

would be secured were our Subordinate Divisions advised to wait till after the Annual Meeting, when the whole of the changes can be laid before them, with such suggestions as may seem necessary to secure harmony among the Divisions. The only point on which I hesitate to give this advice is with reference to the Initiation fee, which may now be put at five shillings or \$1 00.

I trust your present meeting will be both interesting and profitable and that the immediate result in the County of Pictou may be a revival of interest among the Sons of Temperance, and the community in general. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

GEORGE CHRISTIE, G. W. P.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The G. S. read the report of the Committee appointed at Lunenburg to obtain an Agent and Lecturer.

The Committee appointed at the Q. S. of the G. D. at Lunenburg in April last for the purpose of renewing efforts on the subject of the Temperance Agency, report—

That they have been in correspondence with Bro. N. H. Martin, P.W.P. of "Star in the East Division," No 61, who seems desirous of being employed by the G. D. as a Temperance Agent and Lecturer. From testimonials received and from other sources of information, your Committee have every reason to believe that Bro. Martin would prove in every way competent for the business contemplated.

Your Committee made an offer to Bro. Martin of £50 for a six months engagement, besides his travelling expenses. These terms were acceded to by him. But certain objections having been started by Bro. Martin, which will be found in his letter of the 22nd ult. and your Committee feeling that these could not be so easily dealt with by letter, as through friendly personal intercourse, your Committee wrote to request him to attend the G. D. at the Q. S. in Pictou—offering at the same time to pay his expenses thither and home again provided an engagement should not be concluded with him.

Your Committee trust that the difficulties urged by Brother M. may be removed by free intercourse with the Members of the G. D. and that this important Mission may be commenced at once, and in good earnest.

All which is submitted in L., P. and F.

WILLIAM HOWE, Chairman.

JOSEPH W. QUINAN,

CHARLES ROBSON.

July 27th, 1853.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Communications.