

The business and duties assigned to your committee, embraced in the resolution of last Quarterly Session, have been promptly and fully discharged, and upon the heads of others be laid the responsibility of thwarting and rejecting the hopes and aspirations of those whose desire it is to secure an add to the happiness of the great human family.

In preparing the bills and documents referred to above, your committee had necessarily to incur some expense, the particulars of which have been handed to the Grand Scribe.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

On behalf of the committee,

W. M. BROWN, *Chairman*.

WM. HOWE, *Secretary*.

HALIFAX, April 17th, 1858.

Committee: Beniah Morse, Robert M. Barratt, C. C. Hamilton, M. D.

The following report from Agency Committee was read and referred to Committee on State of the Order :

THE Agency Committee beg to report that they have made enquiries in various directions, with a view to obtain the services of a Lecturer, such as, in their judgment, might be suited to the wants of the public, and to the present state of the temperance question. The G. W. P. has had some correspondence on this subject with J. Johnston, Esq., of Moncton, New-Brunswick, and a communication has also been received from Mr. Nicholson, Grand Scribe of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania. Mr. Johnston is, they believe, a gentleman of abilities and character, and not unknown in this Province as an acceptable lecturer; but, as there seemed to be some doubt on his own mind whether he was open to an engagement at present, the Committee did not continue the correspondence. Mr. Nicholson labored under the disadvantage of not being personally known to any member of the committee.

Taking all the circumstances of the case into account, the committee are of opinion that the services might be performed very efficiently by the local Deputies, that is, in cases where other duties and claims will permit. The committee think there are many arguments in favor of this arrangement and which will, they doubt not, readily suggest themselves to the minds of the Grand Division. If, for instance, the Re-