

In reference to the present financial position of the Grand Division, the Finance Committee have taken this subject into their serious consideration, and upon examination find that for the 6 months ending January 16th, 1864, the sum of \$136.49 was received for Per Capita Tax, and \$19.02 for Books; and that for the 6 months ending July 4th, 1864, the sum of \$59.80 was received for Per Capita Tax, and \$16.50 for Books, being a deficiency of \$79.20 as compared with the 6 months previous.

They also find on referring to the Grand Scribe's Report for corresponding period of last year, ending July, 1863, there has been a falling off during the past six months of \$13.00. Notwithstanding this deficiency, we find the Grand Division in a better position at this time, when we take into account that during the past six months about \$20.00 has been paid out, that does not, properly speaking, belong to the necessary expenses.

In view of the present liability of \$131.53, your Committee suggest that a Special Tax of 2 cents (for each contributing member,) be levied on each Subordinate Division. Said Per-Capita Tax, together with Special Tax, to be paid (or guaranteed on Installation night) in all cases previous to the Installation of Officers by the Deputy, who should be instructed to see that the amount is then paid, or guaranteed for and on behalf of the Grand Division.

And that in order to have this faithfully carried out, the Grand Scribe shall notify all Deputies to the effect, that no Officers are to be installed until the returns are made out and the Taxes above stated appropriated.

Respectfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

THOMAS HUTCHINGS,	} Committee.
GEORGE B. HOY,	
D. L. ALLEN,	

P.S.—In reference to the Special Tax, the Finance Committee would recommend its adoption for one year from date.

On motion, it was resolved: "That the Report be taken up and discussed clause by clause." The first part of the Report, finding the Treasurer's Report and Grand Scribe's Financial Statement correct, was on motion adopted. After some discussion had taken place on the second part of this Report, it was moved by Rep. Henry Rose, and seconded: "That the clause of the Report of the Finance Committee, relating to Special Tax, be laid over to the Annual Meeting, and that the attention of Subordinate Divisions be specially directed to this question, by a note on first page of proceedings.—*Carried.*"

Good and Welfare Committee present their Report, as follows:—

Adamsville, July 6th, 1864

To the G. W. P. Officers and Brethren of the G. D. S. T. of C. E. in Semi-Annual Session.

The Good and Welfare Committee beg respectfully to submit that they have taken into consideration the G. W. Patriarch's "apology for a report" and join with him in expressions of regret at his unavoidable absence from this session.

Your Committee are exceedingly pleased to find that our G. W. P. expresses the hope, that in the coming six months he will be able to visit a larger number of the Subordinate Divisions than during the past six months, and they desire to express their earnest wish that he may find all the Divisions he may now visit in such an efficient state as shall enable him to speak as highly of them as he has done of the Adamsville