

The Committee on Communications reported as follows:—

The Committee on Communications had two communications under consideration, on which they submit the following Report—

One communication was from Brother T. O. Geddes of Barrington, on the state of the Order in that locality.

The other communication was from the Rising Star Division at Bridgewater, making certain complaints concerning the D. G. W. P. of that district.

Your Committee submit the following drafts of letters in answer to these communications:—

*To the Rising Star Division, Bridgewater.*

Brother,—Your communication relative to certain complaints against Bro. Andrews, and desire for the appointment of another D. G. W. P. has been taken into consideration.

The charges made against Bro. Andrews affect his standing as a Son of Temperance, much more as a brother representing the chief authority of the Order.

In the absence of communication from Bro. Andrews, the G. D. does not feel free to give any direct expression on the subject.

The G. W. P. has not attended this Session of the G. D., and as the appointment of the Deputies form part of his prerogative, the G. D. would not interfere, except in cases of undoubted character, and pressing emergency.

The expression of your determination, Brother, not to submit to the Deputy for the time being, seems scarcely in accordance with the subordination so requisite for the effective working of the Order.

Under circumstances, the G. D. affectionately and respectfully advise, that forbearance be practised for the short period that intervenes between this time, and that when opportunity will occur for new appointments, ever bearing in mind the principles of Christian Charity and Wisdom, which form such prominent objects of our beloved Institution.

Respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

G. W. P. *pro tem.*

G. S. *Acting.*

*To Brother T. O. Geddes, D. G. W. P., Barrington.*

Worthy Brother,—The Members of the G. D. in Session now convened, express their regret at the termination of two Divisions in your district, while they rejoice at the intelligence that Temperance principles are carried out by the entire population to which you allude, and join you in the hope that new Divisions will spring up, where none hitherto have existed.

The Grand Division, Brother, takes this opportunity of stating, that they consider the mode of communication on the important subject of termination of Divisions rather informal.