

if the paper be continued, three times that sum is required to make it what it ought to be. If indifference and inactivity on our part should occasion pecuniary loss to Mr. Barnes, and thus lead to the discontinuance of the *Abstainer* at the close of the present year, the cause of Temperance would be seriously injured, and its friends and supporters sadly disgraced. If, on the other hand, the *Abstainer* can be greatly improved and extensively circulated, the energy and liberality of its friends will afford the surest presage of the complete and speedy triumph of their principles.

The committee would earnestly recommend to all friends who undertake to procure and forward lists of subscribers, the propriety of taking the subscriptions in advance. They also recommend that the usual grant of £50 be made to the Editor. Mr. Pender having relinquished the editorial management of the *Abstainer* at the close of the year, the Grand Scribe has discharged the duty of editing those numbers of the new volume which have been already issued. These numbers have been marked by so much ability and tact, that, if he be willing to undertake the task, the paper, in the opinion of the committee, may safely be entrusted to his management.

The above is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

CHARLES ROBSON, *Chairman*.

Halifax, 24th October, 1860.

On motion, the report was referred to a special committee to report thereon, viz.:—W. A. S. Blewett, D. Johnstone, E. M. McDonald.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows:

Meet at 10 o'clock A. M.; adjourn at 1 o'clock P. M.

“ 2½ “ P. M.; “ 5½ “ P. M.

“ 7 “ P. M.

On motion, the time for election of officers was fixed for this evening, at half-past eight o'clock.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Murray, seconded by Bro. Geo. Mathison, it was

*Resolved*, That the expenses of the G. W. P. (or the G. W. A. when acting as G. W. P.) and the Grand Scribe, only, be paid for their attendance on the sessions of the Grand Division during the year 1861.