

The Financial Statements of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were read and ordered on File.

The following Report was read and adopted : —

The Standing, Auditing and Finance Committee have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe and Treasurer and find them to be correct. They have also examined the following accounts, which being correct, they recommend for payment viz :

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| James Barnes..... | \$4.00. |
| Wm. McNab..... | 42.00. |
| Nova Scotia Printing Company..... | 1.00. |

R. H. WETMORE, Chairman.

January 24th, 1870.

On motion of R. S. Blois, *it was agreed* that this sitting adjourn at 5.30 o'clock, and that the G. D. resume business to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

P. G. W. P. Taylor reported a Programme for public meeting to be held this evening, which was approved of.

The Grand Scribe presented the following Report : —

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Nova Scotia.

WILLIAMS BROTHERS,—

Since the Annual Meeting two new Divisions have been organized, viz :

1. KARSDALE, No. 315, at Lower Granville, Annapolis County, on 22nd November, 1869, by Provincial Deputy C. Edgar DeWolfe.

2. GOODWILL, No. 316, at Medford, Kings County, on 14th instant, by County Deputy William C. Bill.

Several Divisions that had been inactive for a portion of the past year have resumed work. New Caledonia No. 14, and Tanger No. 194 have been resuscitated and are now working with fair prospects.

Glencly No. 269 and Western Home No. 307, have surrendered their charters. The members of the former have joined Youth's Refuge, the existence of a Lodge of Templars not affording room for two organizations in Glencly.

The following named Divisions are not working: Nos. 13, 89, 141, 172, 192, 193, 196, 203, 240, 278, 294,—11.

The following named are dead: Nos. 59, 63, 169, 173, 177, 202, 218, 254, 269, 273, 300, 307,—12.

In reference to these Divisions, I would repeat a paragraph in my report to the Annual Session, viz :

“A number of these Divisions could be resuscitated by the exertions of an earnest and active Agent. Some of them cannot get a sufficient quorum to transact business, owing to the existence of other Temperance associations in the same locality, and with which a number of their *once* most active members are connected. Others are wavering, being uncertain whether it would be better to retain their Charters as Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, or surrender them and work under charters that may be granted by other organizations.”

Correspondence with the officers of most of those Divisions make it appear that the privilege of electing females to office is a necessity; and if accorded, the Divisions would revive and flourish.

The want of an Agent is much felt. An active Agent travelling through the jurisdiction and increased circulation of *The Abstinence* would rouse many of our Brethren to action and set inoperative Divisions to work. A few Divisions