agitated, I fear "Old Son's" letters will stir up a bad feeling in the Order, and cause many to think some crimes may exist when nothing of the kind, I really believe is to be found or is intended to be charged by "Old Son." I think you should not publish any more letters on this subject.

Yours in L. P. and F.,  
THOMAS CASWELL, G.W.P.  
Toronto, 10th Oct., 1879.

*To the Editor,*

SIR,—In your issue of the present month I notice a communication signed "Old Son," in which the writer complains of being assailed in a previous number by "Another Old Son," for some complaints he has been making in reference to the manner in which the Grand Scribe carries out the details of his office. The writer then goes on to make assertions and accusations such I suppose as drew forth the response to his previous letter. I have not seen that effusion, but if the present is anything like an echo of it, I believe it was entitled to severe censure. Aside from the merits or demerits of the statements contained in this latter epistle, I think "Old Son," who claims to have some experience in the working of our Order, ought

to be aware that the meeting of the Grand Division, when the report of the auditing committee on the Grand Scribe's books and papers is presented, is the proper time and place for the discussion of the points he raises, when I believe, all things being considered, due justice will be administered. Anonymous contributions such as his are neither manly nor fair, and are entitled to no notice from the Grand Scribe, while their whole tendency is to create disruption and disorder. This one in particular seems to have for its aim the undermining of an officer, who, by his earnest, continuous and energetic discharge of duty, for many years, has largely contributed to raise our numbers in Ontario from the handful to which it had dwindled when he took office, to be the foremost Grand Division in numbers and usefulness on this continent. From a long and intimate acquaintance with the Grand Scribe, acquired in the working of our Order, and from the courtesy and kindness with which he has met every inquiry, I believe that did any friction occur he would at the first hint, quietly given, apply himself to remedy the evil. The circulation of *The Son of Temperance* is not and cannot be confined altogether within our ranks, and I ask is it proper that the flare of publicity should be given to petty grievances, which even if true can be better dealt with in the privacy of our Grand Division. Were every member of our Order as injudicious as "Old Son," our local papers would become the medium of assaults on subordinate Division officers to such an extent that in a short time the dissensions would create general disruption. I have taken up my pen at the suggestion of a large number of leading members in Ottawa and vicinity, and have but repeatedly, but often more emphatically expressed with regard to this matter. Since writing the foregoing I have obtained the September number, and I see the G.W.P. explains the matter satis-

factorily by showing that owing to the illness of the Grand Treasurer the G. S. had been requested to temporarily perform his duties. I am, Mr. Editor, fraternally yours,

J. K. STEWART.

Ottawa, Oct. 16th, 1879.

#### THE PER CAPITA TAX.

*To the Editor,*

SIR,—While I like the general tone of the letter in the September number of your paper by "J. McM.," I confess I have no sympathy with him when he advocates a reduction in the per capita tax. I hope, however, that at the next annual meeting of the Grand Division this question will be thoroughly ventilated, and that it will be shewn to "J. McM.," and others like him, that a contribution annually of twenty-eight cents a member is not too large a sum to ask to carry on the affairs of the National and Grand Divisions and for other Temperance work.—

Yours,  
OLD SON.

*To the Editor,*

SIR,—At the meeting of the York District Division, last week, it was decided that while it would be unwise to reduce the amount of per capita tax, yet it would be better if the same were more equitably distributed. It was suggested that a share be given to District Divisions to be used in local work. Such a plan seems likely to accomplish good. A District Division could employ men living in the vicinity to organize new Divisions and resuscitate dormant ones, thus benefiting the Order and the cause at a very trifling cost. A delegate from the Crystal Fountain Division, Brother G. M. Rose, expressed himself as "tired of employing highly paid lecturers. They delivered fine orations, but were away the next morning, and could not follow up the work by organization, as a person residing in the locality could do." During its next meeting the Grand Divi-