

The financial statement of the Grand Scribe was read in detail, and a statement made of the Grand Treasurer's accounts, which were ordered to be printed in the journals. (See the pages immediately following the close of this session.—G. S.)

The accompanying report of the Standing committee on Finance and Audit was received, and adopted:—

HALIFAX, JAN. 25, 1875.

To the Grand Division, S. of T.,—

The Standing Audit and Finance Committee report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, and find them to be correct. The committee find an unsettled account between the Grand Division and P. G. Scribe Monaghan, as G. S. and as editor of *Abstainer*; they would recommend that the account be settled without further delay.

The following accounts have been examined and are recommended for payment:—

A. & W. Mackinlay, Stationery.....	\$8.00
N. S. Printing Co., Pass-words, &c.....	29.00
Wm. McNab, printing journals, &c.....	89.60
THOMAS HUTCHINGS, } F. A. HENNIGAR. }	Committee of Finance and Audit.

A letter with the papers from the committee of last year on the *Abstainer* was received from P. G. W. P. Brown, chairman of said committee, and by motion, laid on the table.

The Grand Scribe read his quarterly report, which, on motion, was placed in possession of the committee on the state of the order :

CANNING DIVISION ROOM, 27th Jany., 1875.

Grand Worthy Patriarch,—

Eleven years ago to-day the Grand Division met in session in Canning for the first time. The tide of our prosperity has had meanwhile its seasons of ebb and flow. Probably at no period in the history of the Temperance Reform has there been a season of more solid prosperity throughout this jurisdiction than the present. Nearly every county has prohibited the sale of liquors. Some of our towns and villages are entirely clear of the traffic in strong drink. In most of the other towns the battle is being successfully waged—the liquor dealers receiving less moral sympathy now than ever before. In no place has there been such successful effort against the soul destroyer as in Canning. Heart and soul have been united in the effort, and Canning reaps the reward as every other place could reap if the same powers were brought into requisition. The influence of Canning goes far beyond the bounds of King's County; other towns and settlements are gathering their energies to seize and destroy intoxicating liquors, because they know it has been done successfully in New Glasgow, Goldenville and Canning. Halifax has the "permissive bill," and for the first time in many years a great commotion is being raised by the liquor dealers—their traffic is interfered with. While there are upwards of 300 licensed places in Halifax this year, it will be found next year that the people will sign petitions